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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

## Frequently Asked Questions – Jobs Fund

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## Second Call For Proposals

### **When is Round Two of the Jobs Fund?**

The second and final round of the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund opened on 5 November 2009, with a closing time and date of 11:00pm AEDT Friday 11 December 2009.

The call for proposals was published on the Keep Australia Working website, [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx) on Thursday 5 November 2009 and advertised in national newspapers on Saturday 7 November 2009.

### **My proposal was unsuccessful in Round One, can I resubmit this proposal or will it be automatically considered in further calls?**

The Jobs Fund has been retargeted to include a number of broader initiatives and to align with the recommendations from the final *Keep Australia Working Report*, released on 16 October 2009. The Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream have also been tightened to focus on green jobs and training outcomes and effective Intermediate Labour Market models including social enterprises.

Separate guidelines have been developed for these streams and are available at [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx).

Organisations that were unsuccessful under the Jobs Fund first call for proposals and are seeking funding under Round Two will be required to submit proposals under the new guidelines for consideration in this round. Proponents are advised to ensure their proposal is targeted towards the criteria within the new guidelines. The second and final round of the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream opened on 5 November 2009, with a closing time and date of 11:00pm AEDT Friday 11 December 2009.

The call for proposals was published on the Keep Australia Working website, [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx) on Thursday 5 November 2009 and advertised in national newspapers on Saturday 7 November 2009.

### **My proposal was unsuccessful in Round One and I didn't request a debriefing. Can I get a debriefing now?**

Proponents who submitted applications which were unsuccessful under the Local Jobs and Get Communities Working streams, and also Temporary Financial Assistance, were offered the opportunity for feedback on the outcomes and specific comments on their proposal.

Debriefing sessions commenced on Monday 21 September 2009 and ran until Friday 6 November 2009.

**I submitted a proposal after the closing date for Round One, will this proposal still be considered or do I have to resubmit it?**

The Jobs Fund has been retargeted to include a number of broader initiatives and to align with the recommendations from the final *Keep Australia Working Report*, released on 16 October 2009. The Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream have also been tightened to focus on green jobs and training outcomes and effective Intermediate Labour Market models including social enterprises.

New guidelines and Proposal for Funding Forms have been developed for each of these streams and are available at [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx).

Organisations who submitted an application after the closing date for Round One now need to review and resubmit their proposal if they wish to apply for funding under Round Two. The second and final round of the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund opened on 5 November 2009, with a closing time and date of 11:00pm AEDT Friday 11 December 2009.

The call for proposals was published on the Keep Australia Working website, [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx) on Thursday 5 November 2009 and advertised in national newspapers on Saturday 7 November 2009.

**What funding is available under the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream for Round Two?**

Funding of \$93 million is available for an Australia-wide second call for proposals. This will comprise:

- \$52 million under the Local Jobs stream for projects focusing on green jobs and skills, and
- \$41 million under the Get Communities Working stream for projects with a focus on Intermediate Labour Market models, including social enterprises.

**What is an Intermediate Labour Market?**

An Intermediate Labour Market creates jobs and offers work experience and training opportunities that prepare participants for work in the mainstream labour market.

**What is a social enterprise operating as an Intermediate Labour Market?**

Social enterprises operating as intermediate or alternative labour markets are organisations that adopt a business model, but have an explicit social purpose. These organisations provide support to disadvantaged people who may experience exclusion

from the mainstream labour market in order to assist them to secure sustainable employment and, in most cases, transition to the mainstream labour market.

Characteristics of social enterprises include the following:

- A business whose core objectives and actions centre on social purposes
- Often provides an unmet service to the community that is not being met by the commercial market
- Often employs people who have been excluded from mainstream employment and the output of high quality goods and services is balanced with supporting the well-being of the people who are employees and shareholders
- Social enterprises can be for profit or not-for-profit but frequently reinvest their profits into the organisation or into other socially beneficial activities, or are profit making but non profit distributing
- Funding models – Sponsors, donations, government grants. Social enterprises often use seed funding (resources to start an initiative or business). Social enterprises may develop income streams that allow non-profit organisations to become self-sustaining and independent overtime.

**Will there be another round of funding where applications can be submitted?**

No. The second round for funding under the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream will be the final round.

