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\$650,000 grant for Two Wells abattoir redevelopment

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35 ongoing jobs will be created in the state's Barossa, Light and Lower North region through a redevelopment and extension to the Prime Valley Pastoral abattoir in Two Wells.

A \$650,000 Regional Development Fund grant will support the new fit-for-purpose development, incorporating the latest technology and efficiencies to improve processing capacity and secure the abattoir's long term viability.

The redevelopment will include an expansion of the abattoir's beef and small stock yards, construction of a new small stock processing room, new multipurpose chillers and new state-of-the-art processing equipment.

The site will also include a goat de-hairing facility – the first of its kind in South Australia.

Twenty jobs will also be created during the construction of the redeveloped site.

Background

Prime Valley Pastoral is a domestic abattoir located in Two Wells, processing cattle, sheep, lamb, goats and camels. It has been operating for over 50 years.

The State Government's Regional Development Fund drives economic growth through grants that create jobs and boost investment in regional infrastructure.

According to independent analysis, projects awarded grants through Rounds 1 and 2 of the RDF created 2,265 regional jobs and contributed \$933 million to the South Australian economy in 2015-16.

In the Barossa, Light and Lower North, RDF projects from Rounds 1 and 2 created around 250 jobs and contributed \$82 million to the economy in 2015-16.

This project supports the State Government's economic priorities of 'Premium food and wine produced in our clean environment and exported to the world' and 'Growth through innovation'.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

Prime Valley Pastoral is completely redesigning its facilities to ensure production capabilities are significantly improved across the processing line from stock yards to load-out.

By introducing new and innovative technologies, Prime Valley Pastoral will be able to ensure its business prospers and creates job opportunities in the region.

This \$2.6 million project is a large commitment to the industry with increased capacity and efficiency meaning greater economic benefit for the region and for South Australia.

Quotes attributable to Prime Valley Pastoral Director Garry Winter

Prime Valley Pastoral acts as a conduit for some of South Australia's best livestock producers to access the wider marketplace and present their high-end lamb, beef and goat offerings.

The RDF grant has assisted us in purchasing and installing new processing equipment that will increase our daily throughput and reduce our cost per unit processed.

This project will help strengthen South Australia's premium food and wine brand by ensuring livestock is raised and processed entirely in South Australia.