KEEPING PEOPLE IN JOBS AND BUSINESSES IN BUSINESS
When Australia recorded its first case of COVID-19 on 25 January this year, bushfires were still burning — the remnants of our State’s most catastrophic fire season on record. The people of NSW showed great resolve in the face of that crisis and, coming after years of drought, we all knew the road to recovery would not be easy.

What we didn’t know then was the scale of the pandemic coming hot on the heels of our tragic summer and already beginning its march around the world. We only have to look at the many nations whose health systems have been overrun by COVID-19 to see how quickly and powerfully a pandemic of this nature can devastate a city, state or nation.

Here in NSW, we have not seen that happen — and not by luck. It is, above all, a great credit to the nurses, doctors and supporting health workers on the frontlines, who continue to keep us all safe, along with everyone in the community who has done their bit, pitching in to help and following the health guidelines.

Our Government has also had an important role to play, meeting the challenges as they have arisen and working alongside the Australian Government, Reserve Bank, industry, unions and community groups across the State, to mount a formidable response on both the health and economic fronts.

This is a crisis like none we have seen before: a public health emergency that has forced our economy into a sharp and sudden slowdown, compelling us all to dramatically change the way we live and work. Everyone has felt the effect, from working men and women, families and households, children and students of all ages and businesses big and small.

Our first priority has been to safeguard the health of our people. In a matter of mere weeks we have been able to massively increase resources in our health system, doubling our ICU capacity, so that it can continue to provide world-class care in the face of a potential surge in demand.

On the economic front, our goal has been to keep people in jobs and businesses in business, because maintaining the integrity of our State’s economy will be absolutely critical to our recovery once the health crisis has abated.

To do that, we have reduced or eliminated government taxes, fees and charges, so businesses can keep their staff in jobs, pay the bills and make it to the other side. We’ve provided lifeline cash grants for smaller businesses struggling to stay afloat and we’ve injected more cash into the economy by paying government bills faster.

We’ve dedicated more support for the most vulnerable in our community. And we’ve ramped up the Government’s capacity to support new employment opportunities, whether indirectly through accelerated projects, or directly through newly created opportunities at agencies like Service NSW.

In developing our responses, we have worked closely with stakeholders from across the spectrum of industries and community groups every step of the way. That close engagement has been invaluable in ensuring our efforts achieve the maximum possible benefit for the people of our State, complementing the assistance being offered by the Commonwealth and meeting the areas of greatest need.

Our efforts, summarised in these pages, reflect a financial commitment that far exceeds that of any other state — more than $10 billion with more still to come. This has only been possible because we began in NSW from a position of great financial strength — a starting point that will ultimately be the difference between sinking or staying afloat for thousands of households and businesses in NSW.

Of course, this — our response to COVID-19 — is only the beginning, setting NSW up for a dynamic recovery that is already being planned. When that moment comes, we will all have an opportunity to rewrite our State’s future — to learn from the lessons this crisis has taught us, to embrace new ways of doing things and begin the task of rebuilding the great state of NSW.

For now, we remain focused on the task at hand: keeping households and businesses afloat and listening carefully to the community to meet the needs of our people. Getting through will not be easy. But if we maintain the spirit that got us through our tragic summer, looking out for each other and doing whatever we can to help, we won’t just make it through — we will shine brighter than ever before.

Dominic Perrottet
NSW Treasurer
Keeping people in jobs and businesses in business.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed the physical health of our community under threat, but protecting our economy — the jobs and businesses that sustain our people — is another vital part of securing our current and future wellbeing.

The NSW Government has responded quickly, with additional resources and funding to provide targeted, timely support for the healthcare system and the broader economy.

These measures have been designed to provide the right support at the right time: Responding now to immediate needs and preparing to Recover and Reform once restrictions are lifted, through a mix of stimulus and longer-term measures to boost NSW’s economic potential and fiscal recovery.

Through a co-ordinated response with the Australian Government and industry and community groups, the Government has been able to rapidly roll out critical support that strengthens our health system, protects jobs, helps businesses of all sizes, and ensures that vulnerable members of our community have greater security and feel connected, even in isolation.

These efforts have built on the work done earlier this year to support people, businesses and communities already affected by the devastating bushfires.

