

Jobs saved in factory takeover

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A PARTNERSHIP that stretches the length of Taranaki has rescued a Waitara clothing factory and saved 20 jobs.

The Alliance Textiles factory which makes Swannndri clothing in Domett St, Waitara, has been under threat of closure for some time.

But it has just been taken over by Hawera-based Taranaki Clothing Company owners Jean Bergerson and Margaret Scott.

The partnership will retain the jobs of 17 workers and create three new ones.

"The Waitara workers are very skilled and very keen, we feel optimistic about the future," Ms Bergerson said.

The factory will be called Jaymak Manufacturing, named after the late John McKendrick who was the original owner of the Swannndri factory.



TOP CLOTHES: Workers at the Swannndri factory, Waitara, are pleased their jobs have been retained due to the take over by Taranaki Clothing Company owners Margaret Scott and Jean Bergerson (foreground, far right).
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Jaymak Manufacturing was bought from a Christchurch businessman who ran it as a manufacturing plant for Alliance Textiles. The Hawera and Waitara operations will be kept separate.

Both owners are sure the

Waitara factory will do well.

"The clothing industry is one of the most competitive in the country, but we are confident that the Waitara factory can be as successful as our Hawera operation," Ms Bergerson said.