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INVESTING IN LOCAL PROJECTS FOR CIRCULAR HEAD

Tasmania's Circular Head region will receive almost \$5 million worth of local projects thanks to Federal Liberal and Nationals Government funding.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said \$2 million will be invested in the AgriTas Robotic Dairy development.

"This funding will go towards the construction of a commercial and educational robotic dairy farm which will use the world's best technology to generate new commercial insights into dairy and farm management," Mr McCormack said.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck said the project will highlight and demonstrate the commercial realities of the agricultural and dairy industries.

"The development includes farm upgrades, construction of a new dairy shed, yards, a Virtual Memory System (VMS) Robotics milking system, an automatic calf rearing system, an irrigation and bore system and a dairy herd," Senator Colbeck said.

The Nationals' Senator for Tasmania Steve Martin said the Government is also investing \$2.8 million in a purpose-built heritage and visitor information centre at Duck River Meadows.

"The development includes the construction of a café, a museum display hall, tourist foyer, collection storage and a commercial kitchen," Senator Martin said.

"It means more tourists will spend time and money in this wonderful part of Tasmania, providing a major boost to the local economy."

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