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NSW GOVERNMENT HELPS CREATE 20 JOBS IN WOLLONGONG

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Assistance from the NSW Government is helping Wollongong company, ahm Total Health, as it invests in expanding its business by creating 20 new jobs, Minister for the Illawarra, David Campbell said today.

Mr Campbell said the company would receive assistance through the NSW Government's Illawarra Advantage Fund.

"The Government is supporting Illawarra businesses as they invest and create jobs in the region," Mr Campbell said.

Wollongong MP Noreen Hay said Total Health, a division of Medibank Health Solutions, currently employed 77 people and provided health coaching on specific health needs, with the aim of preventing illness and helping people better manage their health conditions.

"The company is expanding its team to fulfill the growing demand from government, private health insurance and corporate customers to provide telephone and web-based health coaching services," Ms Hay said.

"Twenty new jobs for Wollongong is welcome news and will assist in further boosting our local economy."

Total Health's General Manager, Dermot Roche, said the NSW Government's assistance will help to support the recruitment, training and on-going employment of the new team members.

"Through our health management programs, our team of clinicians help coach people to improve their health or better manage their health conditions," Mr Roche said.

"Telephonic health coaching is now becoming a means of getting access to large groups of the population who need to change their lifestyles and behaviours in order to stay healthy or prevent further onset of disease.

"The NSW Government's assistance will help us to accelerate our expansion plans for our program and employ new people in Wollongong more quickly."

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