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REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FUNDING FOR BRIDGETOWN

Regional Partnerships Programme funding of \$154,000 has been granted to assist Seymour Holdings (WA) P/L produce a new frozen fruit product. The packing and transport operations of its certified organic fruit and vegetable farm will also be extended.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, John Cobb, today announced that Australian Government funds would go towards building costs and the purchase of processing equipment.

“Regional Partnerships funding will enable a certified organic fruit and vegetable processing facility to be built to process mostly second grade fruit and vegetables into a new frozen product, and the expansion of the packing shed and transport operations,” Mr Cobb said.

“The expansion of the production and processing site will create employment for at least seven people in the Bridgetown area in the short term, growing to approximately 19 people within five years.”

“Through the Regional Partnerships Programme, the Australian Government is helping to expand the business and create new jobs, said Mr Cobb.

Mr Cobb, congratulated Seymour Holdings and the local community for working together to access Regional Partnerships funding.

"I would particularly like to thank the South West Area Consultative Committee for helping to bring this project to fruition," Mr Cobb said.

Regional Partnerships continues the Australian Government’s approach of working with local communities to support their ideas. For every one dollar invested through the programme, an average of 3 dollars is attracted from other partners.

Regional Partnerships will deliver benefits to communities well into the future, not only from programme funding, but from the higher levels of economic activity and improved social amenity which the programme is generating.

There is \$308 million available under Regional Partnerships from 2004-05 to 2007-08.

Communities should contact their local Area Consultative Committee* if they wish to seek funding through Regional Partnerships.

*For further information go to www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au or www.acc.gov.au

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