



# Martin Pakula MP

## State Member for Keysborough

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### **BRAVO, BRAVO: NEW JOBS FOR KEYSBOROUGH MANUFACTURER**

A digital fabric printer business in Keysborough is purchasing new equipment and has employed five new people, thanks to a manufacturing grant from the Andrews Labor Government.

Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula visited workers at Bravo Print and Design this week and announced that the business received the grant under the Labor Government's Future Industries Manufacturing Program (FIMP).

The funding will help the Bravo team to purchase and install a 'direct to textile printer' and an additional heat press. The equipment is the first of its type in Victoria and will improve productivity by completely removing the paper printing process in the manufacturing of Bravo's products.

The project is expected to help the business to increase its production capacity by 80 per cent and reduce paper usage by up to 75 per cent. This will help Bravo to expand interstate and explore international market opportunities.

Established in 2006, Bravo manufactures fabric signage products for the commercial and retail market.

The company provides its products to many major events, including the Australian Grand Prix, Australian Open Tennis and PGA Golf events.

To date, the Government's Future Industries Manufacturing Program grants have supported 29 projects, which is expected to create almost 250 jobs.

#### **Quotes attributable to Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula**

*"We're proud to be supporting local businesses like Bravo Print and Design because it creates jobs and helps to boost the economy."*

*"Bravo is a great local manufacturer, and this Government grant will help them to continue to grow and expand into the future."*

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