

DEDJTR - FOOD AND FIBRE

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Economic Development,
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOBS, TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES (DEDJTR)

The Department

“works across many portfolios to increase jobs, investment, exports and opportunities in Victoria. Our integrated and strategic approach stimulates innovation, competitiveness, confidence and sustainability in Victoria's economy”

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

The Department

- specific focus on working with industry

Why is Food and Fibre Important to Victoria?

Food and Fibre Sector Strategy

- setting the strategic direction

Key programs to help businesses

- Investment Programs
- Industry Programs
- Trade Mission Programs

WHY IS FOOD AND FIBRE IMPORTANT TO VICTORIA?

Victoria is Australia's food and fibre capital.

- the sector accounts for almost 30 per cent of national food and fibre exports.

Nearly half of Victoria's top 100 exporters are food and fibre companies.

- eight of Victoria's top 10 food and fibre export markets are in Asia, with China the largest.

Strong international reputation for food safety and biosecurity systems.

FOOD AND FIBRE STRATEGY

Five focus areas

1. Attract more ideas and investment
2. Help business innovate and grow
3. Capture market opportunities
4. Enhance our infrastructure
5. Improve the business environment





VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Future Industries Fund

- A\$200 million Future Industries Fund to support six high-growth sectors

Future Industries Manufacturing Program

- grants for up to \$500,000 to implement new manufacturing technologies and processes to support growth

Sector Growth Program

- Stream 1: grants of up to \$100,000
- Stream 2: grants of up to \$1 million

Local industry Fund for Transition

- supports investment by businesses leading directly to new sustainable jobs in regions affected by closures of the three major car manufacturers

Trade Mission Programs

- various programs including Food and Beverage Trade Week



VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund

Premier's Jobs and Investment Fund

Agriculture Infrastructure and Jobs Fund

- \$200 million to under two funding streams – Infrastructure and Programs.

Food Source Victoria

- \$20 million program to support planning and growth for an alliance of food producers and businesses to create jobs or boost exports.
- Scholarship program

KEY INFORMATION LINKS

The Department

<http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au>

Key Programs

<http://www.vic.gov.au/grants>

- <http://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/future-industries>
- <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/food-source-victoria>