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NSW: Making it easy

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NSW is more than a quarter of the way to achieving its target of reducing red tape by \$500 million by June 2011, Regulatory Reform Minister Joe Tripodi announced today.

“Between April 2, when we announced the target, and June 30 this year we’ve introduced reforms which cut \$147 million in red tape across NSW,” Mr Tripodi said.

“NSW’s progress in red tape reduction reflects our focus on ‘making it easy’ to live and work in NSW.

“Our second Annual Update on red tape reduction, *Making it Easy in NSW*, has been released today and outlines 120 individual red tape reforms implemented over the last financial year.

“These reforms are saving time and money for business, government, and the community.”

Businesses in NSW will save \$37 million every year as a result of reforms that make it easier to do business including:

- removing licensing requirements for 500 low-risk industrial activities
- reducing duplication in food regulation, and
- online registration for heavy vehicles.

“A broad range of industries are benefiting from these reforms, including small, medium and large businesses in the construction, transport, hospitality, education, and primary production sectors,” Mr Tripodi said.

Diverse sectors of the community will save \$54.5 million a year from reforms such as:

- streamlining processes for admissions to the legal profession
- faster approvals for group homes for people with disabilities, and
- online services from the RTA.

Red tape reductions within Government of \$27.7 million a year will cut the compliance burden so public servants are free to focus on providing front line services.

The NSW Government has made red tape reduction a key part of its economic policy, and is driving this agenda through the activities of the Better

Regulation Office, the target, and by making red tape a condition in CEO performance contracts.

“We are confident we are on track to meet our ambitious \$500 million target by June 2011”, Mr Tripodi said.

The fourth report on the Government’s progress in implementing IPART’s recommendations to reduce regulatory burden was also released today, showing 62 of IPART’s 74 recommendations have been implemented, with the remaining 12 on-track to be delivered.

Making it easy in NSW: 2008-09 Annual Update is available on the Better Regulation Office website at www.betterregulation.nsw.gov.au.