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NSW TREASURY TO APPOINT CHIEF ECONOMIST

Economic policy in NSW will soon be bolstered with the appointment of the state's first Chief Economist.

The new advisory role will be established within NSW Treasury as a thought leader and spokesperson on economic issues, analysis and trends, NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet announced to the NSW Business Chamber today.

"The Chief Economist will be a new driver of innovative and visionary economic analysis and advice in NSW, strengthening our state's capacity to respond to global and local economic trends," Mr Perrottet said.

"The role will reinforce Treasury's capacity to drive big economic reforms to keep NSW's economy ahead, while reinforcing Treasury's role as an intellectual leader in Australia's economic debates.

"The success of our asset recycling strategy has unlocked billions to invest in productive infrastructure across the state. It is these kinds of bold and innovative ideas that we want to see more of, to boost prosperity for the people of NSW."

The announcement follows the establishment of a Productivity Commission as part of a larger push to drive a whole of government economic reform agenda to increase growth and wellbeing for all.

"I'm incredibly proud to have what I consider the best department in government and I want it to gain a reputation as a leader in Australia's economic debates."

The Chief Economist will harness the knowledge and resources in Treasury, and work with the Productivity Commissioner, government agencies, public and private policy leaders, academics and the business community to support the Treasurer and Government on priority economic analysis, with a particular focus on external engagement and communications.

Mr Perrottet is also encouraging the NSW Treasury to release more of its internal research and analysis publicly, similar to treasuries in the UK and New Zealand, to add to the public understanding of economics and public policy.

"We want to establish NSW Treasury as a leading authority in economics and public finance and for it to be compared to international Treasuries around the world," Mr Perrottet said.

The role of Chief Economist is open to applications from today.

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