**The Australia Government announced that the Jobs Fund is a \$650 million initiative. How has this money been allocated?**

Of the \$650 million funding has been allocated as follows:

- \$132 million was provided to 172 projects across Australia under the Local Jobs and Get Communities Working streams
- \$11 million was provided to 37 organisations across Australia under the Temporary Financial Assistance component of the Get Communities Working stream
- \$40 million was provided for the construction of new bike paths or for extensions or refurbishment of existing bike paths under the Bike Paths stream
- \$60 million was provided to support high priority heritage projects, particularly in regional areas, under the Heritage stream
- \$150 million will be provided for investment in infrastructure projects which generate jobs in regions affected by the global recession under the Infrastructure Employment Projects stream.
- \$93 million is available for an Australia-wide second call for proposals (\$52 million under the Local Jobs stream and \$41 million under the Get Communities Working stream), this was announced on 16 October 2009
- The *Apprentice Kickstart* package, announced on 16 October 2009, which introduces two initiatives:
  - an \$80 million Apprenticeship Kickstart Bonus for employers of Australian Apprentices undertaking training in skills shortage trades, and
  - \$20 million to increase pre-apprenticeship training opportunities.

- \$15.4 million has been allocated to support the Australian Government contribution to the Victorian Bushfire Recovery. This is part of the *Rebuilding Together* initiative announced by the Prime Minister on 16 October 2009.
- \$10 million has been committed to fund the development of five joint arts, business and community centres for young Australians, this was announced on 22 October 2009.
- \$4.1 million is available to support Centrelink in running additional Jobs Expos in Priority Employment Areas. This initiative was included in the final *Keep Australia Working* Report released on 16 October 2009.

The remaining funds are subject to Government consideration.

### **When is it expected that successful projects under Round Two will be announced?**

It is anticipated that successful projects will be announced by early April 2010 with projects commencing from one month after the announcement date. All applicants will be advised by letter of the outcome of their application.

## **General**

### **What types of projects were successful under Round One?**

Projects that were successful under Round One of the Local Jobs and Get Communities Working streams were value adding projects which focused on job creation, demonstrated the availability of clear linkages and employment opportunities in the area, as well as those that would be viable and sustainable beyond 30 June 2011. Successful projects were also within areas experiencing high unemployment, a significant rise in unemployment or vulnerability.

For more information on successful projects in your region under Round One please contact your Local Employment Coordinator.

### **What can funds be used for?**

Examples of the types of projects that could be funded under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream are provided in the Local Jobs guidelines or the Get Communities Working guidelines which are at [www.keeppaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobFund](http://www.keeppaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobFund)

The Frequently Asked Questions, published on the above website, also provides information on whether salaries and training courses can be paid for out of funding under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream.

### **Can salaries come out of a Jobs Fund grant?**

Yes, the payment of salaries can form part of a Jobs Fund project proposal.

**Can organisations put in a joint project proposal for funding under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund?**

Yes. Organisations can submit joint project proposals. The organisations will need to appoint one of the organisations as the lead organisation, authorised to act on behalf of all of the others for the purposes of all dealings with the Commonwealth under the funding agreement.

**Can more than one project be submitted from an organisation?**

Organisations may submit more than one project proposal, however, each project requires a separate Proposal for Funding Form to be completed and will be assessed on its merits.

**Can funds under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund be used to pay for accredited or non-accredited training courses for people employed on a Jobs Fund project?**

Yes, as long as the training supports the outcomes of the project and builds additional skills for the job seeker, and funding for the training is not available from other sources of Government funding.

**How will the Jobs Fund generate real jobs and skill people for the future?**

A key factor in selecting projects for funding will be their ability to create and sustain jobs.

Jobs will be created directly, for example, through employing staff to manage or work in projects or work in social enterprises. Projects could also lead to indirect job creation as the economy of local communities benefit from the flow-on impact of the projects.

**Are the funds time limited?**

Yes. Funding under the Local Jobs stream or Get Communities Working stream will not extend past 30 June 2011. The department will not make payments for any work or expenses incurred for projects after 30 June 2011. Projects which expect to exist beyond this date must demonstrate that the project will be economically sustainable beyond 30 June 2011.

