

## MEDIA RELEASE

### MDC welcomes infrastructure funding for the region 15 June 2010

Today's announcements relating to the Victorian state government's Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) will bring a significant boost of funds into the local region.

Colignan company, Australian Tartaric Products, will receive \$1.8million to assist their \$7.5million project which converts grape waste into energy. The funds will assist in building a boiler which will build up capacity in cogeneration.

Merbein's Wakefield Transport / Iron Horse Intermodal will also receive a boost with \$730,000 earmarked for the upgrade to their terminal.

This influx of state government funding will provide jobs for the local area, stimulating our region's economy.

"The growth of the Green Economy is evident in this round of government announcements, with Australian Tartaric Products converting their waste into energy, increasing the efficiency of an energy intensive industry", said Mildura Development Corporation's Chairman, Dane Huxley.

Mr Huxley said that Mildura Development Corporation has been working in conjunction with Mildura Wines on programs aimed at encouraging energy efficiency. Combined with the push for utility scale solar, Mildura has significant opportunities for growth in the renewable energy sector.

Mildura Development Corporation provided support for both of these applications for funding, and continues to support local business and industry in the Mildura region to assist in creating a more dynamic, diverse and sustainable future.

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#### Note:

In addition to the \$260million for *Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)* announcements, the Minister for Rural and Regional Development, Jacinta Allen, also announced \$631million for *Ready for Tomorrow: A Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria*. Victorian state government media release can be found at: <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/newsroom/10772.html>