

# Ian Macdonald

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## Orange home to Industry & Investment NSW headquarters

Minister for Primary Industries, Energy, Mineral Resources and State Development, Ian Macdonald, today announced that one of the State's new 13 super departments – Industry & Investment NSW – will locate its headquarters in Orange.

“This secures some 450 jobs for the local economy and reflects the State Government's commitment to rural and regional NSW,” Minister Macdonald said in Orange today.

“That's about \$3 million dollars per month in salaries which is great news for the Orange economy and surrounding regions – nearly \$40 million in salaries alone annually into the regional economy.

“Orange is set to become the nerve centre for the new Department which has a pivotal role in building the State's economy, enhancing the performance and sustainability of industry and attracting investment into NSW from within and beyond Australian shores.

“Kite Street is by far the largest office of Industry & Investment NSW with a critical mass of professional, corporate and scientific staff.”

Minister Macdonald said the former Head Office of the Department of Primary Industries at 161 Kite Street Orange will become headquarters for the new Industry & Investment NSW.

“This makes obvious sense as Orange is a central location that is ideal for servicing rural and regional NSW where many of our stakeholders, industry groups and clients are located,” Minister Macdonald said.

“I have asked the Director-General of Industry & Investment NSW, Dr Richard Sheldrake, to investigate co-locating some of the agency and authority offices already in Orange to the Kite Street Headquarters. This includes Game Council NSW and the Orange office of the former Department of State and Regional Development.

“We will continue to have a strong presence in Sydney where we have specialist staff readily accessible to do business and seize development opportunities for NSW.

“Industry & Investment NSW, has been established by the State Government to assist in building a diversified State economy that creates jobs and grows the wealth of our whole community.

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“Our aim is to attract investment to NSW and support innovative, sustainable and globally competitive industries through our strong technical knowledge and scientific capabilities.”

Minister Macdonald also announced the appointment of Ms Renata Brooks as Executive Director Orange to ensure there is a high level prominent contact point for Industry & Investment NSW in Orange, and somebody who can represent the Department in the local community.

“Ms Brooks is charged with overseeing the continuation of the 17 year history of great service to NSW from Orange,” he said.

“This is in addition to her role of Executive Director, Science, Innovation and Performance.

“Renata has close links to the local community and has worked across many of the focus areas of the new Department. This will be valuable in her task of continuing to ensure Orange headquarters has a productive and cohesive workforce and is accessible to our clients.”

Minister Macdonald said Industry & Investment NSW brings together the former agencies of Primary Industries, State and Regional Development, Energy, and includes partner agencies Tourism NSW, NSW Food Authority, Screen NSW, Forests NSW, Rural Assistance Authority, Game Council NSW and the Mine Subsidence Board.

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