

# STATE STIMULUS PACKAGES

## NSW - NEW SOUTH WALES

- Payroll tax waived for businesses with payrolls of up to \$10 million for 3 months (the rest of 2019-20). Businesses will save a quarter of their annual payroll tax bill in 2019-20
- \$56 million to bring forward the next round of payroll tax cuts by raising the threshold limit to \$1 million in 2020-21
- \$80 million to waive a range of fees and charges for small businesses including bars, cafes, restaurants and tradies
- NSW will spend \$250 million to employ additional cleaners of public infrastructure such as transport assets, schools and other public buildings
- More than \$250 million to bring forward maintenance on public assets including social housing and crown land fencing. \$500 million to bring forward capital works and maintenance.
- \$700 million extra funding for NSW Health to double ICU capacity, prepare for additional COVID-19 testing, purchasing additional ventilators and medical equipment, establishing acute respiratory clinics and bringing forward elective surgeries to private hospitals.
- NSW Government has amended the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to ensure that any development that protects the health, welfare and safety of the community during the pandemic can proceed without the normal development approvals.
- Long Service leave rules have been amended to allow employees to take leave in shorter blocks without the traditional one-month notice period, by agreement with their employer for the until September 2020.

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- NSW workers and businesses are now able to access a range of advice and support on non-health related COVID-19 enquiries via the Service NSW contact centre 13 77 88
- Police will have the power to issue \$1000 on-the-spot fines for individuals and \$5000 for corporations not complying with ministerial directions relating to COVID-19. Members of the public can report breaches of COVID-19 public health orders at [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au) or call 1800 333 000

## NSW 2ND STAGE STIMULUS PACKAGE

- \$1 billion Working for NSW fund to sustain business, create new jobs and retrain employees. The fund is already being put in to action with 1000 new staff for Service NSW announced this week to be funded by the program. The Working for NSW fund will comprise \$750 million in new funding and \$250 million announced last week for additional cleaning services
- Deferral of payroll tax for business with payrolls over \$10 million for six months (up to \$4 billion deferred). Businesses with payrolls of \$10 million or less received a three-month waiver on payroll tax in the first package. These businesses will now get an additional three month deferral as well
- Deferral of rents for six months for commercial tenants with less than 20 employees in all Government-owned properties. Deferral of the parking space levy for six months
- \$30 million to boost the Energy Accounts Payments Assistance scheme
- \$10 million to support charities and \$6 million additional funding for Lifeline's operations in NSW. \$34 million boost in funding to prevent homelessness

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- **Faster Payments scheme** - The NSW Government is fast-tracking the payment of suppliers and contractors to help businesses maintain their cash flow. Suppliers to benefit will include a range of small to medium businesses from catering and cleaning companies, medical supply companies, local regional suppliers and community service groups.
- Construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays under new rules introduced today by the NSW Government to support the industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Environmental Planning and Assessment (**COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days**) Order 2020 is now in place and will continue until the COVID-19 pandemic is over, or the advice of NSW Health changes.

### **The Planning System Acceleration Program**

- create opportunities for more than 30,000 construction jobs in the next six months
- fast-track assessments of State Significant Developments, rezonings and development applications (DAs), with more decisions to be made by the Minister if required
- support councils and planning panels to fast-track local and regionally significant DAs
- introduce a 'one stop shop' for industry to progress projects that may be 'stuck in the system'
- clear the current backlog of cases stuck in the Land & Environment Court with additional Acting Commissioners
- invest \$70 million to co-fund vital new community infrastructure in North West Sydney including roads, drainage and public parks to unlock plans for the construction of thousands of new houses.

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### \$750 million Small Business Support Fund

- Eligible businesses must have between 1-19 employees and a turnover of more than \$75,000
- a payroll below the NSW Government 2019-20 payroll tax threshold of \$900,000
- have an Australian Business Number as at 1 March 2020, be based in NSW and employ staff as at 1 March 2020
- be highly impacted by the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020 issued on 30 March 2020
- use the funding for unavoidable business costs such as utilities, overheads, legal costs and financial advice
- provide appropriate documentation upon application.
- Applications for a small business grant of up to \$10,000 will be available through Service NSW within a fortnight and remain open until 1 June 2020.
  
- Parents in NSW will not have to pay preschool fees for up to six months thanks to a \$51 million funding package announced by the NSW Government. [READ MORE](#)
  
- Free Tafe Courses - 21 fee-free TAFE NSW short courses are available online to assist anyone across the state who wants to upskill during the COVID-19 pandemic. [LEARN MORE](#)
  
- NSW Government offers \$440 million land tax break to support tenants and landlords [READ MORE](#)
  
- Tenants will be protected from eviction until NCAT is satisfied that negotiations have concluded [READ MORE](#)

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- Licence fees will be waived for NSW tradies for 12 months. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW Government mandating ePlanning across 42 councils from 1 July 2020 allowing Homeowners in metropolitan Sydney, Newcastle, the Central Coast and Illawarra will be able to lodge DAs online. [READ MORE](#)
- Anyone coughing or spitting on any worker will face a \$5000 on-the-spot fine with tough measures introduced to protect health care staff and police now extended to all workers. [READ MORE](#)
- Businesses across the state doing it tough during the COVID19 pandemic are encouraged to register for the NSW Government's small business advisory program. Businesses can access support by visiting [Business Connect](#) or call 1300 134 359.
- Jobs in the NSW construction sector will receive a major boost ahead of the start of work on the M6 Stage 1. [READ MORE](#)
- Households struggling to pay their energy bills during COVID-19 can access additional financial support directly through Service NSW and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, thanks to a \$30 million boost to the government's emergency support EAPA Scheme. [LEARN MORE](#)
- \$250 million cleaners' package will improve the cleaning of public facilities including NSW transport, schools and TAFE. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW Government rolls out webinars to help small businesses [READ MORE](#)

