

# **MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER FOR THE ILLAWARRA AND MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS**

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The Department of State and Regional Development is responsible to the Minister for State Development, Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Small Business.

The Department provides the Minister with expert advice and delivers quality services to the community in order to advance the Government's regional development and small business objectives.

The Department adopts a whole-of-government perspective in its approach and actively encourages and supports the interests of the business sector and the community in its work.

During 2004-05 initiatives will include:

- ◆ small business development programs to support and assist people who are intending to start a business as well as those who are already in business. Tailored programs and services will be delivered across the State to meet the needs of firms at different stages of the business cycle, or with particular needs and opportunities; and
- ◆ regional development assistance supporting a range of programs specifically directed at fostering business and economic growth in regional New South Wales.

The Premier's Department supports the Minister for the Illawarra as part of the Government's commitment to:

- ◆ encourage the development of the Illawarra region; and
- ◆ ensure a whole-of-government approach to issues of a strategic regional nature.

