

NIMBIN COFFEE PRODUCER RECEIVES GRANT TO EXPAND OPERATIONS

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Mountain Top Coffee has received an Australian Government grant to assist the expansion of its Nimbin operation.

Federal Nationals Member for Page, Ian Causley, today announced that Mountain Top Coffee will receive \$176,000 in funding as part of the Coalition Government's Sustainable Regions programme.

Mr Causley said that Mountain Top Coffee process and market the "Grange Hermitage" of the world's coffee. They currently target the green coffee market in the USA, Europe and Asia. He said the funding would enable Mountain Top Coffee to expand and improve their operations, and make it possible to establish the Nimbin-based business as a market leader in the green coffee industry.

"Mountain Top Coffee's production systems are leading-edge, environmentally-based. The green coffee they produce is processed and graded – not roasted – and is one of the highest grades of coffee available. The funding will be used to expand and upgrade their dry milling and grading facility.

"The company anticipates there will be an additional 7 full-time jobs created over the next 3 years because of the expansion. This will make Mountain Top Coffee one of the largest employers in Nimbin", Mr Causley said.