

LVA appears to be substantially underfunded and focussed on interests of job creation outside of private enterprise, local engineering and manufacture..

There does not appear to be either a mandate or capacity in directing funding toward reskilling of engineering and trade technical capability in areas of technology and real opportunity here within the Latrobe/Gippsland region.

GENERAL COMMENT:

Little knowledge or planning toward closure of industry and operators such as Hazelwood, along with proper consideration to impact on regional companies such as ours seems to be held or carried.

The fact that the Hazelwood closure occurred in the manner it did, strongly reflects this.

It does in my view reflect poorly on our overall governance across the political spectrum.

For many small business operators as services and specialised product providers it will be extremely challenging to transition or continue beyond the medium period on a regional basis without very near term new major investment in other heavy industry and manufacturing commencing in the area.

Should this eventuate, without adequate and in time funding support for reskilling and capital investment requirements, further transitioning and job loss as result of engineering exiting the region will almost certainly occur

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