



Investing in jobs for the future

Federal Member for Corangamite, Sarah Henderson MP, has urged innovative businesses in Corangamite and Geelong to apply for funding under the Geelong Region Innovation and Investment Fund which closes on Thursday.

“The GRIIF is playing an important role across our region, creating long-term sustainable jobs,” Ms Henderson said.

“So far, \$8.4 million of GRIIF funding has been announced, creating 254 jobs across the region,” she said.

“With a further \$21.5 million available, I urge eligible businesses consider the opportunities presented by the GRIIF.”

“This gives our government a fantastic opportunity to work with local businesses to generate jobs and drive innovation.”

The GRIIF includes \$15 million from the Federal Government, \$4.5 million from the State Government, \$5 million from Ford and \$5 million from Alcoa.

“This is just another example of the Abbott Government’s strong commitment to innovation and the creation of sustainable jobs in new and emerging industries in the Geelong region and Corangamite,” Ms Henderson said.

“Our \$155 million Growth Fund will help our next generation of manufacturers transition and create long-term jobs,” she said.

Round 2 of the GRIIF closes at 5pm on 29 May 2014 and is available to businesses in Greater Geelong, Queenscliffe, Surf Coast, Colac Otway and Golden Plains.

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