

CLIENT ALERT: CORONAVIRUS – NSW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES STIMULUS PACKAGE!

On 17 March 2020, the NSW Government announced a \$2.3 billion stimulus package to bolster NSW business, jobs and health as a result of the effects of the coronavirus. NSW Health will get a significant funding boost, whilst some employers will obtain payroll tax relief. The remaining benefits will be targeted to employment and cutting costs for small business.

A summary of the measures is outlined below:

1. Payroll Tax Measures

\$450 million has been allocated to waive payroll tax for businesses with payrolls of up to \$10 million for three months, meaning that these businesses would not have to pay payroll tax for the remainder of the financial year.

The reduction in the payroll tax threshold to \$1 million, due to commence on 1 July 2021, will also be brought forward and will commence on 1 July 2020.

2. Boost to NSW Health

\$700 million will be dedicated to bolstering NSW's health system, including doubling the state's ICU capacity, providing extra coronavirus testing, buying more ventilators and bringing forward elective surgeries.

3. Employment

The Government will allocate \$1 billion to initiatives that will boost employment, including \$250 million for public schools and state-owned buildings to employ more cleaners and \$750 million for capital works and maintenance of public assets.

4. Other measures

\$80 million has been allocated for the removal of fees and charges applicable to small businesses owners such as cafes and restaurants and those in trades.

Legislation is yet to be introduced to implement the above measures, and Hall Chadwick will keep you updated as soon as this is applicable.

Details of the NSW Government announcement can be found [here](#).

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