



South Central Sub-region

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Region welcomes Jobs Hub commitment

THE South-Central Sub-region has welcomed the announcement a re-elected Liberal Government will establish a local Jobs Hub and provide additional funding to support local employment growth in the area.

The South-Central Jobs Tasmania Hub at Brighton will cover the Central Highlands, Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands and Brighton municipal areas where the councils have joined together to form the sub-regional group.

Chair of the sub-regional group and Brighton Council General Manager James Dryburgh said the proposed Jobs Hub would build on the success of the group's current workforce development project.

"The promised funding is recognition of the commitment and success to date of our four councils working together to identify and develop employment opportunities in the region," Mr Dryburgh said.

"Given the region's socio-economic profile, there is a significant potential workforce in the region that, because of social and educational disadvantage, has been unable to take advantage of growing employment opportunities.

"As well, employers in existing and emerging industries have often found it difficult to find suitably trained and qualified local employees.

"The four councils are working proactively to lift employment opportunities for people in their municipalities while providing potential employers with suitably trained, employment-ready employees."

Mr Dryburgh said the establishment of a local Jobs Hub would enhance the sub-region's workforce development project and support the connection between education and training organisations, job seekers, employment providers, the three tiers of government and employers.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said the workforce development project was already enjoying initial success and the Jobs Hub would provide a vital boost to this activity.

Central Highlands Mayor Loueen Triffitt said local employment was an important issue for the region and the Jobs Hub would bring an expanded focus identifying and creating jobs.

Derwent Valley Mayor Ben Shaw said it was a significant initiative that would support employment growth and development in the Derwent Valley and throughout the region.

Southern Midlands Mayor Alex Green said while the sub-regions' workforce development project was already paying dividends, the Jobs Hub would take this to the next level.

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