

New South Wales

State Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are as follows:

- (a) to amend the *Duties Act 1997*:
 - (i) to clarify the application of that Act to instruments that are in a digital form, and
 - (ii) to provide for the charging of nominal duty (rather than ad valorem duty) on certain transfers of property to the custodian of a trustee of a self managed superannuation fund where duty on an agreement for the sale or transfer of the property has been paid and the purchaser is the trustee, and
 - (iii) to clarify the matters of which the Chief Commissioner must be satisfied for nominal duty (rather than ad valorem duty) to be charged on transfers of trust property that are a consequence of the retirement or appointment of a trustee, and
 - (iv) to provide for an exemption from duty for the vesting of land occurring as a consequence of the merger of credit unions or of authorised deposit-taking institutions with mutual structures, and
 - (v) to extend existing exemptions from duty on transfers following the break-up of marriages and de facto relationships to cover such transfers to trustees under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* of the Commonwealth, and
 - (vi) to make further provision in relation to the aggregation of interests acquired by a person in a landholder for the purposes of liability for landholder duty, and
 - (vii) to ensure that the liabilities of a landholder are disregarded in determining whether a person has an interest in a landholder that makes the person liable for landholder duty, and

- (viii) to make further provision in relation to the tracing of interests through linked entities of a unit trust scheme or company for the purposes of determining whether the scheme or company is a landholder, and
- (ix) to extend an existing anti-avoidance measure (which ensures that certain land holdings transferred from a unit trust scheme or company within 12 months of a person acquiring an interest in the scheme or company are counted when determining whether the scheme or company is a landholder) so that the measure covers agreements for the sale or transfer of land holdings, and
- (x) to prevent the avoidance of liability for landholder duty by the use of arrangements that include combined put and call options (as an alternative to an agreement for sale or transfer), and
- (xi) to make further provision to prevent a person who enters into an agreement to purchase shares or units in a landholder avoiding landholder duty by opting to defer registration of the purchase, and
- (xii) to extend existing exemptions from duty connected with transfers between family members of land used for primary production to (among other things) cover transfers from a self managed superannuation fund where a member of the fund and the person to whom the land is transferred are family members, and
- (xiii) to provide for an exemption from duty connected with transfers of property between superannuation funds that are required to be made under transitional arrangements relating to the Commonwealth's MySuper reforms, and
- (xiv) to make further provision for the test to be applied in determining the amount of duty that a person is liable to pay as a result of a tax avoidance scheme that is of an artificial, blatant or contrived nature, and
- (xv) to extend the circumstances in which a trustee and another trustee, a natural person and a trustee, and a private company and a trustee are treated as being "associated" for the purposes of liability for duty, by tracing through to sub-trusts, and
- (xvi) to make other minor and consequential amendments,
- (b) to amend the *Land Tax Management Act 1956* to require a Government entity that leases land to make the lessee aware that the lessee can be liable for land tax on the land,
- (c) to amend the *Payroll Tax Act 2007*:
 - (i) to provide that certain wages paid by employment agents who on-hire their common law employees to clients of the agents are exempt from payroll tax if wages paid by the clients to their own employees are "exempt wages", and
 - (ii) to exempt from payroll tax wages paid under the Supporting Leave for Living Organ Donors Programme, and
 - (iii) to update other provisions of that Act,
- (d) to amend various Acts to permit disclosures to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Duties Act 1997 No 123

Instruments in digital form

Schedule 1 [1]–[8], [10], [11], [21] and [40] make it clear that, for the purposes of the *Duties Act* 1997:

- (a) an instrument includes an instrument that is in digital form, and
- (b) the provisions of that Act that apply to written instruments also apply to instruments that are in digital form.

Schedule 1 [44] repeals a provision that is made redundant by those amendments.

No double duty on certain transfers to custodians of self managed superannuation funds

Schedule 1 [9] extends a provision under which nominal duty of \$10 is chargeable for certain transfers not in conformity with an agreement for sale or transfer of property on which duty has already been paid. The provision is extended to transfers in which the purchaser under the agreement is the trustee of a self managed superannuation fund and the transferee is the custodian of that trustee.

