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KEEPING OUR BUSINESSES STRONG IN THE REGIONS

Labor is backing the growth of Victoria's dairy industry, supporting more production and regional jobs.

Minister Settle recently visited Goulburn Valley Creamery in Kyabram which will see new technology, production capability and six jobs added with support from the \$150 million Victorian Investment Fund.

The expansion includes the installation of new equipment and processing systems to make high-quality dairy products more efficiently, reducing its operating costs and opening new market opportunities.

Goulburn Valley Creamery produces fresh, frozen and concentrated dairy products from the Kyabram facility it purchased in 2020.

It has since invested millions of dollars to boost the site's operational capacity.

Labor's support delivered the fit-out of a larger processing area and upgrades to key equipment and water infrastructure which boosted the site's production capacity, improved its sustainability and increased its workforce.

Northern Victoria is home to more than 700 dairy farm businesses, with milk production reaching 1.58 billion litres in 2024–25.

The region is part of a powerhouse industry that makes Victoria the nation's largest dairy producing and exporting state – representing more than 60 per cent of Australia's milk production.

The Victorian Investment fund provided support for Tongala Nutrition to improve its northern Victoria operations with sustainable energy systems, new production equipment, and freight and logistics upgrades.

Only Labor is investing in regional Victoria, with more than \$50 billion delivered over the past decade to make our regional cities and towns better places to live, work, visit and study.

The Liberal and Nationals only have one agenda for regional Victoria – cuts to services, cuts to infrastructure and cuts to jobs.

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Michaela Settle

“Regional Victoria has the people, skills and resources to compete on the world stage. Our job is to back businesses with the confidence to invest, expand and create opportunities close to home.”

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

“Northern Victoria is the heart of Victoria's dairy industry, helping keep our communities strong.”

Quote attributable to Chief Executive Officer Goulburn Valley Creamery Mancel Hickey

“We are very appreciative of this key project funding which will help strengthen our future as we continue our expansion for key markets.”