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DISCUSSION PAPER LAUNCHED FOR NSW SMALL BUSINESS STRATEGY

The NSW Government is seeking public feedback following the release today of a discussion paper for the NSW Small Business Strategy 2020.

Minister for Finance and Small Business Damien Tudehope said small businesses were the heart and soul of the NSW economy and the Government was committed to supporting them.

“I want this discussion paper to be the starting point in a conversation on how we can improve the way we support small business,” he said.

“There are more than 765,000 small businesses in NSW, representing 98 per cent of all NSW businesses and they employ around 1.65 million people.”

The forthcoming Small Business Strategy will align with the themes of the NSW Government’s productivity reform agenda, particularly in relation to issues faced by small business.

The strategy sets out five key areas for review:

1. A strong economy for small businesses to thrive
2. Making it easier for small businesses to contract with Government
3. Making it easier to do business
4. Building the capability of small business
5. Building resilient, connected and prepared businesses in NSW

Mr Tudehope said he encouraged feedback from the general public as well as small businesses.

“We welcome feedback on what is working well, and we also want to hear about how we can improve current initiatives, so we create an environment where small businesses have every chance of success,” he said.

“The NSW Government is committed to unlocking opportunities for small businesses to start, operate and grow in NSW.”

The Small Business Strategy Discussion Paper is available on the NSW Government’s ‘Have your say’ [webpage](#) and will be open for comments until 4 March 2020.

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