From the outset, the Government has set its sights not just on the immediate response, but on the next phase for our State and our country: a robust recovery that looks to reform, working with all stakeholders to empower the people of NSW to move with confidence beyond the present challenges and into a prosperous future.

$10 BILLION

In just over a month, the NSW Government has announced more than $10 billion in stimulus measures and tax breaks — targeted support for the people, families and communities of NSW.
To limit the spread of COVID-19 and help our economy to recover as rapidly as possible, immediate action has been taken to support our health system and healthcare workers across the State.

The NSW Government’s response has transformed our healthcare system: how we access doctors, collect test results, produce medical supplies and the practical support available to healthcare professionals on the frontline.

At its centre is a $800 million funding boost for NSW Health to respond to COVID-19.

The Government has provided substantial financial support to expand research trials, vaccine development and pilot schemes to address COVID-19 and increase our capacity to prevent and respond to crises like the present one.

During this crisis, our healthcare system has evolved in ways that will better support the people of our State in years to come.

HELPING HOSPITALS HELP YOU
- To assist in significantly expanding ICU capacity, increase COVID-19 testing, purchase additional ventilators and medical equipment and establish acute respiratory clinics, $700 million in extra funding has been committed to NSW Health.
- This investment has supported the health system to prepare for increased demand arising from COVID-19.

CARE FOR OUR CARERS
- Almost $60 million has been allocated to provide doctors, nurses, paramedics and other hospital and ambulance staff with the option of staying in out-of-home accommodation during the pandemic. Free parking has been provided to healthcare workers at public hospital car parks during this health crisis.
- Commitment of substantial investment in Personal Protective Equipment.

MORE TESTS, FASTER RESULTS
- In a state-first, patients have been given the option to receive their COVID-19 pathology results via text message. In NSW, pharmacies have been given the powers to widen their operating hours to ease pressure on GP surgeries.

BOOSTING MENTAL HEALTH
- A $73 million investment to boost state-wide mental health support, including hiring more nurses and community-based mental health clinicians, expanding virtual services and enhancing the capacity of the Mental Health Line. For support call: 1800 011 511
- $6 million additional funding for Lifeline’s operations in NSW. For support visit: lifeline.org.au

UPGRADES AND MORE BEDS
- A purpose-built COVID-19 recovery ward at Royal North Shore Hospital will be the first major project underway as part of $100 million worth of health infrastructure being fast-tracked by the NSW Government. With more than 40 beds, the ward will care for patients who are recovering from COVID-19.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
- $25 million has been allocated to medical research and vaccine trials to help prevent and treat COVID-19.
- $11 million has been committed to quickly bring to market research and development by NSW’s world-class universities and partner research institutions.
- $10 million has been allocated to partner with NSW engineering, electrical and manufacturing businesses to urgently undertake pilot projects to produce ventilators and other critical medical equipment locally.

EXPANDING THE MEDICAL WORKFORCE
In response to the pandemic, NSW Health has stepped up delivery of health services with more recruitment, training and support for health staff. This has included:
- Employing final year medical students to work under supervision in Assistant in Medicine roles and recruiting more temporary security staff at hospitals where there are COVID-19 clinics.
- Setting up a dedicated recruitment portal for individuals and organisations to register expressions of interest for frontline health workers and support staff.

DEPLOYING AND TRAINING
- Providing more than 350 NSW Health physiotherapists, who have previous experience in intensive care units (ICU), with virtual cardiorespiratory ICU and COVID-19 specific training. This partnership between the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) and Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) will increase the pool of skilled physiotherapists who can work in ICUs and help wean patients off ventilators.
- Refresher training to Registered Nurses who have recent critical care experience and are not currently working in an ICU. More than 1,700 nurses have commenced the training to date. This will boost the pool of available nurses to work in ICUs as needed.

