

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Upper Mt Gravatt lawyer Kerry O'Neill has been appointed to the panel of advisors and mentors to provide free advice to Brisbane's flood-affected small businesses.

The Australian Government's Small Business Advisory Services Program-Natural Disaster Assistance is aimed at helping small businesses following January's floods in the region, which affected more than 200,000 people across the state.

Brisbane Metro BEC has been funded through this program to provide assistance through one-on-one mentoring and workshops. Small businesses can seek advice on subjects such as but not limited to business planning, finance, marketing, accounting matters, government regulation and referrals. Legal and accounting support is available to small businesses needing specialist advice.

Mr O'Neill, the Principal of O'Neills Business Lawyers at Upper Mt Gravatt, was approached by Alice Langford, Business Development – Projects & Manager, Business Enterprise Centre, Brisbane Metro BEC to join the panel and offer his services to small businesses in need.

"It is great pleasure to be part of a program to assist those small businesses who have suffered financially either directly or indirectly through the Brisbane 2011 floods," Mr O'Neill said.

"I look forward to doing a little bit and supporting small businesses as they try to get back on their feet."

The program caters for small businesses of less than 20 employees who were either directly or indirectly affected by the natural disasters that have affected Australia since October 2010.

To apply for advice contact Kerry O'Neill on 07 3849 6263, [koneill@oneillslawyers.com.au](mailto:koneill@oneillslawyers.com.au) or go to [www.oneillslawyers.com.au](http://www.oneillslawyers.com.au) or Alice Langford on 0419 00 77 09, [info@brisbanebec.com.au](mailto:info@brisbanebec.com.au) or go to [www.brisbanebec.com.au](http://www.brisbanebec.com.au).

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