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**Jennie George MP  
Member for Throsby**

**Sharon Bird MP  
Member for Cunningham**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Information for local businesses to take advantage of the economic stimulus**

Businesses from across the Illawarra are invited to attend an information session on Friday, 5 March to outline opportunities for local business to take advantage of the economic stimulus package.

Registration is at 7:00 am with the session beginning at 7:30 at the Sea Spray Function Centre, Beach Road, Shellharbour (on Shellharbour North Beach).

Member for Throsby Jennie George said the information session was part of the Keep Australia Working initiative.

“When we held the Keep Australia Working forum last year, local businesses told the Government they wanted more information about the Government’s economic stimulus package,” Ms George said.

“That’s why we’re holding this information session – to bring together all levels of Government as well as industry so local businesses can get the most out of the stimulus package.

Member for Cunningham Sharon Bird encouraged local businesses to attend this information session.

“I want local businesses to have every opportunity to take advantage of this massive Government and private sector investment to support jobs in our community. That’s why we’re holding this forum in the Illawarra,” Ms Bird said.

“The economic stimulus plan is supporting jobs, tradies and small businesses during the economic downturn and is an important part of the region’s economic recovery.”

Ms George said the information session is a further step to help the Illawarra emerge strongly from the effects of the global recession.

“These sessions are evidence of all levels of government and industry working together to support and create jobs in the regions hardest hit by the Global Recession,” Ms George said.

Registrations can be made by emailing:

[www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/buildingtherecovery](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/buildingtherecovery) or by phoning Jane Robinson Local Employment Coordinator for the Illawarra on 0421 988 670.

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