DIGITAL AND VIRTUAL HEALTHCARE
- Enabling greater use of telehealth including virtual consultations and audio visual technologies to assist in patient care.
NATIONWIDE MEASURES DURING COVID-19

- The Australian Government has committed to a 50-50 shared health funding deal with the states and territories to ensure a rapid health response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- A $2.4 billion health package has been allocated to protect all Australians, including vulnerable groups such as the elderly, those with chronic conditions and Indigenous communities.
- A $1.1 billion package has been committed to boost mental health services, domestic violence support, Medicare assistance for people at home and emergency food relief.
- The Australian Government has relaxed international student nurse visa work conditions to provide workforce continuity for aged care facilities, home care providers and other healthcare workers.
- This allows international student nurses and other aged care workers to work more than 40 hours a fortnight. There are currently around 20,000 international student nurses studying in Australia. This measure will be examined on an ongoing basis.

SUPPLIERS ANSWER CALL-TO-ACTION

In its first two weeks, the COVID-19 Emergency Supplies registration scheme received more than 1,400 registrations from local suppliers with the capacity to manufacture or provide raw materials for critical medical equipment including face masks, sanitisers and disinfectants, gowns and face shields. After a call-to-action by the NSW Government, the response from suppliers was overwhelming with tens of thousands of litres of hand sanitiser, millions of non-sterile gloves and other critical medical equipment provided by the private sector.

“\nThis is a call to arms for NSW manufacturers to look at ways to convert production lines into making the items we so desperately need. Importantly, providing this opportunity to manufacturers will allow some businesses to keep people in jobs when they may not have been able to do so.”

The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, NSW Premier

1,400

More than 1,400 registrations to the COVID-19 Emergency Supplies portal in just two weeks.
In 2019, NSW celebrated its lowest unemployment rate on record, cementing its position as Australia’s job creation capital. Despite the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19, the NSW Government remains committed to creating and supporting jobs for the people of NSW.

Strategies have included the creation of a $1 billion Working for NSW fund to boost jobs and further measures to enable free childcare in community and local council preschools to support working families.

The NSW Government has also encouraged manufacturers with dormant production lines to pivot and help to produce vital medical equipment, which supports the healthcare system and also aims to keep people in jobs.

With a long-term view, public resources have been launched to help communities to upskill, with free TAFE courses available to anyone across the State on subjects including marketing, computer skills and accounting.

The NSW Government has also committed to fast-track construction and maintenance projects including the regeneration of bushfire-affected areas, to accelerate job creation and tackle two challenges — the bushfires and COVID-19 — together.
KEEPING PEOPLE IN JOBS
- $1 billion to support direct employment opportunities and retraining through the Working for NSW fund. This includes 1,000 new staff for Service NSW and $250 million to employ additional cleaners for public infrastructure, including transport and schools.

FLEXIBILITY AND LOYALTY
- Employees from government facilities that, due to social-distancing measures, must temporarily cease operation are being re-deployed to support in-demand services. The NSW Parliament has also passed changes to long service leave, allowing access to long service leave to prevent job losses.

SUPPORTING WORKING FAMILIES
- Parents in NSW will not have to pay fees for community or mobile preschools for up to six months thanks to a $51 million funding package. The NSW Government has also committed up to $82 million to support 260 council childcare centres that are not eligible for the JobKeeper payments.

COUNCIL JOBS AND LOCAL SERVICES
- $395 million in funding has been allocated to safeguard council jobs and local services and infrastructure, including the creation of a State-funded Council Job Retention Allowance.

MORE PROJECTS, MORE OPPORTUNITIES
- $500 million has been committed to move forward with shovel-ready projects, including repairs to public infrastructure and assets.
- The Planning System Acceleration Program has also been launched to speed up planning processes for the construction industry.

SUPPORTING REGIONAL AREAS
- Vital infrastructure projects have been fast-tracked in regional NSW to help communities recover from the impacts of drought, bushfire and COVID-19. More than $100 million has been allocated towards the expansion of plantation nurseries, the rebuilding of local showgrounds and upgrades to regional hospitals, courthouses and Aboriginal housing.

BOOSTING BUSHFIRE RECOVERY
- A multi-million Bushfire Industry Recovery Package has been allocated to support regional industries impacted by bushfires to regrow and rebuild.

