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Jobs, Skills,
Industry
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State of the Portfolio

- **Victorian manufacturing** contributes \$37.4 billion in gross value add, with over 23,000 businesses supporting nearly 260,000 jobs and exporting goods worth \$29.0 billion.
- **Clear policy direction and ambitions** have been set through the Victorian Industry Policy, the Victorian Defence Vision, and the Economic Growth Statement.
- The **Victorian Industry Policy** is guiding activity and priorities across government – positioning industry to drive the state’s economic, social and regional prosperity.
- **Economic Growth Statement initiatives** are being delivered, including addressing industry skills gaps and strengthening supply chains.





Our Achievements

The *Victorian Industry Policy* is guiding government activities across multiple portfolios to drive economic growth.

- ➔ The **Shaping the future of construction in Victoria: Modern Methods of Construction Statement** provides reforms to drive innovation in boosting housing supply.
- ➔ The national headquarters of the **Additive Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre** has been secured in Melbourne.
- ➔ Victoria's **Gas Security Statement** ensures long-term gas supply security for industry.
- ➔ The **10-Year Plan for Industrial Land** will provide essential land supply to unlock economic growth.

Our Achievements

- ➔ Supported 11 innovative partnerships to develop new training courses addressing critical skills gaps in priority sectors through the **Skills Solutions Partnerships** program.
- ➔ Drove local industry development outcomes through the Local Jobs First Policy, setting minimum local content requirements for **417 Strategic Projects** since 2014, with a combined value of **\$227.87 billion** and supporting over **68,000 local jobs**.
- ➔ Continued to deliver the **Fair Jobs Code**, ensuring businesses receiving significant government contracts or grants comply with safety, industrial relations, and fair employment standards. Over **12,000 Pre-Assessment Certificates** have now been issued.





Our Achievements

Stimulating growth across the economy

- DJSIR is on track to deliver the output performance measure of **900 jobs** and **\$1.785 billion capital investment** from government facilitation services and assistance in 2025–26.
- Key projects the Victorian Government has supported over the past year include:



Budget Initiatives

The 2026-27 Budget provides **\$15.4 million** under the Industry and Advanced Manufacturing portfolio to back businesses and workers:

- **\$12.1 million** over 1 year for **Local Jobs First** to maximise opportunities for Victorian workers and businesses through government procurement and the continued delivery of the **Fair Jobs Code** to ensure businesses benefiting from a Victorian Government contract treat their workers fairly.
- **\$3.3 million** over 1 year to extend the **Skills Solutions Partnerships** program to design and pilot new training approaches that address skills shortages in priority areas, including advanced manufacturing and defence industries, leadership and technology adoption.

