Media Release

The Hon Gayle Tierney MP Minister for Skills and TAFE Minister for Regional Development



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WODONGA PACKAGING COMPANY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Paper and packaging company Opal has opened the doors to its new manufacturing facility in Wodonga, backing hundreds of jobs with support from the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney said the new \$140 million facility at Logic Wodonga would create more than 400 jobs.

The manufacturing site – located along Hume's freight corridor – will produce recycled and recyclable boxes and packaging to meet increased demand from businesses looking for sustainable packaging options.

The new facility was designed with sustainability at its center – it is powered using solar and rainwater harvesting. More than 450 workers were employed to construct the sustainable site.

Opal is one of Australia and New Zealand's largest paper and packaging manufacturers. As part of the Nippon Paper Group, the Wodonga facility bolsters the company's strong local workforce.

The new site adds to Victoria's \$33 billion manufacturing industry – made up of 24,000 businesses, supporting more than 260,000 jobs and \$23.9 billion in exports.

This project is part of the Government's record investment of more than \$41 billion in rural and regional Victoria since 2015. For more information go to rdv.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney

"Logic Wodonga is on track to becoming a major hub for the manufacturing, transport and supply chain industries."

"Our support for the new Opal facility in Wodonga will create new jobs and make it easier for local companies to do business right here in Victoria."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Region Jaclyn Symes

"By investing in facilities like Opal, we are backing the region's capability to compete domestically and internationally. Projects like these keep Wodonga thriving as a manufacturing hub and create more jobs."

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