**What happens once the funding for these projects runs out?**

Projects which expect to exist beyond 30 June 2011 must demonstrate that the project will be economically sustainable.

The Jobs Fund will support projects that have the potential to be sustainable and provide long-term employment opportunities for job seekers in areas of high unemployment. One of the factors taken into account when assessing projects will be the ability of a project to maintain benefits to the community in the long term.

**We have already started the project, if our application is successful, will we be reimbursed for the costs we have already incurred?**

No. Payments will only be made for expenditure carried out after the date of the Funding Agreement.

**I want to speak to someone about the Jobs Fund, who can I call?**

To ensure all potential Jobs Fund applicants receive consistent and accurate information, we ask you to email questions to: [jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au).

If your project is located in a Priority Employment Area you may contact your Local Employment Coordinator. Please refer to page 13 of these FAQs for a list of Local Employment Coordinators and their areas.

**Who can I contact if I have feedback or a complaint about the Jobs Fund?**

The department welcomes feedback in order to ensure the best possible service to the community. Complaints about the operation of the Jobs Fund should be submitted by email to the DEEWR email box ([jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au)). The department will investigate and follow up on all feedback received.

**Will there be an opportunity to receive feedback/debriefing on my application submitted under Round Two of the Local Jobs or Get Communities Working streams of the Jobs Fund?**

Once all applicants have been formally advised by letter of the outcome of their applications, applicants can request a debriefing session to discuss the outcome of their applications. The letters sent to unsuccessful applicants will provide a phone number to call and will ask them to quote their Jobs Fund proposal number. It is anticipated debriefing sessions will be held between late April 2010 and mid May 2010.

**Application Form**

**Have the Jobs Fund guidelines or Proposal for Funding Form changed for Round Two?**

The Jobs Fund guidelines have been revised to take into account the retargeting of the Jobs Fund and recommendations from the final *Keep Australia Working Report*, released on 16 October 2009. A separate set of guidelines and Proposal for Funding Form have been developed for the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream and are available at [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx).

### **How do I submit a project proposal for funding under the Local Jobs stream?**

To apply for funding under the Local Jobs stream, all applicants must complete and email the electronic Proposal for Funding Form, the Financial and Credentials Information Form and any attachments to the DEEWR email box ([jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au)). All documents, including any attachments, must be submitted together by the closing time and date, 11:00pm AEDT Friday 11 December 2009.

The Proposal for Funding Form for the Local Jobs stream and the Financial and Credentials Information Form can be found at [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx).

Detailed instructions to email the electronic Proposal for Funding Form can be found on the Keep Australia Working website. Organisations should familiarise themselves with these instructions before submitting their application.

Please note: paper or faxed copies of the Proposal for Funding Form **will not be accepted**.

### **How do I submit a project proposal for funding under the Get Communities Working stream?**

To apply for funding under the Get Communities Working stream, all applicants must complete and email the electronic Proposal for Funding Form, the Financial and Credentials Information Form and any attachments to the DEEWR email box ([jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au)). All documents, including any attachments, must be submitted together by the closing time and date, 11:00pm AEDT Friday 11 December 2009.

The Proposal for Funding Form for the Get Communities Working stream and the Financial and Credentials Information Form can be found at [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFund.aspx).

Detailed instructions to email the electronic Proposal for Funding Form can be found on the Keep Australia Working website. Organisations should familiarise themselves with these instructions before submitting their application.

Please note: paper or faxed copies of the Proposal for Funding Form **will not be accepted**.

### **How do I know if my application was received for Round 2 of the Jobs Fund?**

All emails received by the Jobs Fund mailbox at [Jobs.Fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:Jobs.Fund@deewr.gov.au) generate an automated response to the sender to acknowledge receipt of the email. If your email was not acknowledged by the Department, you can email the Jobs Fund mailbox to seek confirmation.

**If a proponent sends a hard copy of their project proposal will the department contact them to request that a copy be sent by email?**

Both the Local Jobs guidelines and the Get Communities Working guidelines state that paper or faxed copies of the Proposal for Funding Form will not be accepted. However, if a proponent submits a hard copy of their Proposal for Funding Form the department will endeavour to contact the proponent by telephone and email address (where these details have been provided) to request that the organisation email their proposal to the DEEWR email box ([jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au)). Note to be considered for funding the electronic application must be submitted by 11:00pm AEDT Friday 11 December 2009.