Transfers of trust property consequent on retirement or appointment of trustees

Schedule 1 [12], [14] and [15] ensure that it is clear that nominal duty of \$50 is chargeable on certain transfers of trust property that are a consequence of the retirement or appointment of trustees only if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that (among other things) the transfers are not part of a scheme to avoid duty that involves conferring an interest, in relation to the trust property, on a new trustee or other person so as to cause any person to cease holding a beneficial interest in that property. Ad valorem duty may be chargeable on those transfers, instead of nominal duty, if the Chief Commissioner fails to be satisfied that they are not part of such a scheme. Schedule 1 [13] is a consequential amendment.

Duty exemption—merger of credit unions and mutual authorised deposit-taking institutions

Schedule 1 [16] provides for an exemption from duty for the vesting of land in one or more credit unions, or in one or more authorised deposit-taking institutions with mutual structures (*mutual ADIs*), that is a consequence of a merger of those credit unions or mutual ADIs. Schedule 1 [39] makes a related amendment that inserts a definition of *credit union* into the Dictionary.

Duty exemptions—break-up of marriages and other relationships

Schedule 1 [17] and [18] remake and extend provisions that exempt certain transfers from duty that are made as a consequence of the break-up of a marriage or de facto relationship. In particular, the provisions are extended to transfers to a trustee under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* of the Commonwealth of the estate of either of the parties to the marriage or relationship. **Schedule 1 [19] and [20]** are consequential amendments.

Relevant acquisitions for purposes of landholder duty—aggregation of interests

Schedule 1 [22] remakes and modifies provisions that define when a person makes a *relevant acquisition* in respect of a landholder and is, therefore, liable to pay landholder duty. The provisions are modified by setting out circumstances to be taken into account in determining whether acquisitions form, evidence, give effect to or arise from substantially one arrangement between the acquirers.

Liabilities of landholder disregarded when determining interest held in landholder

A person has an interest in a landholder if the person would be entitled to any property of the landholder if all of the property were distributed, and a person has a significant interest in a landholder if the person would be entitled to a certain proportion of the property of the landholder if all of the property were distributed. **Schedule 1 [23]** ensures that the liabilities of the landholder are disregarded when determining whether the person has an interest or a significant interest in the landholder.

Linked entities and landholders

Schedule 1 [26] replaces provisions that enable the tracing of interests through linked entities of unit trust schemes and companies for the purposes of determining whether the scheme or company is a landholder. In particular, **Schedule 1 [26]** modifies the definitions of a *linked entity* to ensure that:

- (a) entities in a chain are regarded as linked to a private unit trust scheme or private company if the scheme or company would be entitled to receive at least 50% of the value of all of the property of persons in the chain if all of that property were distributed, and
- (b) liabilities of entities in a chain are disregarded when valuing the property of those persons for the purposes of determining whether they are linked entities of a unit trust scheme or company (similar to the amendment made by **Schedule 1 [23]**).

Schedule 1 [26] also makes amendments in the nature of statute law revision.

Land holdings agreed to be transferred from landholder counted

Schedule 1 [27] and [28] extend an anti-avoidance measure providing that, for the purpose of determining whether an acquisition is dutiable, the land holdings of a private unit trust scheme or private company are taken to include any land holdings transferred to the person acquiring the interest, or an associated person, within 12 months before the acquisition. This means that those land holdings count when calculating whether the scheme or company has land holdings in NSW with a sufficient threshold value (\$2,000,000 or more) for the scheme or company to be a landholder. In particular, Schedule 1 [27] and [28] ensure that land holdings agreed to be transferred to the person acquiring the interest, or an associated person, within 12 months before the acquisition also count towards the threshold. Schedule 1 [29] and [30] are consequential amendments.

Combined put and call options

Schedule 1 [31] amends a section that ensures that, for the purposes of assessing liability for landholder duty, the transferor and transferee under an uncompleted agreement for the sale or transfer of land are taken to be separately entitled to the whole of the land. The section is amended so that arrangements that include both a put option and a call option are treated in the same way as uncompleted agreements.

Point in time at which an interest in a landholder is acquired

Schedule 1 [33] amends a provision that prevents a person who enters into an agreement to purchase shares or units in a landholder avoiding landholder duty by opting to defer registration of the purchase indefinitely. Currently, the person is treated as having acquired an interest in a landholder on the "agreement liability date" (for example, when the consideration is first paid or 12 months after the agreement is first executed), rather than on the registration date. The proposed amendment ensures that landholder duty is also chargeable in cases in which the company or unit trust scheme concerned has ceased to be a landholder on the "agreement liability date", so long as the company or scheme was a landholder when the agreement was made. **Schedule 1 [25]** is a consequential amendment.