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- The NSW planning system will keep moving throughout COVID-19 to keep people in jobs and the economy moving, with all public hearings and meetings to be held online during the pandemic. [READ MORE](#)
- Thirteen new fee-free TAFE NSW online short courses are available to anyone wanting to upskill during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW Government has purchased almost \$1 billion of personal protective equipment (PPE) to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect frontline emergency workers, medical staff and the public. [READ MORE](#)
- A fast-tracked program of courts and corrections facility upgrades is about to pump \$9 million through regional economies hit hard by COVID-19 restrictions. [READ MORE](#)
- Landlords providing rent relief for eligible tenants in financial distress due to COVID-19 can now apply for land tax concessions online. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW to ease COVID-19 restrictions from Friday 15 May [READ MORE](#)
- Applications are now open for the NSW Government's Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships offering \$15,000 to apprentices across NSW. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW residents will be able to take a holiday anywhere in NSW from next month, with intra-state travel restrictions to be lifted from Monday 1 June 2020. [READ MORE](#)

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- Planning approval has been given to a new recycling facility in Penrith and a major upgrade to a brick production facility in Horsley Park that, combined, will inject an additional \$27.8 million into the economy and support more than 130 local jobs. [READ MORE](#)
- The new \$3 billion Infrastructure and Job Acceleration Fund will be used for smaller, shovel-ready projects touching every corner of the state, injecting up to an extra 20 thousand jobs back into the NSW workforce. [READ MORE](#)
- Businesses will be able to check, test and promote their COVID Safe credentials with the launch of the NSW Government's online COVID Safe Check [READ MORE](#)
- Approval of the \$2.6 billion Mamre Road Precinct, one of 12 key precincts in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, will unlock 850 hectares of new industrial land and see the creation of new public spaces and conservation areas. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW will ease further restrictions from this Saturday, 13 June, with food courts allowed to reopen, the number of people allowed to visit homes increased from 5 to 20, and the number of people allowed to gather outdoors increased from 10 to 20. [READ MORE](#)
- [NSW HomeBuilder Grant guidelines](#)
- Under the new Small Business Recovery Grant, small businesses will be able to apply for funding up to \$3000. [READ MORE](#)
- Further COVID-19 restrictions set to ease from 1 July [READ MORE](#)

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- Fresh face for the Sydney Fish Market gets the final go-ahead, creating 700 construction jobs and more than 700 ongoing jobs once the new markets open in 2024. [READ MORE](#)
- construction will commence on all three schools in Blacktown, Wagga Wagga and Catherine Fields within the next couple of months, creating 950 construction jobs across these local communities. [READ MORE](#)
- From Monday 6 July 2020, customers will receive a 50% discount when travelling on public transport in Sydney during the off-peak. [READ MORE](#)
- \$500 million rejuvenation for key Western Sydney centres. Two revitalised town centres and thousands more homes are on the way for Western Sydney, with the NSW Government approving four major rezonings in Fairfield, Villawood, Harris Park and Silverwater. [READ MORE](#)
- Snowy Hydro scheme 2.0 approved. [READ MORE](#)
- Changes to the NSW fines system will support vulnerable people experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. [READ MORE](#)
- Amazon is developing a new advanced storage and distribution centre near the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, creating 1500 jobs in addition to 700 jobs during its construction [READ MORE](#)
- The NSW Government today announced it will fund a full year of council rate relief for owners of homes, farms and businesses lost in the bushfire crisis. [READ MORE](#)

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- NSW will temporarily shut its border with Victoria to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and jobs of NSW citizens. [READ MORE](#)
- The second major WestConnex project, the \$4.3 billion New M5 tunnels between Beverly Hills and St Peters, is now open [READ MORE](#)
- Public health alert -- get tested and isolate until 14 days after you were at the Crossroad Hotel [READ MORE](#)
- Construction underway for new schools at Meadowbank [READ MORE](#)
- New England will become a NSW powerhouse, with the NSW Government today announcing a \$79 million plan to develop a second, massive 8,000 MW Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in the region. [READ MORE](#)
- \$83 million NSW Planning Reform Action Plan revealed [READ MORE](#)
- Big boost for first home buyers and construction industry as stamp duty slashed [READ MORE](#)
- The NSW Government is strongly encouraging greater use of masks in high-risk public settings [READ MORE](#)
- New vocational facilities at Seven Hills High School [READ MORE](#)
- A strict permit system will be in place for all flights arriving in NSW from Victoria, with all passengers undergoing police and health checks on arrival. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW residents returning from Victoria must go into mandatory hotel quarantine for 14 days at their own expense. [READ MORE](#)

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- NSW residents returning from Victoria will have their hotel quarantine fee waived for the next month to ease the financial burden on returnees. [READ MORE](#)
- **Businesses in 13 Local Government Areas along the NSW and Victorian border will be able to apply for \$5000 and \$10,000 grants through Service NSW from Tuesday 8 September.** [READ MORE](#)
- **Increased mobility on NSW VIC border** [READ MORE](#)
- **NSW Government's \$3 billion Jobs and Infrastructure Acceleration Fund** [READ MORE](#)
- **More than 100,000 people to be provided training for jobs of the future** [READ MORE](#)

**You can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment using myGov. You don't need to complete a full claim right now. Payments will be backdated to the date you registered.** [MORE INFO](#)

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## **ACTION ITEM**

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SCHEME AVAILABLE TO SAVE YOUR  
BUSINESS MONEY.

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CONNECT YOU WITH ONE.