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Western Sydney Business Forum A Local Success

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal today addressed a meeting between State Government Ministers and local business leaders aimed at identifying and advancing economic opportunities in Sydney's western suburbs.

The Western Sydney Regional Cabinet Business Forum followed a Cabinet meeting in Penrith and gave the local business community an opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues with the Rees Government.

Opening the meeting today, Mr Roozendaal said the forum reflected the Government's commitment to supporting economic and business conditions in western Sydney at a time of global economic uncertainty.

"Greater Western Sydney is one of the fastest growing areas of NSW, with a population of almost 1.9 million last year, growing by 1.2 per cent a year," Mr Roozendaal said.

"Such growth requires significant forward planning and talking with the local business community about the economic challenges and opportunities that face the region."

Mr Roozendaal said the Rees Government would ensure that NSW remained open for business.

"The upcoming mini budget will be tough to ensure the state retains its AAA credit rating," he said.

"However, initiatives such as payroll tax cuts which will be part of the mini budget, show the government is sincere in supporting business."

Member for Penrith Karyn Paluzzano, who co-hosted the forum welcomed the opportunity for local business to raise issues with the Government.

"It's great to see so many Ministers here listening to our concerns and ideas and working with us to ensure the Greater Western Region's economic future," Ms Paluzzano said.

"We want to hear about, understand and work to address the issues that businesses face so we can work together to make a stronger and more productive region."

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