Transfers of primary production land

Schedule 1 [34] and [35] make further provision for the exemption from duty on certain transfers and other transactions between family members relating to land used for primary production. **Schedule 1 [34]** extends the exemption to transfers and other transactions relating to land used for primary production and held before the transaction in a self managed superannuation fund where a member of the fund and the transferee, lessee or assignee concerned are family members.

Currently, the land must have been used for primary production in connection with a business carried on by the transferee, lessee or assignee, or by a family member of the transferee, lessee or assignee. **Schedule 1 [35]** ensures that, alternatively, the land must have been used for primary production in connection with a business carried on by a company, or under a trust, controlled by

the transferee, lessee or assignee (or controlled by a family member of the transferee, lessee or assignee).

MySuper transitional arrangements

Schedule 1 [36] provides for an exemption from duty in connection with transfers of property between superannuation funds that are required to be made under transitional arrangements (relating to the Commonwealth's MySuper reforms) that are provided for in the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* of the Commonwealth.

General anti-avoidance provisions

Schedule 1 [37] amends a provision under which the amount of duty that a person is liable to pay as a result of a tax avoidance scheme that is of an artificial, blatant or contrived nature is the amount of duty avoided by the person. Currently, the *amount of duty avoided* by the person is the amount that would have been payable, or that it is reasonable to expect would have been payable, by the person if the tax avoidance scheme had not been entered into or made. The proposed amendment ensures that the amount that it is reasonable to expect would have been payable by the person is determined on the assumption that a reasonable alternative to enter into or making the scheme would have been adopted.

"Associated persons" and sub-trusts

Schedule 1 [42] amends the definition of *associated person* to extend the circumstances in which a trustee and another trustee, natural person or company are treated as being "associated" for the purposes of liability for duty, by tracing through to sub-trusts. Dutiable transactions made by or to associated persons, and interests acquired in a landholder by associated persons, may be aggregated for the purposes of duty under Chapters 2 and 4 of the *Duties Act 1997*.

Schedule 1 [43] inserts a definition of *sub-trust* that is related to the amendment proposed to be inserted by **Schedule 1 [42]**.

Statute law revision

Schedule 1 [24] omits superfluous words in section 150 (1A) of the *Duties Act 1997*. Section 150 (1A) contains a reference to an interest in a landholder that is a debt interest within the meaning of a Division of a Commonwealth Act or that would be such a debt interest if the landholder were a company for the purposes of that Division. Under the *Duties Act 1997*, landholders can be unit trust schemes or companies. As the relevant Division of the Commonwealth Act refers to debt interests in "entities", which under that Act include trusts (in addition to companies and other bodies), the reference in section 150 (1A) to an interest that would be a debt interest within the meaning of the relevant Division if the landholder were a company is superfluous.

Schedule 1 [32] clarifies the meaning of references in a provision to a vendor or purchaser landholder or linked entity in cases where the landholder or linked entity is a unit trust scheme, a trust or an unincorporated body.

Schedule 1 [41] remakes the definition of *private company*, with a minor modification to that definition in the nature of statute law revision.

Savings and transitional provisions

Schedule 1 [38] provides for savings and transitional matters.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Land Tax Management Act 1956 No 26

Schedule 2 [3] requires a Government entity that leases land to disclose to the lessee, in writing, that the lessee will be liable for land tax in respect of the land under the *Land Tax Management Act 1956*, if land tax is payable by the lessee under section 21C of that Act. Under section 21C of the *Land Tax Management Act 1956*, a lessee is generally liable for land tax payable in respect of

land leased by a Government entity (which includes the Crown and councils), as if the lessee were the owner of the land. If the Government entity fails to make the required disclosure, and the lessee fails to pay the land tax payable, the Chief Commissioner of State Revenue can recover the unpaid tax from the Government entity, which is made jointly and severally liable for the unpaid tax. The Government entity is entitled to be indemnified by the lessee for any payment it makes to the Chief Commissioner to discharge that liability.

Schedule 2 [1] makes it clear that a lease includes an agreement to lease.

