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Congratulations to Fruit Growers Tasmania

Congratulations to Fruit Growers Tasmania (FGT) for having secured a Commonwealth Government grant of \$460,000 to create an agrifood export hub in Tasmania.

The funding, through the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) initiative, will assist Tasmanian producers of fruit, nuts, vegetables, salad greens and other horticultural products build on Tasmania's brand and strong export culture.

This funding complements the \$550,000 in State Government funding provided to FGT for horticulture market and trade development initiatives to support our fruit and vegetable growers and agribusinesses to grow market demand.

FGT will work with other industry groups and agribusiness to leverage new collaborative market and export opportunities, drive increased trade, value and farm productivity.

With the disruption to trade worldwide due to COVID-19, the Tasmanian and Commonwealth Government's are working to support Tasmanian exporters to maintain access to key international markets and prepare for new opportunities and this Export Hub will play a pivotal role in our agrifood recovery.

As an initiative of the Tasmanian Trade Strategy we are running a series of webinars, commencing on May 13, to assist exporters gain first-hand market knowledge, global trade insights and export information as we adapt to the new normal.

We have a plan to grow the farm gate value of Tasmania's agricultural sector to \$10 billion per annum by 2050 and through these projects we are building industry capability and empowering agribusiness to take their products to the world, creating jobs and opportunity across Tasmania.