

BUSINESS HUNTER

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City of Newcastle

Via Email - lwoodbury@ncc.nsw.gov.au

RE: LOCAL EVENT DAY

Business Hunter is pleased to write in support of the City of Newcastle's application to the NSW Government to declare a Local Event Day for the Newcastle Show.

As the peak business organisation in the Hunter region, Business Hunter is the voice of Australia's largest regional economy, with a membership group spanning more than 4,200 businesses across ten local government areas. We represent the perspectives of member and affiliate businesses across all sectors and all sizes of business, many of whom operate within the Newcastle City Council local government area (LGA).

Business Hunter understands that a Local Event Day is not a public holiday, but can be observed as one for those employees in the area who elect to, or have agreed to it in their relevant industrial agreement.

Business Hunter believes this is a sensible approach that empowers businesses to chose a course of action most appropriate for their business, weighing factors such as financial cost and impacts for staff and customers.

Business Hunter acknowledges the Newcastle Show contributes to the region's visitor economy and provides connection for community. A Local Event Day seems to strike the right balance between marking this significant event on the local calendar without imposing unnecessary pressure on businesses.



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