



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**Media Release**

**FEDERAL FUNDS FOR FUNKY CLOTHING**

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today announced local Newcastle company Huggalugs Pty Ltd has been awarded a \$38,354 Textile, Clothing and Footwear grant by the Rudd Government.

Huggalugs is an Adamstown company that develops fun and funky baby, children's and maternity clothing.

The grant will help develop its re-engineering of e-commerce and interconnected management system.

"This grant is great news for Huggalugs and it will help them become an enterprising leader in this new and trendy manufacturing sector." Ms Grierson said.

"Huggalugs was one of only 71 Australian small businesses to receive grants totalling \$2.5 million in the latest round of the AusIndustry *Textile, Clothing and Footwear Small Business Program*."

"The program provides \$25 million over 10 years for grants of up to \$50,000."

"This grant will allow Huggalugs to improve the flexibility, creativity and long-term adaptability of its business."

"This is yet another example of a Newcastle business showing the way in innovation and creativity and I wish Huggalugs continued success."

The grant is administered by AusIndustry, the Australian Government's business program delivery division in the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

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