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## Lighting industry creating manufacturing jobs on the Gold Coast

Lighting Council Australia (LCA) has welcomed news that advanced manufacturing company VAILO will build a state-of-the-art facility on the Gold Coast that will produce LED lighting products.

The South Australian-based company is looking to cash in on the lucrative market in the eastern-states, particularly ahead of the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

LCA CEO Malcolm Richards said the announcement underlined how important the burgeoning LED industry will be to supporting local jobs in Australia.

“VAILO’s announcement that it will establish a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility on the Gold Coast is incredibly exciting and LCA congratulates them,” Mr Richards said.

“It’s always great to see local businesses expand their operations, but even more so when it also results in the creation of local jobs. It’s another example of how the LED industry can help bolster Australia’s manufacturing workforce.

“The lead up to the Brisbane Olympics is going to provide similar opportunities to local manufacturing businesses and we encourage other companies working in the LED space to consider expansion.”

Mr Richards said that due to the superior nature of LED products compared to alternative forms of lighting, there is great potential for the local industry.

“LED lighting is 10 times more efficient than halogen or incandescent lights and up to four times more efficient than compact fluorescent bulbs,”

“LEDs are also getting more efficient as time moves on, if you purchase an LED today it’s 20 per cent more efficient than one purchased five years ago. This trend will only continue as technology advances.”

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