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New free range chicken farm creates Murray Mallee jobs

A new state-of-the art, free range chicken broiler farm will create jobs in the Murray and Mallee and help meet the rising demand for free range produce.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said a \$500,180 Regional Development Fund grant would assist Hunter Poultry Pty Ltd establish two six-shed farms at Swan Reach.

“Hunter Poultry is a new venture into the free range meat chicken market providing local communities with a real economic and social boost,” Mr Brock said.

“23 jobs in the region will be created during construction followed by seven ongoing full time positions to run the new facility.

“The project will also have positive flow-on effects for other businesses across the supply chain.

“This project is a great example of a company that has identified a growth opportunity and is capitalising on the increasing demand for quality local produce.

“It also aligns with the State Government’s economic priority of ‘Premium food and wine produced in our clean environment and exported to the world’,” Mr Brock said.

Hunter Poultry Director Robert Sherrah said the RDF grant would assist with the farm’s construction including its electrical infrastructure.

“Thanks to the RDF grant we will be able to upgrade the local power substation, and run three phase power and a five kilometre water pipeline,” Mr Sherrah said.

“The free range farm will be capable of supplying three million chickens per year under contract, which is a significant contribution to the free range broiler industry.

“In addition to the jobs we will be able to create for Hunter Poultry, this project will also create an opportunity for more jobs in the meat processing sector.”

The State Government’s Regional Development Fund drives economic growth and productivity by offering grants to boost investment in regional infrastructure and the creation of jobs and new opportunities for regional South Australia.

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