Schedule 2 [2] is a consequential amendment.

Schedule 2 [4] provides for transitional matters.

Schedule 3 Amendment of Payroll Tax Act 2007 No 21

Division 8 of Part 3 of the *Payroll Tax Act 2007* ensures that an employment agent who on-hires a worker for a client is required to pay payroll tax on amounts paid by the employment agent to the worker (the *service provider*) for services provided to the client. In particular, the employment agent is taken to be an employer, the service provider is taken to be an employee of the employment agent and the amounts paid to the service provider are taken to be wages. The amounts paid to the service provider are not taken to be wages if they would be exempt from payroll tax had the service provider been paid as an employee of the client. **Schedule 3 [5] and [7]** of the proposed amendments remove doubt that wages paid to a service provider who is a common law employee of the employment agent are exempt from payroll tax if they would be exempt from payroll tax had the service provider performed the services as an employee of the client. **Schedule 3 [1] and [3]** are consequential amendments.

Schedule 3 [5] also permits wages that are paid under the Supporting Leave for Living Organ Donors Programme to be treated as exempt wages for payroll tax purposes.

Schedule 3 [2] updates an exemption from payroll tax that applies to certain motor vehicle allowances, to reflect changes in Commonwealth legislation.

Schedule 3 [4] makes an amendment in the nature of statute law revision, including an amendment that is related to the fact that the wages of staff in local health districts, which may be clients of employment agents, are paid or payable by the Crown.

Schedule 3 [6] updates a reference to the title of a Public Service agency.

Schedule 3 [8] provides for transitional matters.

Schedule 4 Amendments relating to permitted disclosures

Schedule 4 amends the Acts listed in that Schedule to permit information to be disclosed to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.



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No , 2017

A Bill for

An Act to make miscellaneous changes to certain State revenue legislation.

The	Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1	Name of Act	2
	This Act is the State Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2017.	3
2	Commencement	4
	This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act	5

Sch	nedule 1 A	Amer	ndment of Duties Act 1997 No 123	1
[1]	Section 10			2
	Omit the section.	Insert	instead:	3
	10 Form of du	utiable	transaction is immaterial	4
			charged by this Chapter is payable whether or not a dutiable is effected by an instrument or by any other means.	5 6
[2]	Section 12 When	n does	a liability for duty arise?	7
	Omit "a written"	from s	ection 12 (2). Insert instead "an".	8
[3]	Section 15 Nece	ssity f	or instrument or written statement	9
	Omit "a written in	nstrum	ent" wherever occurring in section 15 (1) and (4).	10
	Insert instead "an	instru	ment".	11
[4]	Section 15 (4)			12
	Omit "the written	instru	ment". Insert instead "the instrument".	13
[5]	Section 16 Lodg	ing ins	strument or written statement with Chief Commissioner	14
	Omit "written ins	trumer	nt" wherever occurring. Insert instead "instrument".	15
[6]	Section 16 (2)			16
	Insert after section	n 16 (1):	17
	Chie		ament is in a digital form, the instrument must be lodged with the numissioner in a form and manner approved by the Chief ner.	18 19 20
[7]	Section 16A Lod	lging p	ourchaser's declaration with Chief Commissioner	21
	Omit "written ins	trumer	nt". Insert instead "instrument".	22
[8]	Section 16A			23
	Omit "section 16	(1)". I	nsert instead "section 16".	24
[9]	Section 18 No do	ouble	duty	25
	Omit section 18 (3) (d).	Insert instead:	26
	(d)		e time the agreement was entered into, and at the completion or ement of the agreement:	27 28
		(i)	the purchaser under the agreement (other than a purchaser who purchased as a trustee) and the transferee under the transfer were related persons, or	29 30 31
		(ii)	if the purchaser purchased as a trustee (other than as a trustee of a self managed superannuation fund)—the transferee and the beneficiary were related persons, or	32 33 34
		(iii)	if the purchaser purchased as a trustee of a self managed superannuation fund—the transferee under the transfer was the custodian of that trustee.	35 36 37
[10]	Section 49 Interi	m pay	ment of duty	38
-			nent" from section 49 (2). Insert instead "An instrument"	39

