

Media Release

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MORE JOBS FOR STAWELL WITH FREWSTAL ABATTOIR EXPANSION

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with creating employment opportunities in Stawell, with the announcement today of 30 new jobs at the Frewstal abattoir, the town's largest private sector employer.

The Labor Government's support of the Frewstal abattoir expansion, which is now in the final stages of construction, will safeguard more than 450 existing jobs in Stawell.

Treasurer Tim Pallas toured the near-complete abattoir in Stawell today.

The Labor Government has invested \$500,000 in the \$1 million project to construct new truck access facilities, refurbish the stockyard, build elevated walkways and install a new guardhouse and boom gates.

An election commitment was also made to support the expansion in recognition of Frewstal's role as the town's largest private sector employer and the importance of keeping the business strong in the face of other employment challenges in Stawell.

The expansion project has created opportunities for Frewstal to increase its meat exports to the Middle East, China, Malaysia, Indonesia and the United States of America.

This project is part of the Labor Government's \$21.9 million landmark plan to create local jobs and secure Stawell's future.

The Labor Government recently backed the *Jobs For Stawell* online platform which went live this week. *Jobs For Stawell* is a central portal for both businesses and job seekers to use not only to fill jobs in the area, but also find advice and resources to assist in the job application and interview process.

The online portal is now live and can be accessed at www.JobsforStawell.com.au

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tim Pallas

"We are helping grow Frewstal as one of regional Victoria's major employers and ensure that local jobs and the Stawell community is given the chance to thrive in what is a tough time for all."

"We are working hard to grow employment opportunities in Stawell and stand with all 150 retrenched workers from the Stawell Gold Mine."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development Jaala Pulford

"Frewstal abattoir is the biggest employer in Stawell and through our government's support, we will see it expand and give more in the Stawell community the opportunity to kick-start their career."

"We know the importance of supporting the Stawell community and putting local jobs first. It's why we are encouraging employers to check out Jobs for Stawell and register if they're hiring."