



FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS MINISTER VISITS DERWENT VALLEY

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Derwent Valley small business operators were last week given an opportunity to bend the ear of Federal Small Business Minister the Hon Bruce Billson at a special roundtable at New Norfolk.

The forum was organised and chaired by State Liberal Lyons candidate and former Senator Guy Barnett.

Mr Barnett said attendees spoke positively about the future of the region to grow and prosper, powered by a viable small business sector.

“Small business is the engine room of the Tasmanian economy, with over 36,000 small businesses operating in the State - many in rural and regional areas such as the Derwent Valley - employing more than 105,000 people.”

Mr Barnett said an increase in employment in the small business sector of just one percent would create 1000 further jobs for Tasmanians.

“This would stimulate the economy, the State budget and, in turn our capacity to properly resource essential services in health, education and community safety,” Mr Barnett said.

Mr Barnett said the uncertain economic and political climate under the Labor-Green minority Government experiment and the increasing red and Green tape had hit small business hard. The Liberals have a plan to cut red and Green tape.

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