[11]	Section 50	A Can	ncelled transfers of dutiable property	1
	Omit "a wr	itten"	from section 50A (1). Insert instead "an".	2
[12]	Section 54	Chan	ge in trustees	3
	Insert in alp	habet	ical order in section 54 (1):	4
		dutio	able trust property means dutiable property that is trust property.	5
[13]	Section 54	(2), (3	3A) and (4)	6
			roperty" wherever occurring. Insert instead "dutiable trust property".	7
[14]	Section 54	(2A)		8
1			on. Insert instead:	9
	(2A)	any apportrans interperson hold:	of \$50 is chargeable in respect of a transfer of dutiable trust property to of the following as a consequence of the retirement of a trustee or the sintment of a new trustee if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that the after is not part of a scheme to avoid duty that involves conferring an est, in relation to the dutiable trust property, on a new trustee or any other on (whether or not as a beneficiary) so as to cause any person to cease ing the whole or any part of a beneficial interest (or potential beneficial est) in that property:	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
		(a)	a licensed trustee company that is not a special trustee,	18
		(b)	a trustee of a self managed superannuation fund,	19
		(c)	a trustee of a special disability trust.	20
[15]	Section 54	(3)		21
	Omit the su	bsecti	on. Insert instead:	22
	(3)	a per of a s as a	of \$50 is chargeable in respect of a transfer of dutiable trust property to rson (other than to a licensed trustee company, a special trustee, a trustee self managed superannuation fund or a trustee of a special disability trust) consequence of the retirement of a trustee or the appointment of a new ee if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that, as the case may be:	23 24 25 26 27
		(a)	none of the continuing trustees remaining after the retirement of a trustee is or can become a beneficiary under the trust, and	28 29
		(b)	none of the trustees of the trust after the appointment of a new trustee is or can become a beneficiary under the trust, and	30 31
		(c)	the transfer is not part of a scheme to avoid duty that involves conferring an interest, in relation to the dutiable trust property, on a new trustee or any other person (whether or not as a beneficiary) so as to cause any person to cease holding the whole or any part of a beneficial interest (or potential beneficial interest) in that property.	32 33 34 35 36
		the s	e Chief Commissioner is not so satisfied, the transfer is chargeable with same duty as a transfer to a beneficiary under and in conformity with the subject to which the property is held, unless subsection (3A) applies.	37 38 39
[16]	Section 65	Exem	nptions from duty	40
	Insert after	section	n 65 (13A):	41
	(13B)	Vest	ing by statute law—merger of credit unions or mutual ADIs	42
		No d Wale	luty is chargeable under this Chapter on the vesting of land in New South es in one or more credit unions or mutual ADIs by, or expressly authorised	43 44

				the of a merger of any of the following:	1		
		(a)	2 or 1	more credit unions that on merger is a credit union,	3		
		(b)		more authorised deposit-taking institutions that are mutual ADIs on merger is a mutual ADI,	4		
		(c)	1 or i	more credit unions with 1 or more mutual ADIs that on merger is a t union or mutual ADI.	6		
	(13C)	autho	orised	e in subsection (13B) to a <i>mutual ADI</i> is a reference to an deposit-taking institution that the Chief Commissioner is satisfied all structure.	8 9 10		
	(13D)			ning whether an authorised deposit-taking institution has a mutual ne Chief Commissioner may take into account any of the following:	11 12		
		(a)	the s	tructure, circumstances and history of the institution,	13		
		(b)	mort	her each customer of the company (for example an account holder, gagor or policy holder) is required to be a member of the company ch member (or joint membership) has only 1 vote,	14 15 16		
		(c)	any o	other matter in relation to the institution or its members.	17		
[17]	Section 68	Exem	ptions	s—break-up of marriages and other relationships	18		
	Omit section 68 (1) (a). Insert instead:						
		(a)	the p	roperty is transferred, or agreed to be sold or transferred, to:	20		
			(i)	the parties to a marriage that is dissolved or annulled, or that, in the opinion of the Chief Commissioner, has broken down irretrievably, or	21 22 23		
			(ii)	either of the parties to such a marriage, or	24		
			(iii)	a child or children of either of the parties to such a marriage, or	25		
			(iv)	a trustee of a child or children of either of the parties to such a marriage, or	26 27		
			(v)	a trustee under the <i>Bankruptcy Act 1966</i> of the Commonwealth of the estate of either of the parties to such a marriage, and	28 29		
[18]	Section 68	(1A) ((a)		30		
	Omit the pa	ragrap	h. Inse	ert instead:	31		
		(a)	the p	roperty is transferred, or agreed to be sold or transferred, to:	32		
			(i)	the parties to a de facto relationship that, in the opinion of the Chief Commissioner, has broken down irretrievably, or	33 34		
			(ii)	either of the parties to such a de facto relationship, or	35		
			(iii)	a child or children of either of the parties to such a de facto relationship, or	36 37		
			(iv)	a trustee of a child or children of either of the parties to such a de facto relationship, or	38 39		
			(v)	a trustee under the <i>Bankruptcy Act 1966</i> of the Commonwealth of the estate of either of the parties to such a de facto relationship, and	40 41 42		

