



# The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP Premier of NSW Minister for Western Sydney

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### **JOB S AND INVESTMENT IN WESTERN SYDNEY: \$28 MILLION HUGGIES NAPPY PRODUCTION LINE OPENS**

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell today officially opened a new \$28 million Huggies nappy pants production line at Ingleburn – meaning some of Australia's best-selling nappies will no longer need to be imported from overseas.

"The great news for Western Sydney is this investment by Kimberly-Clark has secured the future employment of 240 highly skilled manufacturing specialists at Ingleburn," said Mr O'Farrell who was joined at the event by Campbelltown MP Bryan Doyle and Camden MP Chris Patterson.

"As a direct result of the investment the company has also employed an additional 27 people at the plant," Mr O'Farrell said.

"Mums and dads will recognise the popular brand names of the Huggies nappy pants range which will now be locally produced at the plant in Western Sydney - like Huggies Little Swimmers and Pull-Ups.

"Until now these nappies have been imported from Asia, the US and the UK.

"Parents will now be able to support Western Sydney jobs by buying these Australian made nappies.

"This \$28 million investment demonstrates Kimberly-Clark's commitment to maintaining an effective manufacturing presence in NSW despite the increasing challenges Australian manufacturers face today."

Mr Doyle welcomed news that 240 jobs have been secured in Western Sydney.

"It's fantastic that Kimberly-Clark has chosen to invest in Western Sydney," Mr Doyle said.

"It means the company's highly skilled staff can continue working close to where they live – allowing them to spend more time with their families."

Scott Usitalo, Managing Director, Kimberly-Clark Australia and New Zealand said manufacturing the nappies locally will enhance the company's cost competitiveness.

"This \$28 million investment in locally made Huggies nappy pants demonstrates our confidence in Australian manufacturing," Mr Usitalo said.

"It provides 27 new jobs and secures employment for our existing employees."