



## **Amanda Rishworth MP**

Member for Kingston  
**MEDIA RELEASE**

### **LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDED \$38,000 GRANT FOR TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INNOVATION**

The Federal Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth, today congratulated local company, Blue Monkey Creations Pty Ltd, on receiving \$38,000 in funding under the Australian Government's *Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Small Business Program*.

"This result is great news for Blue Monkey Creations and Southern Adelaide, in what was, I am told, a hotly contested round of funding," Ms Rishworth said.

"The funding will be a spring board for the company to strengthen its business enterprise culture and boost its competitiveness.

"The funding will allow Blue Monkey Creations to purchase and install a CAD system, including hardware and software for the system."

"Both Blue Monkey Creations production capability and staff morale will be boosted by today's funding announcement, Ms Rishworth said.

"It is great to see local companies embracing the Rudd Government's strong commitment to innovation and enterprise.

"The Rudd Government will continue to work in partnership with this vital sector to foster innovation leading to high-wage, high-skill jobs."

Blue Monkey Creations was one of 68 Australian small businesses to be offered funding totalling \$2.6 million recently announced by Innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr. Grants range up to a maximum of \$50,000.

The *TCF Small Business Program* is providing \$25 million in grants over 10 years to Australia's small designers and manufacturers.

AusIndustry, which runs the program, is responsible for more than 30 programs to help Australian businesses. They include innovation grants, tax and duty concessions, small business development, industry support and venture capital.

"So give AusIndustry a call, and see how they might be able to help your company become more innovative and competitive," Ms Rishworth said.

For further information on the *Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Small Business Program* visit AusIndustry's website at [www.ausindustry.gov.au](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au), call the hotline 13 28 46, or email the hotline at [hotline@ausindustry.gov.au](mailto:hotline@ausindustry.gov.au)