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Hi everyone. I'm Jared Kendler. I'm the Executive Director of Industry Innovation and Precincts in New South Wales Treasury. Today, I'm going to give you an update on the Industry and Business Task Force. Over the last couple of weeks, the Industry and Business Task Force has been quite focused on the ongoing issues that industry and business are facing during this pandemic. But excitingly, the focus is now moved from the respond phase to how do we start to think about recover and how do we start to think about reopening?

The team have been working on a range of different initiatives. Firstly, we have an industry insights stream who have been working all across government with all of those in different agencies who have touch points into industry and business to ensure that insights are being captured around how best to open in a COVID-safe way and the challenges that industry and businesses are having with regard to existing public health orders and the easing of restrictions that has occurred.

The team have been doing a great job to consolidate all of these insights and preparing different reports that have been going up to the Treasurer, other Ministers, the Premier, and importantly, across to our Health colleagues to advocate for industry and business and particularly call attention to the misalignment that has occurred in some instances for some industries.

Secondly, another work stream that is being led by Lana has been focused on how do we improve our communications with industry and business. But firstly, with regards to the support and stimulus packages that are in place, whether that be the small-business grant or other initiatives that the government has announced. But now, over the last couple of weeks, how do we start to improve our communications with business to make them aware of all of the great resources that the government has developed so that they can open in a COVID-safe way. All those resources are housed on [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) and include things like checklists and also how to get self-accredited so that you can be deemed as COVID safe.

As we look forward over the next two weeks, the Industry and Business Task Force is thinking about how do we really transition to be focused on driving recovery? There's a couple different initiatives that the team are supporting around government. They include an issues forum led by our skills colleagues on how do we stand up a couple of different programs to support the retraining and skills accreditation, particularly for those people from industries where the recovery is going to be a little slower. Secondly, how do we support policy on a broader recovery across the state. Thirdly, I guess we're looking at how do we transition the Industry and Business Task Force so what we're calling to a 2.0 so that we can be continuing to keep this group together, to look at what needs to be the industry policies that are going to drive the priority sectors that we're focused on.