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NSW BUDGET: TAX CUTS TO SAVE BUSINESSES MORE THAN \$400 MILLION EVERY YEAR

Three State taxes will be abolished from July 1 this year, saving businesses more than \$400 million a year, totalling around \$1.8 billion over the forward estimates, Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian has confirmed.

Ms Berejiklian said the NSW Government in its upcoming 2016-17 State Budget will abolish mortgage duty, share transfer duty and non-real transfer duty.

“Last year alone there were 250,000 hits to business from these three taxes, amounting to over \$400 million,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“During the 2015 State election, the Labor Party said it would defer the scrapping of these taxes indefinitely to partially pay for its infrastructure projects.

“While Labor wants to hit businesses with higher taxes and red tape, the NSW Liberals & Nationals appreciate supporting businesses supports economic growth and more jobs.”

Abolition of these taxes will complete NSW obligations to repeal taxes set out in the 2008 Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

“Scrapping these taxes will provide businesses with certainty, improve economic efficiency and lower business operating and administration costs,” the Treasurer said.

“This will help businesses grow, be more successful and employ more people – helping to drive economic growth.”

	Description	Number of transactions (2014/15)	Average payment per transaction
Mortgage Duty	Tax is charged on a business mortgage when used as security for another business transaction. Typically paid within 3 months.	210,068	\$1,010

Share Transfer Duty	Tax is charged on the transfer of non-listed shares in a NSW company or unit trust scheme	40,825	\$1,075
Non-Real Transfer Duty	A tax is charged on the transfer of 'business assets' (other than land) such as good will, intellectual property, patents, designs etc.	5,331	\$46,699

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