

## Dollars for Dust

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The Premier, David Bartlett today acknowledged a brick manufacturing company Timbercrete Tasmania in its progressive and innovative creation of a greenhouse friendly product.



Senator Catryna Bilyk and Premier David Bartlett with Geoff Langdon and David Morrison

On a visit to the brick manufacturing facility in Margate the Premier said that the company had used a traditional sawmill waste product, sawdust, to manufacture a greenhouse friendly brick.

Mr Bartlett said that the sawdust was either, previously burnt, dumped or used as mulch, all releasing carbon relatively quickly.

“This is a wonderful product that not only uses less energy than the conventional kiln dried clay bricks to create, but reuses a waste product to produce a high insulation and thermal mass product for building.”

“This Government supports Tasmanian innovation at every opportunity and I want to see our forestry resources being value added to in ways that are beneficial to our social and environmental communities.”

“Tasmania is a highly innovative state and I want to see this State leading in innovation-based fields pushing our economy into the future with ground-breaking ideas.”

“That is why the Government has commissioned the Australian Innovation Research Centre (AIRC) to prepare Tasmania’s first ever Innovation Strategy.”

“It will be a comprehensive state-wide strategy that will identify opportunities available through increased investment in innovation, as well as identifying key roadblocks to increased innovation and recommendations on how they can be removed.”

“Tasmania’s Innovation Strategy will encourage innovative businesses like Timbercrete that are emerging in diverse fields all across Tasmania.”

“I firmly believe that this type of operation, working in tandem with our traditional industries, represent the future for the Tasmanian economy,” Mr Bartlett said.