**How do proponents submit hard copies of attachments or a large quantity of attachments?**

Proponents should scan the original hard copy of the attachment and attach it to the email with their Proposal for Funding Form and the Financial and Credentials Information Form to the DEEWR email box ([jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au)). Emailed applications to the Jobs Fund mailbox, including any attachments, should not exceed 50Mb, and preferably be below 20Mb.

If proponents are unable to scan the attachment or would like advice on how to submit larger attachments they should email the DEEWR email box ([jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au)) where advice will be provided on an individual basis.

Please note: The Proposal for Funding Form **must** be submitted as an excel document.

**Do I need to complete the Financial and Credentials Information Form?**

Yes. All applicants for the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream must fill out the Financial and Credentials Information Form. The information requested is necessary to assess your proposal. Missing or unclear information may make you ineligible for funding.

**Is there a page, word or character limit for Jobs Fund applications?**

Word or character limits are specified in the Proposal for Funding Forms for the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream.

**Can attachments be provided with the Proposal for Funding Form?**

Attachments may be provided where necessary to provide evidence that directly supports the applicant's project proposal. All attachments must be emailed together with the Proposal for Funding Form and the Financial and Credentials Information Form.

Proponents are advised that emailed applications to the Jobs Fund mailbox, including any attachments, should not exceed 50Mb, and preferably be below 20Mb.

### **Can I submit one project proposal form with multiple components?**

If a project has different components, for example a community infrastructure and social enterprise component, but is a single project, then only one Proposal for Funding Form needs to be submitted.

### **What is required in the business plan?**

The Proposal for Funding Form requests a business plan with cash flow projections. A business plan should provide enough information to give a good explanation of the project and how it will work. A business plan should include the purpose and objectives of the project, the people involved in the project, why the project is needed, the location of the project, how the project will be managed and the project's financial costs and cash flow projections.

### **I am having problems downloading Jobs Fund information, what can I do?**

Send an email explaining what Jobs Fund information you require to: [jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:jobs.fund@deewr.gov.au). The information can then be emailed to you.

### **Does a national organisation need to submit a Financial and Credentials Information Form for each of its state subsidiary organisations?**

No. One form will be sufficient where the National organisation will be the party entering into the contractual arrangement with the Commonwealth and be responsible for all aspects of the arrangement, financial, reporting and outcomes.

### **If I wish to submit multiple project proposals, do I need to complete a Financial and Credentials Information Form for each proposal?**

No, however you should make reference to the fact that your organisation has submitted several proposals and the one completed Financial and Credentials Information Form is for all proposals.

## **Eligibility**

### **What organisations are eligible for funding?**

Non-profit organisations, employment services providers, industry associations, unions, peak bodies, regional development agencies and community organisations are eligible to apply for funding under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund. Organisations will need to be incorporated.

Please note that local/state/territory governments are no longer eligible to apply for funding under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund, except for Indigenous community councils.

However, local/state/territory governments can still partner with eligible organisations to submit a proposal. In this instance, the project proposal will need to be submitted by the eligible organisation.

### **Why do the Jobs Fund eligibility criteria require potential applicant organisations to be incorporated?**

For the purposes of the Jobs Fund Guidelines a Jobs Fund applicant will only be eligible to apply for funding if it is incorporated or established as a body corporate which is legally capable of entering into contracts in its own right and is empowered to enter into a contract to carry out the proposed funding project.

If the entity wishing to apply for funding under the Jobs Fund is a body corporate incorporated by operation of law (for example, a body corporate incorporated under Commonwealth, state or territory legislation such as a company registered under the Corporations Act 2001 or an entity incorporated under other state or territory incorporation legislation or specific legislation which incorporates the relevant applicant entity), it will meet the incorporation requirement under the Jobs Fund guidelines. Please note that the registration of a business name and an ABN are not indicators of incorporation in themselves.

If you have any doubt as to whether a particular entity is incorporated, you may wish to obtain your own independent legal advice.

