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Amanda Rishworth MP
Federal Member for Kingston

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89 NEW JOBS FOR LONSDALE

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston today welcomed the news that three local businesses in Lonsdale will benefit from a total of **\$2, 300, 000** in funding under the Gillard and Rann Labor governments' *South Australia Innovation and Investment Fund*.

Ms Rishworth said "I am delighted that Lonsdale-based companies **REDARC Electronics Pty Ltd, Robin Johnson Engineering Pty Ltd** and **SMR Automotive Australia Pty Ltd** will be able to use this funding to expand and diversify, creating new jobs for locals in the South.

"It was a pleasure to join Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research to congratulate local grant recipients at SMR Automotive this morning. This particular company plans to use their grant to establish a clean-room manufacturing capability to diversify into the medical devices industry.

"As well as bringing innovative business activity to our community, the funding is expected to create **89** jobs in the area."

Ms Rishworth said the Australian and South Australian governments established the \$30 million Fund in 2008 in response to the closure of Mitsubishi.

Ms Rishworth said "This closure hit our local economy hard. But thanks to this fund the state is attracting up to \$143 million in additional investment. A substantial number of new jobs have been created and will continue to be created for local residents in our community."

The fund provides local industry with the boost it needs to commit to expansion, with a particular focus in this round on projects in renewable energy sectors, manufacturing and engineering.

For more information on industry support through the Gillard Labor Government, visit www.ausindustry.gov.au and www.innovation.gov.au