

Media Release



The Hon Jane Garrett MP
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A BIG WIN FOR BALLARAT MANUFACTURING BUSINESS

The Andrews Labor Government today announced Ballarat manufacturing business, SEM Fire and Rescue, has won a contract to build 20 new fire trucks for the CFA.

Minister for Emergency Services, Jane Garrett, said the 20 medium tankers will give Victorian firefighters the resources they need to keep the community safe.

The 20 medium tankers will feature state-of-the-art technology, which will boost the CFA's firefighting capability and improve the safety of crews.

This is another success for SEM Fire and Rescue after it secured a contract for 10 medium pumpers in April.

The trucks will be allocated to brigades across the state by the CFA.

The Andrews Labor Government committed \$33.5 million to deliver 70 CFA trucks, which was 20 more than originally earmarked for the first budget.

SEM Fire and Rescue Pty Ltd in Ballarat specialises in the design, manufacture and service of special purpose vehicles for the Australian and export markets.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Emergency Services, Jane Garrett

"This is a great result for local manufacturing in the Ballarat area and shows we are investing in life-saving equipment for our firefighters who work so hard to protect their communities."

"This important investment will improve the safety of our community and the CFA crews who put their lives at risk help others during emergencies."

Quotes attributable to the Member for Wendouree, Sharon Knight

"The workers at SEM do great work and I'm excited this has been recognised in the awarding of this contract."

"I'm proud that the Andrews Government is investing in firefighting resources as well as supporting local jobs here in Ballarat."

Quotes attributable to the Member for Buninyong, Geoff Howard

"These new medium tankers will provide our CFA crews with the state-of-the-art equipment they need to keep our community safe."

"Built in Ballarat, Labor's investment delivers a much needed shot in the arm for our local manufacturing industry."