

## Media Release



Minister for Regional Development and  
Manufacturing and Minister for Water  
The Honourable Glenn Butcher

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### **Central Queensland manufacturers to share in \$15.5 million grant program**

Manufacturers in Central Queensland have the opportunity to supercharge their businesses with the Queensland Government unveiling a fourth round of the highly successful Made in Queensland grants program.

Minister for Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water Glenn Butcher said the program, now totalling \$61.5 million, had been given a greater focus on transforming businesses and delivering jobs for regional manufacturers.

“In the first three rounds, 40 per cent of Made in Queensland projects were based in regional Queensland. As Minister for Regional Development as well as for Manufacturing, I want to see that percentage grow,” he said.

“I want Queensland to be Australia’s premier manufacturing state.”

“That’s why Made in Queensland round four enables eligible regional manufacturers to access up to 75 per cent of their costs for projects to the value of \$500 000 – up from 50 per cent, Mr Butcher said.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Minister for Education Brittany Lauga said Made in Queensland grants of between \$50 000 and \$2.5 million are available to manufacturers operating in Central Queensland to become more internationally competitive and adopt innovative processes and technologies.

“The program also supports businesses looking to bring manufacturing activity to Queensland and employ the skilled staff they need.”

“Made in Queensland program had a proven track record of delivering for the Queensland manufacturing industry,” she said.

Member for Rockhampton Barry O’Rourke said that over the first three rounds of the \$46 million Made in Queensland program we’ve invested directly into our manufacturing sector, which is supporting 84 advanced manufacturing projects, generating over 1100 new jobs and underpinning \$100 million in private sector investment.

“With another infusion of \$15.5 million for round four we’re going to see those numbers grow even further.”

“If you’re a manufacturer thinking about reshoring or onshoring manufacturing activities to Queensland which can create Queensland jobs and grow our economy, we encourage you to apply for Made in Queensland,” he said.

Stanwell’s Capricorn Sandstone Quarries Pty Ltd received more than \$250,000 in 2019 towards advanced splitting and veneer cutting equipment to enhance their processing capabilities and product range.

“The program facilitated a rapid expansion and modernisation of our factory capabilities, which would not have been possible without this funding support.” said the company’s Chief Executive Officer, Reece Gough.

“Our business is now not only at the forefront of manufacturing capability within the Australian sandstone industry, but we have increased our product range, greatly reduced our waste, and we have a happier and safer workforce with a much higher skillset.”

Queensland’s manufacturing sector contributes more than \$20 billion each year to the Queensland economy and provides jobs for more than 170 000 people.

The Queensland Government is building the state’s manufacturing industry through the Advanced Manufacturing 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan and initiatives such as Made in Queensland, Industry 4.0 programs, Design in Manufacturing and Women in Manufacturing events and workshops.

For more information on Made in Queensland and to make an initial application, visit [www.rdmw.qld.gov.au/miq](http://www.rdmw.qld.gov.au/miq).

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