

## SOURCE CARD 2.

### **Government Emigration to Sydney, 1884 (poster)**

State Records NSW: Poster - NSW Government Emigration to Sydney,c.1884,[Document No 92].

This poster was one of many posted around England by the New South Wales Government. These posters were aimed at encouraging immigration to New South Wales in the 1880's. The poster sought to encourage the types of immigrants that the Government of New South Wales needed the most such as labourers and farmers as well as female domestic servants. At this time the backbone of the colonial economy was agriculture and the wool industry. The colonies of Australia perceived themselves as being of British origin and until 1891 only 1 in 10 immigrants did not come from Britain. The separate colonial governments encouraged colonisation by providing assistance to those who wished to immigrate to Australia and there were also non-governmental assistance programs such as the Family Colonisation Loan Society, which was established in 1849 by Caroline Chisholm to assist working class families with the costs of migrating to Australia.

