

Visy commissions Australia's glass furnace in Sydney

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Visy is now operating Australia's most energy-efficient glass furnace at its recycling and remanufacturing facility in Sydney.

The \$150 million state-of-the-art investment in Penrith - which was officially opened by New South Wales Premier Chris Minns and Chairman Anthony Pratt - is the country's first oxygen-only fueled furnace using less than half the energy than the one it replaced.

“That’s the equivalent of saving enough energy to heat over 32,000 Sydney homes every year,” said Pratt. Penrith site is the only glass bottle and jar manufacturing factory in New South Wales.

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The facility will also use advanced recycled cullet pre-heating technology to significantly increase the use of recycled glass in Australia's glass bottle manufacturing sector.

“This new technology is part of our program to make glass containers with an average of 70 per cent recycled content across Australia and New Zealand,” Pratt said.

The factory takes recycled glass from household recycle bins and the Return and Earn container deposit scheme to make the new bottles and jars.