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Job Services Australia and how it affects unemployed Aussies

The Australian Federal Governments, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) will commence the launch of their new employment service program called *Job Services Australia* on the 1st of July 2009.

Break Thru Employment Solutions is one of Australia's largest providers of employment services and is funded to deliver Disability Employment Network, Vocational Rehabilitation and now Job Services Australia, across New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

Interviews/Commentary

Break Thru CEO, Ross Lewis is available for interviews and commentary surrounding the commencement of JSA, including matters such as:

- How does the new JSA affect the community?
- What does it mean for jobseekers?
- How will services be delivered differently under JSA?

Following the commencement of the JSA on July 1st 2009, photos of the new Break Thru sites celebrating their opening launch can be provided.

Background

Break Thru Employment Solutions has been announced as a successful tenderer for the new Australian Government "Job Services Australia" which replaces a number of programs including the Job Network, Personal Support Program and Work for the Dole.

Break Thru People Solutions will commence this new program on July 1st 2009 working with employers to provide tailored assistance to help job seekers on their pathway to employment, particularly the growing proportion of people who are highly disadvantaged and those who have been recently made redundant.

Break Thru People Solutions is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that provides multiple services to communities across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. Break Thru is known for its expertise in providing employment services to job seekers from diverse backgrounds including people with a disability, Indigenous Australians and those from a non-English speaking background.

Break Thru CEO Ross Lewis acknowledges "During the last 15 years, Break Thru has experienced significant growth due to the organisation's commitment to local communities, their professional staff and the support of many loyal businesses that recognise that the recruitment of Break Thru clients is not an act of charity, rather good business sense".

"This success has further attributed to Break Thru being able to expand into further services such as accredited training, Indigenous specialist employment and mental health initiatives such as Care for Families. Additionally, being not-for-profit means that money is redirected to where it is most needed at a local level".

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