



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **INCREASING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED**

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest today praised Vincent Industries on their commitment to providing and increasing employment opportunities for the disabled in Wynyard.

Ms Forrest was referring to the recently approved funding for Vincent Industries Inc to redevelop and expand the Vintex Recycling Processing Facility at Wynyard.

"This is an excellent project for not just Wynyard in general but also provides job security, further employment opportunities for disabled persons and is a recognition of the role and contribution that can be made by a person with a disability in the workplace". Ms Forrest stated.

Ms Forrest said that the project was funded under the Regional Partnerships program which will fund up to 40% of the total project costs for approved projects. Ms Forrest's office is available to provide further information on the criteria for Regional Partnership and the Area Consultative Committee in Tasmania and encouraged people to contact her office if they are planning a project.

"The ACCT provide an important link between the Australian Government and rural and regional Tasmania, to facilitate activities leading to positive economic, social and environmental outcomes. Vincent Industries through the ACCT received \$220,770.00 in funding for this project" Ms Forrest stated.

Ms Forrest further stated her disappointment in the Federal Member for Braddon, Mark Baker MP, who has failed to make a timely announcement of this exciting development, particularly in light of the recent media attention regarding disability services, apparently choosing to wait for a political point scoring opportunity.

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