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT DURING A CRISIS
Through a co-ordinated and integrated response with the Australian Government and offices such as the NSW Small Business Commission, a suite of measures, policies and grants have become available:
- $130 billion JobKeeper payment to keep Australians in jobs by paying around 6 million workers a flat payment of $1,500 per fortnight through their employer, before tax.
- Temporary relaxation of the partner income test for JobSeeker payments for persons seeking work.
- Expanded eligibility for income support payments as the Australian Government establishes a new, time-limited coronavirus supplement to be paid at a rate of $550 per fortnight.
- Encouragement for small businesses to retain apprentices and trainees by offering wage subsidies.
- Sole traders whose business is suspended or who suffer a reduction in turnover of 20 per cent or more as a result of coronavirus can apply online through MyGov for early release of superannuation funds.
- Additional support allocated for Early Childhood Education and Child Care Services and families. Until 28 June 2020, payments will be made directly to centres and families will not be charged fees.

UPSKILLING FOR THE FUTURE
- To support our community to upskill, especially when socially-distancing at home, a suite of 21 free TAFE NSW short courses have been launched online to assist anyone across the State who wants to educate themselves in topics such as marketing, accountancy and computer skills.

$70 MILLION
to co-fund the construction of community infrastructure including roads, drainage and public parks.

30,000
job opportunities created in the construction industry over the next six months, as a result of the Planning System Acceleration Program.
SUPPORTING Businesses

Keeping businesses afloat is critical to keeping households afloat. This keeps our economy in the best possible shape to bounce back when this health crisis has passed.

The NSW Government’s support for businesses has been targeted to provide maximum relief for those hit hardest by COVID-19, with a focus on reducing government taxes, fees and charges, as well as cash grants for smaller businesses.

During the recent bushfire crisis, measures that were put in place to support affected businesses have enabled us to respond to COVID-19 with speed, confidence and a diverse range of relief methods.

From sole traders to national supermarkets, this is a unique time for businesses across the State, so the NSW Government is continuing to expand the resources available to support businesses wherever possible.

These measures will help the State’s businesses maintain cash flow, protect jobs and keep the lights on.

FAST PAYMENTS, QUICK CASHFLOW

- To help businesses maintain their cash flow during these unprecedented times, the NSW Government has accelerated the payment of its suppliers, injecting more than $2 billion into the economy.

OPENING TIMES OPENED UP

- Businesses such as supermarkets and pharmacies have been given more flexibility to operate around the clock to meet the needs of customers. A range of industry groups, including construction sites, can operate on weekends and public holidays during the COVID-19 crisis.

HELP FOR HOSPITALITY

- Licensed venues such as restaurants and hotels have been given the power to operate as takeaway services to reduce risk to customers. Planning rules for the setup and operation of food trucks and dark kitchens have been amended to make it easier for new and existing food businesses to operate.

DUTY AND FEE WAIVERS

- A range of fees and charges have been waived for businesses including bars, cafes, restaurants, clubs and hotels. For six months, there is also a deferral of duty on lotteries, kenos and gaming machines, a deferral of the parking space levy and temporary license fee waivers for liquor licenses and tradies.

EDUCATION, ADVICE AND ADVOCACY

- Business Connect offers free access to business advisors and online workshops with more than 60 webinars already listed covering cash flow, emergency planning, pivoting a business model and setting up ecommerce.

- More than $14 million has been allocated for Business Connect to hire an additional 30 advisors and support the program for another 12 months.

- Service NSW has temporarily transitioned to 24/7 operating hours to support NSW businesses with enquiries.

- For workers compensation in relation to COVID-19, iCare offers a range of information and services available to help small business owners and employees in relation to COVID-19.

- A new web portal has been launched by SafeWork NSW to support businesses to create a mentally healthy workplace for all employees.

PAYROLL TAX RELIEF

- All businesses have been given the option to defer payroll tax for six months. In addition, small businesses can receive a 25 per cent reduction in their payroll tax liability for 2019-20. The payroll tax threshold has also been increased from $900,000 to $1 million from 1 July 2020.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANTS

- Based on strategies tested during the NSW bushfires, NSW small businesses can now apply for up to $10,000 grants as part of the Small Business Support Fund. The Fund provides fast relief for urgent business outgoings during COVID-19, such as utility bills, salaries or to access legal or financial advice to support continuity planning.

