

QUEENSLAND small business champion



Maree Adshead is Queensland's inaugural Small Business Champion, a role which enables Maree to give voice to the challenges and needs of the approximately 426,000 small businesses of Queensland and ensure they are brought to the forefront of Government policy and decision-making.

Maree's career began in the legal profession, as partner of a tier one national law firm. Ten years later, she co-founded a successful software start-up which received multiple awards for excellence in innovation.

More recently, as founding CEO of the Open Data Institute Australian Network both Maree and the institute have been recognised as leaders in bringing business, industry, academia and government together to utilise government data as a strategic resource.

As the inaugural Small Business Champion, Maree plays an active role in voicing the needs of small businesses to ensure they have the best chance to start, grow and employ.

The role of the Small Business Champion is another way the Queensland Government is strengthening the support for small business.