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## **NEW JOBS CEMENT ORANGE AS CORPORATE HQ**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner and Member for Orange Andrew Gee today announced 39 new NSW Trade & Investment jobs to be located in Orange.

"These roles will cement the NSW Trade & Investment offices at Kite Street as Corporate Operations headquarters for the department," Deputy Premier Stoner said.

"NSW Trade & Investment, incorporating the Department of Primary Industries, is already one of the city's largest employers injecting tens of millions of dollars into the local economy in salaries.

"The new roles we are announcing today will play a significant part of NSW Trade & Investment's new approach to service delivery to overcome structural inefficiencies and utilise the roll-out of an Australian-first corporate information management system.

"The consolidation of corporate operations functions to Orange will be pivotal in NSW Trade & Investment efficiently providing services to the department's workforce which is based across both regional and metropolitan NSW.

"This decision builds on the foresight of the Liberal & Nationals Government that relocated the Department of Agriculture to Orange from the Sydney CBD in 1992.

"This is another example of how the NSW Liberals and Nationals are making practical decisions to regionalise appropriate functions of the public sector where it makes sense.

"Recruitment will begin shortly to fill roles in the key areas of property management, recruitment, finance management, fleet management, strategic procurement and other internal service functions.

"The vacancies will be advertised as part of a large recruitment process."

Member for Orange Andrew Gee welcomed the announcement to consolidate and build up NSW Trade & Investment's presence in Orange.

"This is a boost for the local economy and for the region's workforce," Mr Gee said.

"There will be more public-sector employment opportunities in Orange and that is good news, not just for the city, but for the surrounding districts as well.

"With decisions like this, it's clear the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government is committed to a policy of decentralisation and to boosting the economies of communities like Orange."

Mr Gee said that the net effect of today's announcement, when combined with the NSW Government's *Local Land Services* policy, would be an expected overall net gain of 36 positions in the city of Orange.