SUPPORT FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS

- A $440 million land tax relief package has been put into effect following the publication of new regulations, providing land tax discounts for eligible landlords who reduce rent to support tenants in need.

- The Government has given effect to the National Code of Conduct for commercial tenancies impacted by COVID-19, which will operate for a temporary period during the pandemic and includes a ban on the termination of a lease for non-payment of rent.

- The NSW Small Business Commission supports mediation between commercial parties and has received a $10 million funding boost to support rental negotiations.

- The Government has given effect to the National Code of Conduct for commercial tenancies impacted by COVID-19, which will operate for a temporary period during the pandemic and includes a ban on the termination of a lease for non-payment of rent.

- The NSW Small Business Commission supports mediation between commercial parties and has received a $10 million funding boost to support rental negotiations.
SUPPORT TO EASE FINANCIAL STRAIN

The Australian Government and other sectors’ measures to support businesses during COVID-19 have included:

EXPENSES AND INVESTMENT
- Eligible business owners have the option to immediately deduct purchases of eligible assets costing less than $150,000 each, through the Instant Asset Write-Off scheme.
- Small and medium-sized businesses and eligible not-for-profits, including charities can receive a tax-free payment for an amount from $20,000 up to $100,000.
- Six-months relief for financially distressed businesses including more time to respond to demands from creditors and relief for directors from any personal liability for trading while insolvent.

COMMUNICATION
- The Australian Government Department of Health has created a range of resources that small businesses can use to tell their customers about changes to trade during COVID-19 including videos and fact sheets on good hygiene. For more info visit: health.gov.au
- The COVID-19 Information App launched to provide a trusted source of information to business owners and citizens, alongside a dedicated WhatsApp channel.
- The Australian Taxation Office has put measures in place to make it easier for people to claim deductions for working from home in 2020. Business owners have been encouraged to phone the ATO Emergency Support Infoline for support. Call on 1800 806 218

GROWTH AND EXPANSION
- Primary producers who export into key overseas markets of certain high-value products, such as seafood, premium red meat, dairy and horticulture, may be eligible for the Australian International Freight Assistance Mechanism.
- The Australian Government has launched a 15-month investment incentive to support business investment and economic growth by accelerating depreciation deductions.
- Under the Coronavirus Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Guarantee Scheme, the Australian Government announced it will guarantee 50 per cent of new loans issued by eligible lenders to SMEs. The Scheme will support up to $40 billion of lending to SMEs (including sole traders and not-for-profits).

FLEXIBLE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
- The Australian Banking Association (ABA) announced banks will defer loan repayments for businesses with loans up to $10 million for up to six months.
- The Reserve Bank of Australia cut rates to an unprecedented low as part of emergency action to support the economy and established a Term Funding Facility to encourage lending opportunities. This complemented an investment of $15 billion by the Australian Government to enable smaller investors to support small businesses.
- All major banks set up links on their websites to accept requests to defer home loan repayments due to the effect of COVID-19.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
- Small businesses temporarily closed due to COVID-19 may be eligible for full electricity and gas tariff relief under a financial support package organised by Energy Networks Australia.
- The mental health organisation, Beyond Blue has launched a 24-hour COVID-19 helpline, including resources to support small business owners. For more info visit: beyondblue.org.au
“This package [for rental sectors] provides not only significant tax concessions for landlords but also a clear framework for negotiations and access to mediation services. In all, it gives landlords and retailers comfort to begin to negotiate constructively and in good faith on a fair deal for both parties.”

Russell Zimmerman, Executive Director, Australian Retailers Association
More than 10,000 small businesses heavily impacted by COVID-19 have been approved for grants of up to $10,000 in the first 10 days of applications for the NSW Government’s new Small Business Support Fund. The $750 million fund can be used to pay for unavoidable expenses such as utilities bills and council rates.

If a small business or not-for-profit organisation has experienced a significant decline in revenue as a result of COVID-19, it may be eligible for this support. In addition to this funding, resources for small businesses include:

- The Service NSW Business Concierge service, which provides free one-on-one personal support to guide businesses through the changes to regulations and how to access support services. Call on 13 77 88

- The Business Connect program, which offers free-of-charge advice and access to online workshops. More than 60 webinars are already available, with more to come covering cash flow, emergency planning, pivoting a business model and setting up ecommerce. For more info visit: business.nsw.gov.au/businessconnect

“This fund is aimed at small ‘mum and dad’ businesses with a couple of employees who may have had to close or vastly reduce their operating hours as the pandemic took hold. The grant, together with the JobKeeper program announced by the Prime Minister, might be enough to keep their doors open and keep their staff in work.”

