



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

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DIGITAL VOUCHERS A WIN FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, has welcomed the NSW budget announcement of digital vouchers worth \$1,500 to help tens of thousands of small and medium-sized businesses pay for government fees and charges.

Ms Preston said up to \$500 million had been allocated in the 2020-21 NSW Budget for the new vouchers to ease financial pressure on small businesses.

“Small and medium sized businesses have been doing it tough and this form of assistance will assist in their recovery,” Ms Preston said.

Minister for Finance and Small Business Damien Tudehope said the initiative would provide a critical cash injection for smaller businesses below the payroll tax threshold.

“These new digital vouchers will be of huge benefit to the many entrepreneur and mum and dad businesses across NSW,” Mr Tudehope said.

“The vouchers will be available from April 2021, which is when many licence fee waivers will expire, along with the end of JobKeeper, and they will no doubt be a very helpful boost at a critical time.”

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the vouchers would leave more money in the pockets of small and medium businesses as NSW ramps-up its economic recovery.

“Small businesses have had to deal with the triple crises of bushfires, droughts and COVID-19 and it’s important that we support them to keep their lights on and their doors open,” Mr Perrottet said.

“When we help businesses stay in business, we keep people in jobs which will help us build a better NSW.”

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello said Service NSW would assist with issuing eligible businesses with the vouchers, with further information to become available on the Service NSW website in coming weeks.

“These vouchers, which will be available until 30 June 2022, will help businesses below the payroll tax threshold,” he said.

Other Budget measures to support business include payroll tax relief, the Out & About program and an extension of the Business Connect program for three years.

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