

Media Release

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Investing in a Healthy Manufacturing Sector

Mr Carl Gibson, chief executive officer of Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) has congratulated Catalent Australia Pty Ltd for its success as a grant recipient under the Next Generation Manufacturing Investment Programme for expansion of its high value manufacturing operations, as announced recently by Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP.¹

“Domestic manufacturing capabilities play an important role in a healthy complementary medicines industry, as well as the Australian economy as a whole. It is heartening to see that a manufacturer of complementary medicines is recognised for contributing to Australia becoming an innovation-rich and competitive nation,” said Mr Gibson.

Catalent aims to capture new pharmaceutical and complementary medicine business by adding production capacity and incorporating productivity improvements at its facility at Braeside, Victoria.

“CMA welcomes recent government measures to bolster Australian manufacturing and innovation. Employers, unions, government and industry experts agree that for Australian manufacturing to be competitive in the global market, it must focus on high-skill and high value-added areas of production. This is precisely the market segment that the complementary medicine industry occupies.”

Complementary medicines manufacturing in Australia uses the same technologies and adheres to the same Therapeutic Goods Administration’s (TGA) GMP and regulatory processes as the pharmaceutical industry. This is one of a number of factors leading to a well deserved reputation for high safety standards and high quality products, and the rapidly escalating demand for our products in the Asia Pacific region.”

“Our industry holds great potential to continue to grow exponentially, to contribute further to our exports and the strength of high-skilled local manufacturing, and to leverage our strong international branding for excellence,” Mr Gibson went on to say.

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¹ <https://www.pyneonline.com.au/media-centre/media-releases/75m-investment-for-next-generation-victorian-manufacturing>

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