

MINISTER FOR FAIR TRADING

The Minister for Fair Trading is responsible for:

- ◆ the protection of consumer rights and to advise business and traders on fair and ethical practice;
- ◆ the development and promotion of value and fairness in the New South Wales marketplace;
- ◆ the detection, remedy and discouragement of unfair trading practices in the marketplace;
- ◆ the registration of business names and co-operatives, incorporation of associations, issue of licences to traders and the maintenance of public registers and licensing systems;
- ◆ the provision of advice and mediation services to consumers and traders;
- ◆ the administration of the Register of Encumbered Vehicles; and
- ◆ the resolution of disputes through the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal and the Strata Schemes Board.

The Minister for Commerce is responsible for the following fair trading activities:

- ◆ home warranty insurance; and
- ◆ supporting the home building industry and maintaining confidence in the marketplace through the provision of building licensing services.

The expenditure associated with these responsibilities is contained in the financial information of the Office of Fair Trading operating within the Department of Commerce.