

## **NSW GOVERNMENT BRINGS 70 NEW JOBS TO COOTAMUNDRA**

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Minister for Regional Development, Phil Costa today announced the NSW Government is helping a Cootamundra meat processing company to bring 70 new jobs to the region.

Minister Costa said the NSW Government is supporting GM Scott Pty Ltd's \$1.8 million investment to expand its bi-products plant at a visit to the region today.

"We're committed to supporting businesses in rural and regional areas to grow and help create jobs," Mr Costa said.

"This major \$1.8 million investment is expected to create new 70 jobs in Cootamundra.

"This is great news for Cootamundra - allowing GM Scott's to grow its workforce from 175 to 245 people.

"GM Scott's expansion is a sign of the company's ability to withstand the global economic downturn and preserve jobs in the Riverina's meat processing industry.

"Investing in our rural and regional businesses now can ensure there are jobs for workers in the future.

"The expansion started in April and we expect it to be completed next month.

"GM Scott processes sheep and cattle, servicing the local domestic meat industry.

"The number of jobs at the plant is expected to grow as new plant comes online and the company gains export accreditation to reach new markets."

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