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### **FULL AGENDA FOR NSW JOBS SUMMIT**

NSW Premier Nathan Rees said this week's two day Jobs Summit is a critical opportunity for Government, business and industry to work together to protect NSW jobs in the face of the global financial crisis.

Speaking ahead of the Summit to be held in Sydney, Mr Rees released a comprehensive program which would see views heard from representatives across key NSW industry and employment sectors, and from all around the state.

"The Summit will bring together some of the State's major employers, representatives from sectors most impacted by the global downturn and those with greatest potential for growth."

Mr Rees there had been a great response from business to the summit with more than 250 people registered over the two days.

"This Summit is one part of the Government's broader response to the global economic downturn.

"NSW, like economies across the globe, faces unprecedented economic circumstances.

"This crisis, which started on Wall Street has now spread across the world causing a global recession.

"Governments everywhere are looking at ways to protect jobs and stimulate their economies as we continue to see the fall-out from this crisis, with job losses reported daily from all around the world."

Mr Rees said the NSW Government would do everything it can to stimulate the NSW economy and protect jobs.

"A major shot in the arm is the Government's four year \$56 billion capital works program, the biggest in the country.

"This will see \$13.9 billion in capital works programs supporting 154,000 jobs on average every year.

"Since I became Premier last September the Government has approved 142 major projects across the State worth almost \$7 billion, supporting 17, 539 jobs.

"This is part of our priority effort to unlock private investment by speeding up planning approvals and slashing red tape.

Mr Rees said the NSW Government stands shoulder to shoulder with the Rudd Government to deliver the nation building \$42 billion economic stimulus package.

"This comes on top of my Government's commitment to infrastructure investment.

“We have moved quickly to ensure delivery of this work with the appointment of Bob Leece as the Infrastructure Co-ordinator General and the creation of new planning powers to fast-track stimulus package projects.

“We are also providing expanded financial support for first home buyers delivering \$1.9 billion in payroll tax cuts and have cut levies to stimulate construction.”

“The Summit will give us the opportunity to build on these measures with the benefit of the valuable experience and insight of business and industry leaders.”

We have leaders and representatives from finance and insurance, retail, property, tourism, hospitality, Information Technology, Communications, Creative Industries, Manufacturing, Primary Industries, Mining, Transport, Logistics, Storage, Infrastructure, Construction, Health, Community Services and Education sectors.