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Blue Stripe Meats a welcome addition to Tamworth's economy

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Member for Tamworth today congratulated newly established company Blue Stripe Meats upon its official opening in Tamworth by the NSW Regional Development Minister, David Campbell.

Mr Draper welcomed the State Government's recognition of the business's importance to the region's economy with Blue Stripe Meats currently employing 22 people and eventually creating 60 jobs.

"I'd like to congratulate Blue Stripe Meats' managing director Peter Howarth and his fellow directors on their confidence in the local community and on the establishment of what promises to be a prosperous business venture," Mr Draper said.

The $5 million beef fabricating and packaging facility, which began production in Taminda in November last year, specialises in delivering high quality beef products to retailers and consumers.

Mr Draper was also thrilled to see the State Government financially backing the expansion of paving company Australian Pavement Management Systems run by Tamworth businessman Brian Crowe and pasta production company Bellata Gold run by Doug Cush.

Mr Draper said the NSW Government supported the projects under the Regional Business Development Scheme and he encouraged other businesses starting up in the electorate to also consider applying for funding.

"Anyone planning to open a new business is welcome to apply through my office for funding under this scheme," Mr Draper said.

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