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## **Holden investment welcomed by the automotive component sector**

“Holden’s \$275 million government co-investment package announcement is welcomed by automotive suppliers, as it provides investment certainty, not only for Holden but for the automotive supply chain,” Federation of Automotive Product Manufacturers chief executive Richard Reilly said today.

“With the 10 year vehicle development and manufacturing program introducing two all-new vehicles to Australia, the automotive component sector is well placed to provide Holden its components for the manufacture of these vehicles,” Mr Reilly said.

“Automotive suppliers need certainty for their own investment decisions and will now be in a position to review their investment plans to take advantage of the longer term timeframe of Holden’s co-investment package with governments,” said Mr Reilly.

Component sector companies are currently working with Holden and others within the industry to improve their business capabilities and skills so that they are well-placed to access future local and international sourcing opportunities, he said.

In 2010, the automotive supply chain manufactured and exported over \$1.51B worth of components and sold over \$3.71B of components to the local vehicle manufacturers.

Additionally, the sector as a whole drove manufacturing innovation to the tune of \$4.5B invested in R&D over the last four years.

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