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## **Rees Labor Government supports Tamworth concrete manufacturer**

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The Rees Labor Government is supporting BJB Concrete Pty Ltd, trading as REDiMIX Concrete, to hire more staff and establish a state-of-the-art batching facility in Tamworth, Minister for Small Business Steve Whan said today.

Mr Whan who is in Tamworth for a question and answer session with small business operators about NSW Government initiatives, said the company is investing more than \$2.6 million to establish the new facility.

“This investment is expected to create eight new jobs in Tamworth,” Mr Whan said.

“The company’s new plant will have the capacity to produce 120 cubic metres of concrete per hour and the ability to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, depending on demand.”

Mr Whan said the company is introducing new technology and water saving measures at the plant.

“The new facility will reduce water wastage through its recycling system and increase efficiency by using new computer controlled batching technology.

“This will help the business to be sustainable and supports the need to conserve and use water more efficiently in the bush.”

REDiMIX Concrete was provided assistance under the Rees Government’s Regional Business Development scheme.

Mr Whan said the Regional Business Development scheme offered assistance to businesses that expanded and created jobs in Regional NSW.

“I urge other businesses looking to expand and put on more staff to approach the Department of State and Regional Development about this terrific scheme,” he said.

Mr Whan said \$7.68 million had been allocated in the recent Budget for regional development assistance such as this.

“This includes a suite of programs to assist small and medium businesses wanting to expand and take on more staff in Regional NSW with grants or payroll tax rebates to cover set up or relocation costs,” Mr Whan said.



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“Payroll tax has been slashed and now more than 90 per cent of small and medium businesses in NSW do not pay it.

“We have raised the payroll tax threshold from \$600,000 to \$623,000, and it will be increased to \$638,000 on 1 July 2009 with further rises to be indexed each year in line with CPI.

“Payroll Tax will be further reduced to 5.65 per cent from 1 January 2010 and to 5.5 per cent from 1 January 2011,” Mr Whan said.

For further information on NSW Department of State and Regional Development programs visit [www.business.nsw.gov.au](http://www.business.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Tamworth office on 6766 1360.