



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

Premier of NSW

Minister for Western Sydney

MEDIA RELEASE

Friday 1 February 2013

MANUFACTURING JOBS FOR SYDNEY: \$500 MILLION RECYCLED PAPER MILL OPENS

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today officially opened Amcor's new \$500 million state-of-the-art recycled paper machine at the company's Botany Paper Mill in southern Sydney – a major boost for the state's manufacturing sector.

"I thank Amcor for making this significant investment in manufacturing in NSW," Mr O'Farrell said.

"It is the largest single capital investment in Amcor's 144 year history.

"The company says it plans to employ 150 highly skilled people at this new facility which is fantastic news for workers in the state's manufacturing sector.

"That is on top of the 800 jobs which were created during construction at the facility.

"The NSW Government understands a modern manufacturing industry is crucial to a strong economy.

"This new mill is evidence of Amcor's commitment to manufacturing in NSW and the investment sees world-leading technology and innovation capabilities brought to the state.

"The NSW manufacturing industry contributed \$35.2 billion to the NSW economy in 2011-12, or 7.7 per cent of Gross State Product.

Managing Director of Amcor Australasia and Packaging Distribution Nigel Garrard said that the investment of over \$500 million has brought world-leading technology to NSW.

"This is the most sophisticated recycled paper making machine in Australasia. It produces high-quality 100 per cent recycled brown paper that is stronger, more consistent and has an improved colour for our customers," Mr Garrard said.

"This new paper machine will produce more than 400,000 tonnes of paper annually when operating at full capacity and will deliver significant environmental benefits."