

# Border Express in logical move

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NATIONAL transport company Border Express is the first Albury-Wodonga company to invest in the Logic freight distribution hub at Barnawartha.

The company yesterday said it would build a multi-million dollar warehousing facility at Wodonga council's Logic Park.

Border Express managing director Mr Max Luff said the company would continue to operate from its South Albury headquarters and depot.

The Border Express expansion is the first since Woolworths announced in July, 2003, that it would build a \$90 million regional distribution centre at the hub.

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But Mr Luff said the company's expansion into Logic Park was not linked to Woolworths.

Instead the facility would be directed at clients who needed warehousing in the region.

Mr Luff said the company had purchased land and would build a 7500sq m warehouse which could double in size as demand increased.

“If this is successful, we will buy more land there,” he said.

Border Express has grown into a national company that employs more than 500 and operates 300 trailers around Australia.

The company owns and operates terminals in all mainland capital cities, including Perth and Darwin.

Mr Luff said there was no specific start date for the project.

“We are not hinging it on Woolworths — it will be directed at people who need warehousing in the region,” Mr Luff said.

“We are happy to be associated with Wodonga council at Logic Park and for Border Express it is a long-term investment.

“We are confident this development will mark the next surge of activity in Albury-Wodonga and the surrounding region.”

Mr Luff said the development would deliver synergies as the Logic Park warehouse operation would fit with Border Express' national freight network.

“We would expect that the opportunity is there to create synergies between the needs of our existing clients and the new companies that will come to Logic Park,” Mr Luff said.