Stephen Cartwright, NSW Business Chamber, Chief Executive

In 10 days, more than 10,000 small businesses and not-for-profits have been approved for grants of up to $10,000 from the Small Business Support Fund — equating to over $100 million. This Fund will put $750 million into the State’s economy.
Despite the necessity of social distancing, we know that as a community we are stronger together and isolation can take a heavy toll on our emotional and physical health. The effects of COVID-19 are wide-ranging and so has been the Government’s response – supporting not only healthcare.

The NSW Government has been working to ensure everyone in the State has access to the essentials in this challenging time — food, shelter, safety and social support.

With measures to combat homelessness and support women and children escaping domestic and family violence, funding has also been allocated to charities and not-for-profits working in the mental health space, foodbanks and new schemes to support the elderly.

As we overcome the physical threat of COVID-19, communities must be supported from the knock-on effect on other areas of their lives and wellbeing too.

### A ROOF OVER HEADS
- A $60.5 million stimulus program has been announced to deliver maintenance works and upgrades on public housing properties.
- $14.3 million has been allocated to increase the supply and flexibility of temporary accommodation across NSW, including accommodation suitable for self-isolation.
- $20 million has been committed to accelerate pathways for existing clients and priority social housing applicants to secure stable housing in the private rental market, as well as to provide additional supports to tenants in social housing.

### HELP DURING HARDSHIP
- A $30 million boost to expand the EAPA Scheme this financial year and more than double it in the 2020-21 FY.
- A $600,000 funding pool has been allocated for organisations creating programs that foster social inclusion for seniors through the NSW Government’s Combatting Social Isolation for Seniors Grants.
- Additional short-to-medium-term financial support has been made available for people escaping domestic or family violence through Rent Choice Start Safely packages, which help women and children seeking alternative accommodation.
- Critical support has been committed for people experiencing food insecurity, including increased charity funding for foodbanks.

### HEALTHY MIND, HEALTHY BODY
- The free online resource, High Performance at Home has been launched where top athletes from the NSW Institute of Sport share their knowledge and workouts to boost the health of people self-isolating.
- Avid readers across NSW have been given access to thousands of e-books, audiobooks and online content thanks to the NSW State Library online portal, which launched as a response to COVID-19.
- Increased funding has given a boost to mental health services including Lifeline’s operations in NSW.

“We know this is a difficult time for many and it’s very important that we work with all levels of Government to ensure that our services, wherever possible, are even more accessible than usual.”

*— John Brogden AM, Lifeline Australia Chairman*

“For the last 18 months, Foodbank NSW & ACT has been providing food to people impacted by drought, bushfires and flood, and now COVID 19. The additional funding from the NSW Government will enable us to increase the amount of food we distribute to those who have found themselves in isolation or unable to afford food, ensuring that those in need are looked after during this testing and trying time.”

*— John Robertson, Chief Operating Officer, Foodbank NSW & ACT Limited*
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR AT-RISK GROUPS

- Two separate $750 payments to social security, veteran and other income support recipients and eligible concession card holders.
- Social security deeming rates reduced for pensioners.
- Ability for individuals in financial stress as a result of COVID-19 to access up to $10,000 of their superannuation in 2019–20 and a further $10,000 in 2020–21.
- Fee-free childcare for parents, as childcare services receive a weekly Business Continuity Payment.
- Special consideration taken for vulnerable workers, with the National Cabinet endorsing the advice that workers classified as vulnerable must undergo a risk assessment and be redeployed to non-customer-facing roles where possible.
- Support for people with disabilities who need help because of COVID-19 is available through the Disability Information Helpline. Call on 1800 643 787.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

VISIT:

- For more info about NSW Government’s economic response: nsw.gov.au/covid-19/support
- To find out about eligibility criteria and application processes: service.nsw.gov.au/covid-19
- For information about Australian Government assistance: treasury.gov.au/coronavirus

