

# Media Release

**The Hon Colin Brooks MP**  
Minister for Industry and Advanced Manufacturing  
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## HELPING VICTORIAN MANUFACTURERS CLIMB TO NEW HEIGHTS

The Allan Government is backing Australia's largest staircase manufacturer to boost production and supply thousands more staircases to homes across Victoria.

Minister for Industry and Advanced Manufacturing Colin Brooks last week toured S&A Stairs in Braeside where the company's production is set to increase by an extra 7,800 staircases each year – backed by funding from the Labor Government.

More than half of detached houses and townhouses built in Australia require staircases, and the increased capacity will support Victoria to build more homes.

Founded in Melbourne in 1920, S&A Stairs is a fourth-generation family business with a proud history of working on some of Australia's most renowned architectural projects, including the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Village and the ceremonial staircase at Parliament House in Canberra.

With the support of the Labor Government, the company is investing in world leading manufacturing technologies and upskilling their staff to achieve the additional capacity and help more homes be built across the state.

Victoria is Australia's manufacturing capital and the sector contributes \$39.2 billion to the state's economy – generating \$23 billion in exports and backing more than 283,000 jobs.

The Labor Government's *Economic Growth Statement* is supporting builders and developers to undertake more local construction projects, ensuring Victoria's housing supply continues to grow whilst strengthening the state's construction sector, creating jobs, and building high-quality homes for Victorians.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Industry and Advanced Manufacturing Colin Brooks**

*"We have the country's largest supplier of staircases right here in Victoria, and we're backing them to ramp up their production so we can build more homes for more Victorians."*

*"We're helping our advanced manufacturing sector to evolve and take on new opportunities – creating jobs for Victorians and driving growth in our economy."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Jobs and Economic Growth Danny Pearson**

*"The Economic Growth Statement is supporting companies like S&A Stairs to get the materials they need locally, supporting Victorian businesses and jobs."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson**

*"Proud to be part of a government that is supporting local businesses to create great local jobs."*

### **Quote attributable to S&A Stairs Managing Director Tom Acquorff**

*"With the support of the Victorian Government, we will be able to realise our expansion aspirations, adopt cutting edge manufacturing technologies, and support the construction industry."*

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