



New South Wales Government

The Hon Steve Whan MP  
Minister for Emergency Services  
Minister for Small Business

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## **SMALL BUSINESS MINISTER WELCOMES FORMATION OF SYDNEY HARBOUR BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

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The NSW Minister for Small Business Steve Whan today called on the newly formed Sydney Harbour Business Alliance to work with the public and private sector for the betterment of harbour-based businesses.

Minister Whan said the alliance would speak as one for its current and potential members who operate small and medium businesses from Manly to Homebush Bay.

“The traders and business people who make your livelihood on these foreshores, give Sydney the character and ambience which each year charms millions of locals and visitors alike Minister Whan said.

“Federal, State and Local jurisdictions overlap around these foreshores.

“Managing the demands of each stakeholder with a vested interest in Sydney’s bays and inlets requires clear thinking and good public policy.

“The NSW Government has consistently delivered on both, which is why Sydney has the largest financial, property and business services sector in Australia,” he said.

Minister Whan said an upturn in business confidence could be partly attributed to Government economic stimulus packages.

“New South Wales is embarking on the largest program of capital expenditure in our history, a program made possible through the Australian Government’s \$42 billion Nation Building program.

“It is the right program for the right time, and a fine example of the NSW and Australian Government’s working in lock step,” he said.

Minister Whan said the advice of the Sydney Harbour Business Alliance is of immense value to the small business sector.

“Our’s is a city with a gold-plated reputation. Every year Sydney comes out on top as one of the world’s greatest cities on a dozen or more international indicators.

“With your help we will continue to do so, well into the foreseeable future,” he said.