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# Press Release

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## **Indigenous job seekers to capitalise on multi-million dollar venture in Caboolture region**

The Australian Government will provide more than \$67,000 for the development of a strategy to maximise Indigenous employment as part of the multi-million dollar North East Business Park in Morayfield.

Member for Longman, Mr Jon Sullivan, today announced funding for the North East Business Park Indigenous Employment Strategy under the Australian Government's Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) program.

The \$880 million North East Business Park includes a 160 hectare business and industrial precinct, and a marina and associated commercial, retail and service facilities, among other developments at Nolan Drive, Morayfield.

Mr Sullivan said the park is expected to create significant employment opportunities in the Caboolture region.

CADET Employment and Training work with the North East Business Park to develop a strategy to increase the number of Indigenous people employed during the construction of the development which is expected to be built over the next 15 years.

Mr Sullivan said the employment strategy would identify and outline how to maximise the economic opportunities for Indigenous people within and around the region.

"The strategy will also examine how existing Australian Government programs and services can provide support to job seekers in the newly created employment opportunities," Mr Sullivan said.

"It is very important that we place a particular focus on giving more Indigenous people the opportunity to gain employment in these booming times, and enjoy sharing the wealth that the Australian economy is creating."

Mr Sullivan said as part of its *Closing the Gap* strategy, the Australian Government was committed to halving the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous employment outcomes.

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