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LAWS TO SUPPORT PORT KEMBLA STEELWORKERS PASS PARLIAMENT

Legislation has passed NSW Parliament confirming the State Government's support package to BlueScope's Port Kembla steelworks.

Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian said the Bill confirms a structured deferral of payroll tax of up to \$60 million over three years from 2016 to BlueScope Steel through a defined payment schedule.

"As we have stated, this is a one-off form of assistance that is designed to support the Port Kembla steelworks amid tough global business conditions and reflects the unique scale of the challenge," Ms Berejiklian said.

"This outcome would not have been possible without the collaboration of BlueScope workers, management and the unions. I would like to acknowledge all those who worked together in the best interests of the Illawarra and the State Government is pleased to play its part."

Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, Anthony Roberts, said the NSW Government will continue to drive jobs growth across the region. "The Illawarra recorded jobs growth of over 14,100 in the 12 months to September 2015, making it one of the State's best performing regions outside of Sydney," Mr Roberts said.

"The region has enormous potential and is experiencing new growth in employment sectors such as Information and Communications Technology (ICT), health, advanced manufacturing and education."

Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast Gareth Ward commended the NSW Government for backing the Illawarra and the local steel industry. "I'm proud of the strong action being taken by the NSW Government in supporting BlueScope workers and their families during this difficult time," Mr Ward said. "I commend all involved who have assisted in bringing about this important outcome for our region."

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