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CATERING FOR A FLYING START IN THE FOOD BUSINESS

Opening a food business in South Australia needn't involve a red tape run-around, thanks to a comprehensive new guide to government regulations launched today by Acting Premier Kevin Foley.

A Step by Step Guide to Starting a Restaurant, Café or Take-Away Business helps prospective business owners and those already in the trade cut through their regulatory requirements so they can get down to what they do best; getting food on to a plate.

Mr Foley says the guide will serve as an easy to follow roadmap through the bureaucratic landscape.

“The hospitality industry is not only incredibly important to the State in terms of jobs and revenue but also as a substantial plank in the attraction of South Australia as a tourist destination. Therefore it's important we make it as easy as possible for these businesses to get up and running,” Mr Foley says.

The Guide provides a full list of compliance bodies, from the Australian Taxation Office and Workplace Ombudsman to the SA Department of Health and the Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner.

It is divided into five easy to read chapters:

- Turning an Idea Into a Business;
- Business Planning;
- Starting a Restaurant/Café/Take-Away Business;
- Licence and Regulatory Information; and
- Key Contacts and Industry Associations.

Executive Director of the SA Restaurant and Catering Association Sally Neville says she welcomes the step-by-step guide.

“It's a great, one-stop reference point for anyone considering starting up,” Ms Neville says.

“Negotiating red tape costs money and this guide will enable businesses to be more profitable because they'll be spending more time on serving customers and less time on administration,” Ms Neville says.

The guide is a red tape reduction initiative of the Competitiveness Council Red Tape Reduction Plan for the Department of Trade and Economic Development and has been compiled by J.K. Wine Tourism and Hospitality Services.

The guide will be available online and can be downloaded from www.competitivesa.biz.