



## **Amanda Rishworth MP** **Federal Member for Kingston**

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### **\$17, 717 GRANT TO HELP POSSUM MCLAREN VINEYARDS GO GREEN**

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston welcomed the announcement by innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr that Possum McLaren Vineyards Pty Ltd is among 13 manufacturers Australia wide to benefit from the Rudd Government's \$2.8 million *Re-tooling for Climate Change* program.

Ms Rishworth said "*Re-Tooling for Climate Change* is about helping businesses acquire and use new technology to reduce water use or greenhouse gas emissions."

"The \$17, 717 awarded to Possum McLaren Vineyards Pty Ltd will enable them to insulate their fermentation tanks in order to reduce green house gas emissions" said Ms Rishworth.

"This boost in funding will not only help the environment, it will ensure the economic viability of this winery as they move towards a carbon-constrained future" said Ms Rishworth.

"This is an example of the Australian Government working in partnership with industry to support sustainable manufacturing," Ms Rishworth said.

*Re-tooling for Climate Change* offers dollar for dollar grants from \$10,000 to \$500,000 to help small and medium Australian manufacturers to improve the energy and/or water efficiency of their production processes.

The program is part of the Rudd Government's *Clean Business Australia* initiative – a partnership with industry to tackle climate change.