

## South Australian Department of State Development

May 2014

On 5 May 2014 South Australian Premier the Hon Jay Weatherill MP announced the establishment of a new Department of State Development and project facilitation unit within the South Australian state government.

The Department of Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade Resources and Energy and the Department of Further Education, Employment and Science and Technology will merge to form the new Department.

The Premier's media release is available [here](#).

### Role of the Department of State Development

The Premier announced that the new Department will seek to create stronger links between Government and the private sector in order to identify and remove barriers to job creation.

The Department of State Development has been tasked with the following:

- driving and leverage growth in the economy;
- administering *Our Jobs Plan*;
- coordinating the SA Government's engagement with small to medium business; and
- serving the following ministers:
  - Minister for Employment and Minister for Science the Hon Gail Gago MLC;
  - Minister for Defence Industries the Hon Jack Snelling MP;
  - Treasurer and Minister for State Development the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP; and
  - Minister for Manufacturing the Hon Susan Close MP.

The Department will also be able to assist with ameliorating bureaucratic delays, accessing the *Jobs Accelerator Fund*, and realising the agenda set out in the *Let's Keep Building South Australia* policy platform presented at the 2014 South Australian state election.

### Implementation

Raymond Garrand has been appointed interim Chief Executive for the new Department. Mr Garrand has served as the Chief Executive of the SA Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) since 2008, having previously worked as Chief Executive of the former SA Department of Trade and Economic Development.



The Government will advertise for the position of Chief Executive for the Department of State Development, to commence 1 July 2014.

Premier Weatherill will also be visiting South Australian businesses over the coming weeks to discuss the changes.

**Further information**

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on South Australian Labor's *Let's keep building South Australia* policy platform presented at the 2014 State election is available [here](#)

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on *Our Jobs Plan*, the South Australian Government's response to the closure of General Motors Holden's Elizabeth plant in 2017, is available [here](#).