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Dandenong National Employment and Innovation Cluster

Strengths

The cluster has strengths in advanced manufacturing, health, education, wholesale trade, retail and transport, postal services and warehousing.

Jobs

The cluster employs more than 66,300 people¹², including many workers from surrounding municipalities.

Key attributes

Located near the Monash Freeway, the Princes Highway and EastLink, this cluster is part of one of Australia's most significant and productive manufacturing areas. It has strong links to the other nearby employment areas of Braeside, Carrum Downs, Pakenham and Knox/Bayswater—an industrial network that supports around 148,000 jobs.

Manufacturing activities in the cluster are becoming increasingly knowledge based. Reflecting this, the cluster is now home to Victoria's first eco-industrial park, LOGIS, which includes the 74-hectare Innovation Park. A growing list of major international and local businesses (such as Kraft Foods, Cadbury, Ascent Pharmaceuticals, Mercury Marine, Moondara Cheese, Terex Australia and Cabrini Health) have based their businesses at LOGIS. Other major firms in the cluster include Jayco, Bombardier Transportation Australia, Corex Plastics, IVECO Trucks Australia, Viridian Glass and Advanced Polymer Technologies. The cluster also includes the Hallam Business Park, the Innovation Park and the Key Industrial Park.

The cluster has the Dandenong Metropolitan Activity Centre to the north. This has a substantial retail presence and a major medical and education precinct based around the Dandenong Hospital and Chisholm TAFE.

Key partners for the future of this cluster include the City of Greater Dandenong, Dandenong Hospital and Chisholm TAFE.