

## Media Release

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### AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURER RESPONSE TO COVID-19 SURPASSES 1000 SUBMISSIONS

- *Over 1,000 submissions of support received via AMGC register*
- *AMGC COVID-19 Manufacturer Response Register is playing its role in identifying providers of essential goods and/or services*
- *Submissions cover critical areas of ventilators, PPE, medical consumables and offers of raw materials and skills*

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC), part of the Commonwealth's Industry Growth Centre initiative, [launched a national register](#) to collate local expertise in the areas of medical supplies and other essential items. The response has been extraordinary with over 1,000 responses received in under a week.

Offers of assistance have been received from across the nation and demonstrate the willingness of the broad manufacturing sector to stand-up in support of Australia's health and critical manufacturing sectors during this unprecedented time.

Dr. Jens Goennemann, Managing Director of AMGC, said "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity, ideas and capabilities that have been put forward to assist with the response to COVID-19. From submissions to manufacture ventilators and PPE, to manufacturers offering up raw materials and supplies to other businesses, the overall response has been extraordinary,"

"As Australians, we rise to a challenge and are happy to do our bit, and the manufacturing sector is no different – we are in very capable hands and the work being done proves how essential manufacturing is in Australia." Said Dr. Goennemann.

AMGC's register has already delivered results, with numerous manufacturers linked to each other through AMGC and now collaborating on projects devised to supply essential goods and/or services in response to COVID-19. Other specialities and capabilities have been identified and are being linked to the relevant working groups where appropriate, or kept abreast of needs and updates as they arise.

The [COVID-19 Manufacturer Response Register](#) is live now via the AMGC website, with all contact treated in strict confidence.

Beyond the new registration portal, AMGC has increased its support of Australian manufacturers and will be boosting its online Manufacturing Academy learning portal, providing bespoke online webinars, while current State and Federal Government tenders and Expressions of Interest will be broadcast via the organisation's website and social media platforms.

AMGC's current pipeline of manufacturing industry projects and programs continues to progress, with further information available [here](#).

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### ***About Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC)***

The Advanced Manufacturing Growth Centre (AMGC) is an industry-led, not-for-profit organisation established through the Australian Government's Industry Growth Centres Initiative. AMGC's vision is to transform Australian manufacturing to become an internationally competitive, dynamic and thriving industry with advanced capabilities and skills at its core.

Through the delivery of its world-leading research, Manufacturing Academy, workshops, and ground-breaking projects, AMGC aims to develop a highly skilled and resilient local manufacturing sector that delivers high-value products – via the integration of innovative technology – to domestic and international markets.

<http://www.amgc.org.au>

### ***Industry Growth Centres***

The Australian Government targets sectors of competitive strength and strategic priority through the Industry Growth Centres Initiative. The Industry Growth Centres Initiative is strategic, sector based approach to growing our industries and creating jobs by focusing on areas of competitive strength and strategic priority. This approach supports economic growth and job creation for all Australians.

The six Industry Growth Centres address barriers to productivity, competitiveness and innovative capacity to support the growth of the Australian economy.

For more information: [www.industry.gov.au/industrygrowthcentres](http://www.industry.gov.au/industrygrowthcentres)

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