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JOBS BOOST FOR NORTH WEST AND NORTHERN TASMANIA

More than 400 jobs will be created under the North West and Northern Tasmania Innovation and Investment Fund, with the announcement of the 36 successful projects by the Prime Minister, Premier of Tasmania and Federal Innovation Minister.

The joint \$17 million initiative of the Australia and Tasmanian Governments was launched in response to factory closures in the region and to provide families and communities with sustainable jobs and economic stability.

The announcement was made at Penguin Composites, which will receive over \$1.3 million to expand workshop capacity at two sites and to fund new plant and equipment, generating 46 new jobs. The company makes fibreglass, composite and metal products for industry applications.

In total, the 36 projects will result in an additional \$34 million investment in the region and will create high-wage, high-skill jobs in a diverse range of industries, including agriculture, meat processing, manufacturing, transport, construction, biotechnology and printing.

The strong response from local businesses, which had to match government funding, is a measure of the confidence in this region.

Funding ranged from \$50,000 to over \$2 million. Among the successful projects are:

- **Forth Farm Produce, of Forth**, which received over \$2 million to construct and fit-out a purpose-built broccoli and bean grading and packing facility. It is expected to generate 54 new jobs.
- **VEC Civil Engineering, of Ulverstone**, awarded over \$1million to develop new precast beds for the construction industry and purchasing of equipment. The project will create 30 new jobs.
- **Greenham Tasmania, of Smithton**, awarded over \$1.1million to expand its meat processing facilities to increase capacity and facilitate the development of a new range of value-added beef products. The project will create 25 new jobs.

By working together, governments and the business community can build a better future for North West and Northern Tasmania.

A list of grant recipients is attached and can be viewed at www.ausindustry.gov.au

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See list below:

North West and Northern Tasmania Innovation and Investment Fund

Applications approved for funding

Applicant Name	Project Description	Amount	Est Jobs FTE	Project Location
Greenham Tasmania Pty Ltd	Expansion of Smithton meat processing facility to increase capacity by 40%	\$1,133,750	25	Smithton
Charlton Farm Produce Pty Ltd	The construction of a new onion grading and packing line at existing factory	\$225,050	4	Moriarty
NUBCO Pty Ltd	Purchase of specialised plant for reinforcing steel manufacturing facility	\$67,000	3	Devonport
Haywards Steel Fabrication and Construction	Extension of existing Wynyard facility to increase capability and capacity, including purchase of new manufacturing technology and lifting equipment	\$307,400	6	Wynyard
Petuna Pty Ltd	Upgrade of fish processing and value-adding facility	\$881,105	14	Devonport
Forth Farm Produce Pty Ltd T/A Harvest Moon	Construction of a new facility to increase fresh market broccoli and bean production in NW Tasmania	\$2,056,600	54	Forth
Jebsons Logistics Services Pty Ltd	Development of a grain container transfer station	\$50,000	2	Burnie
Tamar Valley Dairy Pty Ltd	Expansion and upgrade of manufacturing facility including purchase of new plant	\$600,000	14	Launceston
TasSpan Pty Ltd	Acquisition of a specialised/innovative pile driving machine with small environmental footprint to increase the scope and size of the projects the company can undertake	\$152,500	10	Latrobe
Highco Australia Pty Ltd	Construction of a purpose built manufacturing facility for ice replacement product Thermoguard	\$116,012	6	Devonport
Performance Management Pty Ltd T/A Performance Cutting Supplies	Construction of expanded factory and offices	\$140,000	2	Burnie
Ertler Trading Pty Ltd T/A Premium Fresh Tasmania	Purchase of new packing and storage equipment	\$260,000	6	Forth
Allcover Products Pty Ltd	Business expansion including the purchase of specialised manufacturing equipment.	\$200,375	10	Wynyard
Southern Prospect Pty Ltd	Construction of a new manufacturing facility to allow for expansion of existing manufacturing	\$1,523,279	20	Wynyard

	and service business and to provide scope for new product development			
Nichols Poultry Pty Ltd	Business expansion incorporating increased processing area to meet rising poultry product demand including export ready status	\$700,000	13	Sassafras
Sharman's Butchery Pty Ltd	Increase capacity and efficiency of small goods production and sales through the development and installation of new freezer room facilities, smoking oven and meat slicer.	\$63,272	6	Burnie
Penguin Composites Pty Ltd	Business expansion project including workshop expansion at two sites and the purchase of new plant and equipment	\$1,275,468	46	Penguin
Pandani Select Foods and Hygienic Butchery	Purchase of specialised machinery to enable the manufacture of an expanded premium meat product	\$127,000	6	Burnie
Stephen Edgerton Roofing Services Pty Ltd T/A S.E.R.S Sheetmetal Works	Business expansion to meet needs of global supply chain including the construction of new workshop facilities and the purchase of equipment	\$1,754,356	17	Burnie
Island Block & Paving Pty Ltd	Purchase and installation of a new etching machine and vertical retaining wall system	\$187,500	3	Breadalbanee
Australian Therapeutic Proteins Pty Ltd	Expansion of serum production and processing facilities	\$524,085	24	Longford
VEC Civil Engineering Pty Ltd	Expansion and development of the company's support services in Ulverstone - precast yard and piling	\$1,093,827	30	Ulverstone
AJL Heavy Equipment Pty Ltd T/A Confidyne	Completion of Performance Vehicle Engine Testing Facility	\$75,000	3	Ulverstone
Norfolk Blinds Pty Ltd	Factory expansion to allow the manufacture of DNV approved marine blinds	\$212,139	5	Burnie
Megavar Pty Ltd	The acquisition of specialist equipment required for the provision of innovative services to the power industry	\$171,886	5	Launceston
Tyco Flow Control Pacific Pty Ltd	Expansion of renewable energy hydro manufacturing facility	\$329,400	20	Exeter
Sturdybilt Agencies Pty Ltd	Factory extension and installation of powder coating equipment	\$135,000	4	Latrobe
Stornaway Pty Ltd	Business expansion including the purchase of new plant and equipment to expand product range	\$145,000	3	Bakers Beach
Sunrise Bakery (Tas) Pty Ltd	Equipment upgrades to facilitate move into new markets and new product range	\$60,000	3	Launceston
Dunham Holdings Pty Ltd T/A	Construction of expanded workshop and office facility for the increased production of electrical	\$235,000	7	Burnie

Hivotech	safety equipment			
Tasmanian Quality Meats Pty Ltd	Business expansion involving the construction of a boning room	\$500,000	31	Cressy
Cloverlea Nursery Pty Ltd	Design and construction of a contemporary, large-scale, commercial plant propagation facility	\$102,430	3	Burnie
Selborne Biological Services Australia Pty Ltd	Upgrade of Longford lipoprotein production facility using Smithton blood by-product, increasing capacity and flexibility for new customer and future sales	\$431,410	19	Longford
Jamala Press Pty Ltd T/A Print Domain & The Circular Head Chronicle	Purchase of latest digital technology digital printing equipment to establish a digital printing branch in NW Tasmania that will service digital print clients around Australia	\$87,845	3	Burnie
Badenach Enterprises Pty Ltd	Purchase of a 18 Metre Displacement Fishing Vessel Mould	\$97,811	2	Smithton
West Winds (Tas) Pty Ltd	Purchase and installation of additional quail farming infrastructure to increase the capacity and efficiency of existing West Winds operations	\$50,000	2	Smithton
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