



**Damien Tudehope**  
Minister for Finance and Small Business

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### **NEW SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER FOR NSW**

Minister for Finance and Small Business Damien Tudehope has today announced the appointment of Chris Lamont as the new NSW Small Business Commissioner.

Mr Lamont will lead the Office of the Small Business Commission, which is responsible for advocacy, strategic advice, free to low-cost mediation and support to small businesses across the State.

Mr Tudehope said Mr Lamont's appointment would provide the Small Business Commission with focus and direction at a difficult time for small businesses.

"The Small Business Commission has a strong track record in advocating for small businesses and strives to resolve issues impacting their day-to-day operations," Mr Tudehope said.

"It is a passionate supporter of small business and has played a critical role in assisting businesses during the drought, the recent bushfires and now COVID-19.

"Chris is known for his ability to develop relationships within government, industry and the business community and this experience is sure to be of great benefit and he will be a strong advocate for small business in NSW."

Mr Lamont has more than 20 years of experience, comprising policy development and advocacy, senior government positions, not-for-profit and industry associations, business and the delivery of major government reforms and programs.

Most recently, Mr Lamont has been the General Manager for Capital Projects and Infrastructure with the City of Melbourne where he was responsible for the delivery of the capital works program.

Mr Lamont said he was excited to be taking up such an important role within NSW.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of their communities and they make up 97.5 per cent of businesses in NSW," Mr Lamont said.

"This is a tremendously challenging time for small business and I look forward to working with the Small Business Commission to assist them over the coming months and on the other side of COVID-19."

Mr Lamont's start date at the Small Business Commission will be 15 June.

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