

Media Release

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



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PREMIER'S JOBS AND INVESTMENT PANEL TO DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION IN VICTORIA

The Premier's Jobs and Investment Panel, which brings together some of Victoria's brightest business minds, met for the first time today.

Premier Daniel Andrews, along with Treasurer Tim Pallas, Minister for Employment Jacinta Allan, Minister for Industry Lily D'Ambrosio and Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade Philip Dalidakis joined the Panel for their first meeting.

The Panel, which is supported by a \$508 million Premier's Jobs and Investment Fund, will provide strategic advice to the Premier on driving economic growth and creating high-skill, high-wage jobs in Victoria.

The Premier's Jobs and Investment Panel consists of:

- Mr Harold Mitchell AC (Chair)— Founder, Mitchell & Partners
- Ms Amanda Banfield— Managing Director, Mondelez International (Australia and New Zealand)
- Professor Glyn Davis — Vice Chancellor, The University of Melbourne
- Dr Megan Clark AC — Director, Rio Tinto Limited
- Ms Tracey Fellows — CEO, REA Group
- Ms Belinda Duarte — Director, Korin Gamadji Institute
- Ms Jill Walsh — Partner, Actco-Pickering Metal Industries
- Ms Margot Spalding — Co-founder, Jimmy Possum
- Mr Luke Hilakari — Secretary, Victorian Trades Hall Council
- Mr Tim Piper — Director, Australian Industry Group (Victorian Branch)
- Mr Mark Stone — CEO, Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Mr Graeme Ford — CEO, Victorian Farmers Federation (represented by Peter Tuohey)

The Premier's Jobs and Investment Panel and associated Fund are part of the Andrews Labor Government's \$1 billion *Back to Work Plan* to create 100,000 new jobs in Victoria.

Following the first meeting of the Panel, the Premier also visited CSL Limited to talk about how they are expanding into global markets with their world leading work on vaccines. The Labor Government recognises the medical technology and pharmaceuticals sector is primed for growth in Victoria.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"The Government believes in working with industry leaders – using their voice and their vision to drive economic growth and create jobs locally."

"This panel draws on some of our brightest business minds to create high-skill, high-wage jobs as well as provide us with high-level, strategic advice on where to invest to make Victoria stronger and more prosperous."