

Big cheese decides its future is in the north

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ONE of Adelaide's biggest cheese producers is preparing to join the exodus of companies moving north.

Glynde-based La Casa Del Formaggio will create a \$25 million state-of-the-art production facility at the Northern Adelaide Food Park at Edinburgh Parks.

Managing director Claude Cicchiello said the park was destined to become the state's premier hi-tech food manufacturing precinct.

Mr Cicchiello, pictured, said it was time for his business, started in 1988 by his parents Gerardo and Rosa, to look to the future.

"There are a few reasons for the move," he said. "One is that we are running out of space at Glynde.

"Our growth is such that we are just becoming too big for the area we have now.

"The other reason is that I love the idea of collaboration with other like-minded businesses, and the food park will have that.

"The world-class manufacturing facility we plan to build at the Northern Adelaide Food Park will be a benchmark for cheese manufacturing in Australia, helping us increase production and secure new customers."

Mr Cicchiello said the planning process was well under way and, subject to approval, construction of the new factory was expected to be finished in about 11 months.