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**Hunter Investment Prospectus 2014**

To whom it may concern

The NSW Government recognises the vast potential of the Hunter. As a growing economic powerhouse and a key contributor to both the state and national economy, the NSW Government is committed to supporting the region's continued growth.

We are building on the region's areas of excellence and competitive advantages including mining, defence, tourism, agriculture, energy, health and education industries.

The Hunter is the centrepiece of the 2013-14 NSW budget, following the announcement that our Government will undertake a long-term lease of Newcastle Port, of which \$340 million of the proceeds will be directed towards the revitalisation of central Newcastle, to which the Government has already committed \$120 million.

This priority project will modernise Newcastle by reuniting the city's centre with its waterfront, improving accessibility with the proposed new light rail option, unlocking the enormous potential of the city and making it a diverse, vibrant and attractive place for visitors and locals.

Through this significant investment, our Government can address and fast-track additional infrastructure needs and support continued growth and economic development in the region.

For the last eight years the Hunter Investment Prospectus has played an important role in marketing the Hunter and promoting the region as one of the State's most significant areas for industrial, retail and commercial activity to both local and foreign investors.

The NSW Government has supported the Hunter Investment Prospectus since its inception and I write to encourage you to consider using the 2014 Hunter Investment Prospectus to promote your business and the wider Hunter region.

The NSW Government distributes hundreds of copies of the Hunter Investment Prospectus every year through our overseas and Austrade offices as well as at various expos and trade events within the Hunter, NSW and interstate.

The Hunter Investment Prospectus is provided to visiting delegations with an interest in investing in NSW and it is also used in individual presentations to companies looking to establish or relocate to the Hunter region.

The publication also has a strong online presence and is featured strongly on the Regional Development Australia – Hunter website.

The Hunter Investment Prospectus is produced by Hunter Business Publications in conjunction with Regional Development Australia – Hunter, and relies on business support to enable continued production.

The Hunter has a bright and pivotal future in rebuilding NSW. By supporting the publication, you will have the opportunity to attract new customers, be identified as an important organisation in the Hunter and be seen as a supporter of the future prosperity of the region.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Stoner', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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