

## Hon Steven Marshall MP Premier

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### **Ingham's state-wide expansion a jobs boost for Regional South Australia**

Hundreds of South Australian jobs have been created, as part of Ingham's Group Limited's \$279 million state-wide expansion.

The centre piece of the expansion, a state-of-the-art feed mill at Murray Bridge, is just one aspect of the project which fuels economic growth and has created jobs through an increased production capacity.

Premier Steven Marshall says Ingham's \$279 million statewide expansion is a major jobs boost for regional South Australia.

"Regions are the backbone of South Australia, and projects like this are crucial to driving economic growth and creating jobs," said Premier Marshall.

"Ingham's investment has generated 650 construction jobs alone, with another 850 jobs expected throughout the supply chain.

"This government is committed to backing business so that companies like Ingham's can invest in our state with certainty and create real and lasting jobs.

Ingham's CEO Jim Leighton says the significance of introducing fully automated facilities into milling operations has a very positive impact on production capacity.

"Ingham's has always been at the fore of innovation and we're proud to continue to deliver on that with the introduction of the most advanced feed mill of its kind in Australia", Mr Leighton said.

"The Murray Bridge feed mill is the first to offer fully automated facilities in production and increases Ingham's feed production capacity in South Australia to 11,000 tonnes per week."

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, David Ridgway, said the development makes South Australia one of Ingham's most important national centres.

"Ingham's already employs 1850 staff in South Australia and on the back of this expansion there is great optimism that this number will grow in the coming years," said Minister Ridgway.

"Chicken meat production and processing is the fastest growing livestock industry in South Australia, with more than 160,000 tonnes shipped interstate last financial year, and we look forward to seeing that success continue."

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Tim Whetstone, said the benefits for the Murraylands and Riverland regions are extremely significant.



“An estimated \$235 million of the total capital expenditure will occur in these regions, providing a major boost for their local economies”, said Minister Whetstone.

“This includes this amazing feed mill but also an expansion of hatchery and breeder farm operations, and approximately nine new or expanded grow-out farms”.