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Maryvale Energy from Waste consortium signs \$48.2 million MMI grant agreement

The Maryvale Energy from Waste (EfW) project, led by consortium partners Opal, Veolia and Masdar Tribe Australia, is going from strength to strength following the signing of the grant agreement for \$48.2 million under the Manufacturing Collaboration Stream of the Modern Manufacturing Initiative (MMI). This project received the grant funding from the Australian Government as part of the Modern Manufacturing Strategy.

The Maryvale EfW facility will be the first of its kind in Australia to recover heat and power from residual non-recyclable municipal and commercial waste to provide partly renewable power for large-scale manufacturing.

Speaking on behalf of the consortium, Mr Edward Nicholas, General Manager Masdar Tribe Australia, said that the grant demonstrates the Australian Government's commitment to supporting innovative, alternative energy sources for manufacturing.

"The funding support from the Commonwealth not only demonstrates the importance of this technology in providing a waste management solution to a whole-of-community problem, but it also accelerates our project towards completing the development phase and commencing construction," said Mr Nicholas.

The Maryvale EfW facility will provide Councils and businesses with a competitive waste management solution that will divert residual waste from landfill and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Contracts will be offered on a waste arising basis, enabling Councils to have the freedom to pursue future waste reduction initiatives without penalty.

"The social, environmental and economic case to send non-recyclable waste to the Maryvale EfW facility is compelling. With finite capacity and heightened interest, forward-thinking Councils are moving quickly to secure this opportunity while it's still available," said Mr Nicholas.

The Maryvale EfW project will attract investment capital of over \$600 million to the Latrobe Valley and the state-of-the-art infrastructure supports the sustainable growth of an innovative energy industry in the Gippsland region. It will create more than 500 jobs in Victoria and Gippsland during the construction phase, and support an estimated 450 Victorian jobs once operational, including direct and flow-on.

About the Maryvale Energy from Waste project

The state-of-the-art EfW facility will be constructed at Opal Australian Paper's Maryvale Mill in the Latrobe Valley. Veolia, which already operates 65 state-of-the-art EfW facilities around the world, will operate and maintain the facility. The EfW facility will use non-recyclable residual waste to produce steam and electricity to supply the Mill. It will feature world-class, leading technology that provides superior reliability, compliance to stringent emissions standards, superior energy efficiency and more than 99% diversion of waste away from landfill consistent with circular economy principles. The Maryvale EfW project has EPA Victoria and Latrobe City Council regulatory approvals for construction.

Learn more:

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