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VICTORIA CREATES MORE THAN HALF OF NATION'S JOBS

Labor is delivering jobs and putting more money into Victorian's pockets.

More than half of all jobs created in Australia last month are right here in Victoria.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data released yesterday shows that an additional 22,900 Victorians were employed in May 2026 – the highest total for the month across Australia.

Victoria's economy has grown faster than any other state and added 877,000 new jobs.

Almost 3.8 million Victorians are now in employment, and the share of working-age Victorians employed is elevated at 64.0 per cent.

The labour force participation rate also remains elevated at 67.2 per cent.

Employment in Regional Victoria is also strong.

Yesterday's ABS data shows that an additional 6,600 regional Victorians found work in May.

This means that regional unemployment is second-lowest among the states at 3.6 per cent.

The Allan Labor Government has overseen the creation of more than 147,000 new jobs across regional Victoria.

While new jobs are being created and the economy is growing, the Liberals and One Nation will put it all at risk.

Jess Wilson's Liberal-One Nation coalition will cut \$40 billion from the state budget.

You can't cut that deep without cutting health and education – because that's where most of the Budget goes.

Builders creating new and upgraded schools, kinders, roads and hospitals are also in Jess Wilson's sights.

Independent economists have described their plan as requiring "radical cuts."

Cuts that would put a handbrake on growth, smash services, and cost jobs.

Only Labor can deliver the strong economy that Victorians deserve and that Australia needs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Economic Growth and Jobs Steve Dimopoulos

"We've backed workers and businesses and the benefits are clear – the creation of more than half of Australia's jobs last month."

"We are giving families job security and more opportunity while delivering real cost of living help right now."

"All of this is at stake with a Liberal-One Nation coalition that will cut \$40 billion from the budget and smash the Victorian economy."