

News Release **Minister Geoff Brock**

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Limestone Coast genetic company set for expansion

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock today announced a \$155,350 grant to Limestone Coast business – Myora Farm – towards a further development of its pig production facilities.

“The grant has been made possible through the Regional Development Fund which has been significantly increased from \$1.6 million annually to \$15 million a year as part of my agreement with the Premier,” Mr Brock said.

“The main purpose of the fund is to boost economic activity and generate jobs growth in the regions.

“The Myora farm development will provide a significant economic boost for the Limestone Coast.

“Myora Farm is a family owned nucleus pig breeding company supplying pig genetics to both Australian and international commercial pig producers,” Mr Brock said.

Myora Farm’s General Manager, Tom Braun, said the upgrade would see further development of world-leading facilities and technologies that would strengthen the company’s position as a supplier of superior genetics to commercial pig producers.

“The development of a second site on recently acquired land will allow the company to focus one site on its breeding herd and another on its growing herd,” Mr Braun said.

“We’ll be able to complete a Minimal Disease Program through this multi-site structure and have the capacity to expand on our current production levels bred from our 1250 breeding sows.

“While the new facilities will result in an improvement in labour efficiency, the capability for an increased herd size will see job creation occur, both directly with full time staff and indirectly with local sub-contractors and suppliers.”

Mr Brock said that the Myora Farm project was a positive example of the State Government supporting local companies, generating employment opportunities and boosting regional economic growth.

“The grant is one of six projects across the State to receive grants totalling more than \$1.1 million through the latest round of the State Government’s Regional Development Fund Stream 2 allocation,” Mr Brock said.