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Statement from Moira Shire Council Chair Administrator Dr Graeme Emonson PSM

The news of the closure of Bega Strathmerton's manufacturing plant is devastating for our community. With 300 local jobs at risk, our hearts go out to the workers and their families who are facing this incredibly challenging time. We want them to know that they are not alone — the entire Moira Shire community stands with them.

We are actively working to understand the full impact of this announcement and we have reached out to Bega to seek further clarity on the staged closure and what has been communicated and offered to employees. We urge the Bega Group as a responsible corporate citizen to be generous in how it assists employees with this news and transition.

We will be working closely with the local community to understand and manage the impacts to flow from the closure.

We will also be calling on both the state and federal governments for immediate and long-term support during this transition period. This includes securing economic transition funding, providing retraining and redeployment opportunities for impacted employees, and working to attract investment that will help create new local job opportunities. Our goal is clear: local jobs created to replace local jobs lost.

We will do everything in our power to support the affected workers and their families, while also working to strengthen our community and ensure long-term economic stability.

We are fully focused on navigating this difficult time and will continue to engage with all levels of government and our community to develop practical solutions. Our immediate focus is to develop a clear plan to mitigate the impact of this closure and ensure those who are affected are supported.

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