### **What is the definition of an employment services provider?**

An employment services provider is any organisation that has been successful in the tender for the Government's new Job Services Australia which began operation on 1 July 2009 or is a current Disability Employment Network organisation, or a Vocational Rehabilitation Services organisation, excluding Commonwealth Agencies.

### **Are educational institutions eligible for funding?**

If the educational institution is not-for-profit and meets the eligibility criteria, it is eligible for funding under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream of the Jobs Fund. The project must be in addition to the normal activities of the institution.

### **Are organisations that only have volunteers working for them eligible to apply for funding under the Local Jobs stream or the Get Communities Working stream?**

The focus of the Jobs Fund is creating and retaining jobs. Organisations that only focus on volunteer activity and do not offer paid employment or a pathway to paid employment may be eligible to apply for funding, however would need to demonstrate that their project meets all five criteria for the stream of funding for which they are applying. Local Jobs guidelines, Get Communities Working guidelines and the Frequently Asked Questions published on the Keep Australia Working website, [www.keeppaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund](http://www.keeppaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobsFund).

### **What has changed for the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream in Round Two?**

Separate guidelines have been developed for the Local Jobs stream and the Get Communities Working stream and are available at [www.KeepAustraliaWorking.gov.au/JobFund](http://www.KeepAustraliaWorking.gov.au/JobFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx).

#### The Local Jobs stream

This stream has a greater focus on the creation of green jobs, development of green skills, promotion of energy efficient infrastructure and development of skills in future green industries.

#### The Get Communities Working stream

This stream has a greater focus on Intermediate Labour Market models, including social enterprises. Intermediate Labour Market projects create jobs and offer work experience and training opportunities that prepare participants for work in the mainstream labour market.

#### **What can be funded under the *Local Jobs* stream?**

The Local Jobs stream will fund job creation projects that benefit the local community and have a positive impact on the environment.

Projects under this stream will focus on the creation of green jobs, development of green skills, promotion of energy efficient infrastructure and development of skills in future green industries.

Examples of the types of projects that could be funded under this stream are in the Jobs Fund – Local Jobs Guidelines which are at [www.KeepAustraliaWorking.gov.au/JobFund](http://www.KeepAustraliaWorking.gov.au/JobFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx).

#### **What can be funded under the *Get Communities Working* stream?**

The Get Communities Working stream will focus on Intermediate Labour Market models, including social enterprises. Intermediate Labour Market projects create jobs and offer work experience and training opportunities that prepare and transition participants for work in the mainstream labour market.

This stream will focus on the delivery of projects to build community capacity, improve community strength and amenity and provide opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers. This stream and its associated projects will link people with training and employment by creating jobs and opportunities in communities affected by the global recession.

Examples of the types of projects that could be funded under this stream are in the Jobs Fund – Get Communities Working Guidelines which are located at

[www.keeptaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobFund](http://www.keeptaustraliaworking.gov.au/JobFund) and at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx).

## PRIORITY EMPLOYMENT AREAS

### Is my area in a Priority Employment Area?

Twenty regions have been identified as Priority Employment Areas. These are:

- Canterbury-Bankstown and South Western Sydney (New South Wales)
- Illawarra (New South Wales)
- Richmond-Tweed and Clarence Valley (New South Wales)
- Mid-North Coast (New South Wales)
- Sydney West and Blue Mountains (New South Wales)
- Central Coast-Hunter (New South Wales)
- South Eastern Melbourne (Victoria)
- North Western Melbourne (Victoria)
- Ballarat-Bendigo (Central Victoria)
- North Eastern Victoria
- Ipswich-Logan (Queensland)
- Cairns (Queensland)
- Townsville-Thuringowa (Queensland)
- Caboolture-Sunshine Coast (Queensland)
- Southern Wide Bay-Burnett (Queensland)
- Bundaberg-Hervey Bay (Queensland)
- Northern and Western Adelaide (South Australia)
- Port Augusta-Whyalla-Port Pirie (South Australia)
- South West Perth (Western Australia)
- North West/Northern Tasmania

If you are unsure if your proposed project is in a Jobs Fund Priority Employment Area, please refer to the *Priority Areas defined by Local Government Areas* document available at [www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobFund.aspx).

