

Media Release

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LABOR'S BOOST FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURING

Labor is backing local manufacturing, creating new jobs and supplying sporting venues across the state.

Minister Dimopoulos today visited APT Asia Pacific's facility, which has received a \$10 million upgrade.

The expansion strengthens APT's Dandenong South headquarters and manufacturing base with an extra 50 skilled workers.

It will now deliver more than 1,000 hard court surfaces each year, supporting professional and community sports.

The expansion includes a new processing plant that will significantly increase the company's manufacturing capability.

The investment also includes new technical equipment to keep workers safe while improving production.

APT manufactures everything from raw materials to finished surfaces under one roof, supplying clients across Australia and overseas.

Customers include local community sports organisations and global sporting bodies such as the:

- International Olympic Committee
- Australian Football League
- International Tennis Federation
- International Hockey Federation
- Australian Rugby League, and
- FIFA,
- World Athletics,
- Cricket Australia.

Victoria's manufacturing sector is a cornerstone of the state's economy and the largest in the country.

It is backed by Labor and employs more than 260,000 people, generating over \$29 billion in annual exports.

Quote attributable to Minister for Economic Growth Steve Dimopoulos

"This is what economic growth looks like. Local businesses expanding, workers hired and Victorian-made products going out to the world."

Quote attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams

"We continue to boost local manufacturing by supporting local companies to grow and create more jobs in our community."

Quote attributable to APT Asia Pacific General Manager Operations Michael Olsen

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“This expansion is a significant milestone for APT Asia Pacific.”

“The investment allows us to grow our team, increase production capacity and continue delivering innovative, Australian-made sports surfacing products to projects across Australia and around the world.”