

Pacific Brands' proposal to top-up workers' retraining

Pacific Brands Chief Executive Officer Sue Morphet said the company had taken a proposal to the Government five days ago to finance an independent fund to help retrain redundant clothing manufacturing employees.

The proposed fund would be over and above existing training and provide further assistance for our employees in finding new long-term employment.

"Pacific Brands approached the Government on Monday, March 2, to outline a proposal to make a direct contribution of a significant sum to establish a meaningful retraining program for our 1200 manufacturing workers who will be made redundant during the next 18 months," Ms Morphet said.

"Unlike existing training programs, this is an initiative that will be available immediately while Pacific Brands workers are still employed by the company, and in company time, enabling paid attendance.

"It will be over and above existing entitlements and other Government support.

"A further meeting has been scheduled on this matter next week and we are hoping that we will be in a position to announce the details then.

"The company is committed to consulting with the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union in the coming days."

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