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\$10 MILLION TO ACCELERATE ABORIGINAL BUSINESS GROWTH

The NSW Liberal and Nationals Government, in partnership with Aboriginal businesses, is accelerating the sector's prosperity with the release of the *NSW Roadmap for Aboriginal Business Growth*.

Informed through a series of Aboriginal Business Roundtables and backed by \$10 million in funding, the Roadmap outlines three streams of work, each one comprising immediate initiatives to drive progress and pathways for reform in the longer term.

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Ben Franklin said the Roadmap would support Aboriginal economic advancement and deliver on commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

"We listened, and now we're taking action. This Roadmap charts our approach to addressing key barriers and opportunities for Aboriginal business growth over the next four years," Mr Franklin said.

"NSW is the only State to have an additional priority reform for employment, business growth and economic prosperity. This Roadmap will deliver practical and tangible actions for Community."

Co-chair of the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (CAPO) Robert Skeen said the Roadmap will help provide Aboriginal businesses with more opportunities and celebrate their achievements.

"We need a thriving business sector to achieve the economic prosperity and employment goals of the Closing the Gap National Agreement. This Roadmap will help grow and support those businesses," Mr Skeen said.

"The NSW Government's commitment of \$10 million for this Roadmap is a strong initial investment in further expanding the Aboriginal business sector."

Further details on the *NSW Roadmap for Aboriginal Business Growth* can be found at <https://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/closingthegap/priority-reforms/nsw-roadmap-for-aboriginal-business-growth/>

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