CALL:

- For advice on the assistance available for NSW residents and businesses: Service NSW
  Call 24/7 on 13 77 88

DOWNLOAD:

## Timeline of NSW Government’s Stimulus Response

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Announcement</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>17 March</td>
<td>$700 MILLION extra funding for NSW Health.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 March</td>
<td>$450 MILLION for the waiver of payroll tax for businesses with payrolls of up to $10 million for three months (the rest of 2019-20).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 March</td>
<td>$1 BILLION Working for NSW fund established to support direct job creation and retraining (total includes $920 million for additional cleaning staff announced on 17 March).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 March</td>
<td>$250 MILLION to employ additional cleaners of public infrastructure such as transport assets, schools and other public buildings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 March</td>
<td>Deferral of payroll tax for business with payrolls over $10 million for six months (up to $4 billion deferred). Businesses with payrolls of $50 million or less received a three-month waiver on payroll tax in the 17 March package. These businesses will now get an additional three month deferral as well.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 March</td>
<td>Deferral of gaming tax for clubs, pubs and hotels, and lotteries tax for six months, conditional on these funds being used to retain staff.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 March</td>
<td>Deferral of the parking space levy for six months.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 April</td>
<td>Planning rules relaxed for food trucks and ‘dark kitchens’.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 April</td>
<td>Construction hours extended to support industry during COVID-19.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 April</td>
<td>$70 MILLION to co-fund vital new community infrastructure in North West Sydney including roads, drainage and public parks and to unlock plans for the construction of thousands of new houses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 April</td>
<td>$750 MILLION Small Business Support Fund for grants up to $10,000 for eligible small businesses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 APRIL</td>
<td>Launch of the Fast-tracked planning process to keep people in jobs and the construction industry moving throughout the COVID-19 crisis.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31 March</td>
<td>Planning rules relaxed for food trucks and ‘dark kitchens’.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 March</td>
<td>Fast track payment to suppliers and contractors - effectively putting hundreds of millions of dollars into the economy sooner.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 April</td>
<td>$500 MILLION to bring forward capital works and maintenance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 April</td>
<td>$80 MILLION to help our most vulnerable including: $34 million boost in funding to prevent homelessness $30 million to boost the Energy Accounts Payments Assistance scheme $30 million to support charities $6 million additional funding for Lifeline’s operations in NSW.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 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. 

### $8 BILLION for the waiver of payroll tax for businesses with payrolls of up to $10 million for three months (the rest of 2019-20). 

### $250 MILLION to employ additional cleaners of public infrastructure such as transport assets, schools and other public buildings. 

### Deferral of payroll tax for business with payrolls over $10 million for six months (up to $4 billion deferred). Businesses with payrolls of $50 million or less received a three-month waiver on payroll tax in the 17 March package. These businesses will now get an additional three month deferral as well. 

### Deferral of gaming tax for clubs, pubs and hotels, and lotteries tax for six months, conditional on these funds being used to retain staff. 

### Deferral of the parking space levy for six months. 

### Planning rules relaxed for food trucks and ‘dark kitchens’. 

### Construction hours extended to support industry during COVID-19. 

### $500 MILLION to bring forward capital works and maintenance. 

### $8 BILLION to help our most vulnerable including: $34 million boost in funding to prevent homelessness $30 million to boost the Energy Accounts Payments Assistance scheme $30 million to support charities $6 million additional funding for Lifeline’s operations in NSW.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7 APRIL</td>
<td>$58 MILLION</td>
<td>Financing for health workers accommodation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 APRIL</td>
<td>$82 MILLION</td>
<td>Commitment to support 260 council childcare centres</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 APRIL</td>
<td>$10 MILLION</td>
<td>Boost to NSW Small Business Commission mediation and advisory services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 APRIL</td>
<td>$73 MILLION</td>
<td>Mental health support package for community-based mental health clinics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 APRIL</td>
<td>$395 MILLION</td>
<td>Economic stimulus package to safeguard council jobs and local services</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

New regulations have been passed to give immediate effect to the NSW Government rental relief measures announced on 13 April.