

MEDIA RELEASE

Investment in state-of-the-art technology paves the way for sustainable roads

Downer is investing \$10 million in construction of a state-of-the-art asphalt manufacturing facility in northern Tasmania, in a demonstration of its commitment to a long-term future in the state.

The new facility will replace an existing asphalt plant that's reaching the end of its service life.

"Our two asphalt manufacturing facilities in Tasmania currently produce thousands of tonnes each year that is used to build and maintain roads right across the state," said Downer's General Manager Tasmania, Marcus Stephens.

"Once the new plant is commissioned we will triple our hourly production rate, enabling Downer to service customers more efficiently."

Mr Stephens said in addition to boosting the state's local manufacturing capacity, the new plant will deliver sustainability benefits to the community.

"The new plant incorporates cutting edge technology that supports production of road surfacing material with a high proportion of recyclable material.

"Reconophalt™ is a nation-leading road surfacing product developed by Downer incorporating material that would otherwise end up in landfill. That includes soft plastics, ground glass from domestic recycling, road millings and recycled asphalt paving and waste toner.

"In producing Reconophalt™ we are helping communities turn their waste products into value-added material and avoiding use of virgin materials.

"Testing has found Reconophalt™ to have superior performance to standard asphalt, providing an additional 3 years or 15% to the life of road surfaces than traditional surfacing material."

Reconophalt™ was first used in Tasmania in 2018 in the Kingborough municipality. Since that time, Downer has laid 10,397t of Reconophalt™ in the state resulting in diversion from landfill of:

- 6,476,000 plastic bag equivalents
- Toner from 189,000 toner cartridges
- 2,629,000 glass bottles
- 960 tonnes of recycled asphalt paving material

The new plant is expected to be commissioned early in 2023.

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About Downer in Tasmania

Downer has had a presence in Tasmania since 2003, when we acquired the Civil Construction Corporation from the Tasmanian Government.

Our business covers a wide range of construction and engineering activities, including:

- Road sealing and maintenance services
- Forestry, parks and rural unsealed road construction and maintenance services
- Civil engineering

We employ Tasmanians, and have invested heavily in Tasmania through plant, equipment and our supply chain and project delivery partners.

Downer and our wholly-owned subsidiary VEC Civil Engineering are committed to supporting the communities in which we live, work and deliver projects.

- Downer**
- 1 ■ Austins Ferry head office, depot and workshop
 - 2 ■ Ulverstone office, depot and workshop
 - 3 ■ Launceston asphalt plant
 - 4 ■ Lindisfarne asphalt plant
 - 5 ■ Queenstown depot
 - 6 ■ Waratah depot
 - 7 ■ Copping landfill operations
- VEC**
- 8 ■ Ulverstone head office, depot and workshop
 - 9 ■ Austins Ferry office, depot and workshop
 - 10 ■ Ulverstone precast concrete and heavy steel manufacturing facility



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