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ILLAWARRA AND WESTERN SYDNEY JOBS WINNERS

Unemployment sits at record lows in two major areas across the state on the back of record job creation numbers by the NSW Government.

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said NSW continued to lead the country on job growth, with especially strong numbers in Western Sydney and the Greater Illawarra regions.

“We have the lowest rate of unemployment of any state in the country and have created 113,700 jobs in just over a year,” Mr Perrottet said.

“This is an outstanding result for NSW, a job helps people build a bright and secure future for themselves and their families.”

Despite the drought, employment was strong across regional NSW with 51,700 more residents finding work over the year to July.

In the Greater Illawarra region, 17,500 more people have found work since the last State election in 2015.

“I visited Wollongong this week and spoke with business and community leaders who were incredibly positive about their region and the future,” Mr Perrottet said.

“These latest figures show the unemployment rate in Wollongong, Kiama and Shellharbour remains at a record low 4.5 per cent, while the broader Greater Illawarra region has a record low 5.4 per cent rate.”

ABS data revealed record low unemployment in the following areas:

- **Western Sydney** unemployment is at an all-time low of 4.9%.
- **Greater Illawarra** (includes the Illawarra, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven) unemployment rate is just 5.4%, the lowest rate on record.

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