

Media Release

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NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY AND JOBS FOR THE SOUTH EAST

A Seaford based manufacturer will expand its operations and create up to 35 new local jobs in Melbourne's south east with a grant from the Andrews Labor Government's \$33 million Local Industry Fund for Transition (LIFT).

Minister for Industry Lily D'Ambrosio visited Recyclable Packaging in Seaford today with local Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny to announce \$300,000 to give the company the financial boost it needs to establish an additional manufacturing facility.

The funding will help Recyclable Packaging employ ten new workers, with 15 additional roles to be created in other organisations over the next two years, as part of a revamp project worth \$1.5 million to the company.

The revamp will also include purchasing new manufacturing machinery that will allow the company to develop a new product range to complement their plastic food packaging products across Australia and New Zealand.

The new jobs that are created will provide opportunities to transition retrenched automotive workers as part of the Labor Government's \$46.5 million *Towards Future Industries: Victoria's Automotive Transition Plan*.

The initiative is designed to help businesses, workers and communities affected by the closure of automotive manufacturing operations meet future challenges of reemployment and capitalise on job opportunities.

The grants will be awarded to companies that can generate new investment that results in sustainable jobs and economic benefits for the local economies in Melbourne's south east, north, west and Geelong regions.

The Automotive Transition Plan also includes the \$5 million Automotive Supply Chain Transition Program (ASCTP) to help automotive supply chain companies identify opportunities in new markets.

LIFT is currently open for expressions for interest. For more information about LIFT and ASCTP, visit the Business Victoria website www.business.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Industry Lily D'Ambrosio

"This plan will support jobs and communities in Melbourne's north, west, south east and Geelong by making the most of our significant industry knowledge and expertise."

"We are supporting Victorian auto workers, businesses and affected communities by investing in companies that will provide new job opportunities and build skills for the future."

Quotes attributable to Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny

"Congratulations to Recyclable Packaging for their vision and commitment to driving new investment and jobs in the south east."

"We are investing in the south east to help businesses diversify into new markets, to help workers transition into new jobs and to help our local communities survive and grow."