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### **NSW DOMINATES NATION'S REGIONAL JOBS GROWTH**

Regional NSW has been responsible for almost all regional jobs growth across the nation over the past year, according to ABS data released today.

Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian welcomed the official figures, which showed that 29,400 jobs were added outside Sydney in the 12 months to July. NSW accounted for almost 90 per cent of the total regional jobs added across Australia in the past year.

“Regional jobs growth in NSW has dominated the national result, which is outstanding and once again demonstrates the economic strength of our State,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“This Government is ensuring that we invest in our regions so that the benefits of this economic strength are experienced right across the State.”

Jobs growth in regional NSW was more than three times the result in regional Victoria, while the number of regional jobs fell in Queensland and Western Australia.

Regional highlights include the Greater Hunter, with 16,500 jobs added in the 12 months to July (an increase of 5.6 per cent), and Richmond-Tweed, with 7,300 jobs added (an increase of 7.2 per cent).

Minister for Regional Development, Skills and Small Business John Barilaro said regional NSW continues to benefit from the Government's investment in infrastructure and providing access to skills and training which leads to jobs.

“The Government's latest investment of \$17.8 million in not-for-profit community education providers will ensure that thousands of regional, remote and disadvantaged learners gain access formal education and training,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Next week is National Skills Week and a superb opportunity for more regional NSW job seekers to consider gaining skills that could springboard them into their first job or upskill for a new job.”

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