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Property tax (stamp duty) reform: The proposal for property tax reform with a plan to replace stamp duty with an annual tax on land value. Under the proposal, homebuyers would be able to choose whether to pay stamp duty or the new land tax. The Government is seeking stakeholder feedback on the proposal.

Payroll tax thresholds and cuts: The payroll tax threshold will be increased to \$1.2 million with the rate of payroll tax lowered from 5.45% down to 4.85% per cent for the next two years.

Fee relief for SMEs: SMEs that do not pay payroll tax will receive a \$1,500 digital voucher to use against the cost of NSW Government fees and charges.

Job creation: Under the \$250 million Jobs Plus program, businesses that create more than 30 jobs will be exempt from paying payroll tax on any additional jobs beyond this threshold for four years.

Dining and entertainment vouchers: \$500 million will be allocated to deliver four \$25 vouchers to every NSW adult to spend at entertainment and hospitality venues.

Targeted support: The NSW Budget provides relief for areas of the economy hardest hit by COVID-19 such as tourism, hospitality and the arts. This includes \$15 million to revitalise the Sydney CBD and \$175 million in funding for investment in new film and television projects.

Infrastructure: The NSW infrastructure pipeline has expanded to \$107.1 billion which is expected to generate 145,000 jobs.

Regional NSW: In addition to existing drought and bushfire relief, regional NSW will benefit from \$8.7 billion in regional road and transport infrastructure spending. The Regional Growth Fund which provides funding for community upgrades and projects, has been expanded by \$300 million.

Promoting NSW in international markets: The NSW Government is allocating \$180M to boost exports, including by expanding its footprint of international trade offices and industry support programs.



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