### What are Priority Employment Areas?

As part of the Australian Government's *Jobs and Training Compact*, Priority Employment Areas have been selected based on an analysis of various labour market indicators, a combination of which increase a region's likelihood of experiencing disadvantage now or in the future.

### How were the Priority Employment Areas selected?

The Priority Employment Areas have been selected based on an analysis of various labour market indicators, a combination of which increases a region's likelihood of experiencing disadvantage now or in the future. As part of this process, weight was given to a range of characteristics and/or criteria including the following:

- those regions that already face high levels of labour market disadvantage and a high unemployment rate
- those regions displaying a notable increase in Centrelink unemployment beneficiary numbers since the onset of the global recession and which may be 'at risk' of employment losses and increases in unemployment as the slowdown takes full effect
- those regions that already have a high proportion of their population on Centrelink benefits
- those regions whose population has poor educational attainment levels/low skills
- those regions which, in previous downturns, experienced entrenched disadvantage or a significant lift in the unemployment rate, and
- those regions with a high concentration of industries that are likely to exhibit or are already exhibiting a significant decrease in employment (or rise in unemployment) due to the global recession (e.g. those with high concentrations of Manufacturing, Financial and Insurance Services, Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services, Mining or Accommodation and Food Services).

## Local Employment Coordinators

### What are Local Employment Coordinators?

Local Employment Coordinators have been engaged by the department to co-ordinate and drive local responses to job losses and declining economic demand in targeted areas.

Local Employment Coordinators support communities hardest hit by the global recession and help drive local responses to unemployment.

The Local Employment Coordinators:

- play a vital role in identifying employment opportunities and providing support to workers who have lost their job in these tough economic times,
- work closely with local councils, businesses, chambers of commerce, unions and community organisations to maximise employment and training opportunities resulting from the Government's stimulus package, and
- work towards developing apprenticeship opportunities and promoting the skills these communities will need in the future to place them in the best possible position to take up opportunities once the economy recovers.

### How long will Local Employment Coordinators be in place?

Local Employment Coordinators will be deployed up until 30 June 2011.

## Who is our Local Employment Coordinator and how can I get in touch with them?

### Local Employment Coordinator Contact Details as at 12 February 2010

Name	Priority Employment Area	State	Phone	Email
John Warmbrunn	Ballarat-Bendigo (Central Victoria)	VIC	0409 427 977	<a href="mailto:john.warmbrunn@deewr.gov.au">john.warmbrunn@deewr.gov.au</a>
Jason Millward	Bundaberg-Hervey Bay	QLD	0412 772 307	<a href="mailto:jason.millward@deewr.gov.au">jason.millward@deewr.gov.au</a>
Steve Hogan	Caboolture-Sunshine Coast	QLD	0400 111 518	<a href="mailto:steve.hogan@deewr.gov.au">steve.hogan@deewr.gov.au</a>
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Jack Ritchie	Central Coast-Hunter	NSW	0458 274 444	<a href="mailto:jack.ritchie@deewr.gov.au">jack.ritchie@deewr.gov.au</a>
Jane Robinson	Illawarra	NSW	0421 988 670	<a href="mailto:jane.robinson@deewr.gov.au">jane.robinson@deewr.gov.au</a>
Samantha Wilson	Ipswich-Logan	QLD	0423 605 631	<a href="mailto:sam.wilson2@deewr.gov.au">sam.wilson2@deewr.gov.au</a>
Renee Hawkins	Mid-North Coast	NSW	0402 507 697	<a href="mailto:renee.hawkins@deewr.gov.au">renee.hawkins@deewr.gov.au</a>
Julie Tyndall	North Eastern Victoria	VIC	0411 674 332	<a href="mailto:julie.tyndall@deewr.gov.au">julie.tyndall@deewr.gov.au</a>
Geoff Speers	North West/Northern Tasmania	TAS	0448 526 546	<a href="mailto:geoff.speers@deewr.gov.au">geoff.speers@deewr.gov.au</a>
John Macdonald	North Western Melbourne	VIC	0427 709 766	<a href="mailto:john.macdonald@deewr.gov.au">john.macdonald@deewr.gov.au</a>
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