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Tamworth motorcycle dealer expands with a roar into manufacturing

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper today congratulated Tamworth motorcycle dealer Garry McDonald on the expansion of his business into manufacturing with assistance from the State Government.

Mr McDonald made use of support from the NSW Government's Regional Business Development scheme and has invested \$300,000 in plant and equipment to manufacture specialised exhaust and muffler systems for motorcycles.

Mr Draper toured the newly expanded premises of Ride! Motorcycles in Ebsworth St with the NSW Minister for Regional Development David Campbell who was equally impressed with the project which has created four new jobs in Tamworth.

"Garry took the opportunity to purchase the manufacturing business which was based in Brisbane and in transferring it to Tamworth, has imported a new industry, employment opportunities and an economic stimulus," Mr Draper said.

"As Garry explained, riders love nothing more than the sound of a rumbling, roaring bike and his business can now meet that strong market demand through the manufacture of exhaust and muffler systems at a highly competitive rate.

"It's just great to see a manufacturing enterprise emerge in Tamworth and I have thanked the Minister for recognising the potential and versatility of Garry McDonald's business," he said.

Caption: Member for Tamworth Peter Draper, Ride! Motorcycles owner Garry McDonald and NSW Minister for Regional Development David Campbell admire a selection of muffler systems manufactured on site at the Ride! Motorcycles premises in Tamworth.

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