[19]	Section 68	(4) (a))		1				
	Omit the par	ragrap	h. Ins	ert instead:	2				
		(a)		ralorem duty under this Chapter was paid on a transfer, or an ement for the sale or transfer, of matrimonial property to:	3 4				
			(i)	the parties to a marriage, or	5				
			(ii)	either of the parties to a marriage, or	6				
			(iii)	a child or children of either of the parties to a marriage, or	7				
			(iv)	a trustee of a child or children of either of the parties to a marriage, or	8 9				
			(v)	a trustee under the <i>Bankruptcy Act 1966</i> of the Commonwealth of the estate of either of the parties to a marriage, and	10 11				
[20]	Section 68	(4AA)) (a)		12				
	Omit the par	Omit the paragraph. Insert instead:							
		(a)		ralorem duty under this Chapter was paid on a transfer, or an ement for the sale or transfer, of relationship property to:	14 15				
			(i)	the parties to a de facto relationship, or	16				
			(ii)	either of the parties to a de facto relationship, or	17				
			(iii)	a child or children of either of the parties to a de facto relationship, or	18 19				
			(iv)	a trustee of a child or children of either of the parties to a de facto relationship, or	20 21				
			(v)	a trustee under the <i>Bankruptcy Act 1966</i> of the Commonwealth of the estate of either of the parties to a de facto relationship, and	22 23				
[21]	Section 104	IZE C	ancell	led agreements and transfers	24				
	Omit "a wri	tten"	from s	ection 104ZE (1) (b). Insert instead "an".	25				
[22]	Section 149) Wha	nt is a	"relevant acquisition"?	26				
	Omit section 149 (1) and (2). Insert instead:								
	(1)	For to		poses of this Chapter, a person makes a <i>relevant acquisition</i> if the	28 29				
		(a)		ires an interest in a landholder that is of itself a significant interest e landholder, or	30 31				
		(b)	inter resul	ires an interest in a landholder that (when aggregated with other ests in the landholder held by the person or an associated person) its in an aggregation that amounts to a significant interest in the holder, or	32 33 34 35				
		(c)	para	dy having a significant interest, or an interest described in graph (b), in a landholder, acquires a further interest in the holder.	36 37 38				
	(1A)	the pother acquisubst	erson intere isition tantial	poses of this Chapter, a person also makes a <i>relevant acquisition</i> if acquires an interest in a landholder that (when aggregated with ests in the landholder acquired by the person or other persons under s that form, evidence, give effect to or arise from what is ly one arrangement between the acquirers) results in an aggregation ts to a significant interest in the landholder.	39 40 41 42 43 44				

		(1B)	from	what	ing whether acquisitions form, evidence, give effect to or arise is substantially one arrangement between the acquirers, the ircumstances are to be taken into account:	1 2 3
			(a)		her any of the acquisitions are conditional on entry into, or eletion of, any of the other acquisitions,	4 5
			(b)	whet	her the parties to any of the acquisitions are the same,	6
			(c)		her any party to an acquisition is an associated person of another to any of the other acquisitions,	7 8
			(d)	the p	eriod of time over which the acquisitions take place,	9
			(e)		her, before or after the acquisitions take place, the interests were, r will be used together or dependently with one another,	10 11
			(f)	any c	other relevant circumstances.	12
		(2)	resul	ts in tl	ion of an interest in a private landholder under an arrangement that ne private landholder ceasing to be a private landholder is not a quisition because of subsection (1A).	13 14 15
[23]	Sect	ion 15	0 Wha	t are "	interests" and "significant interests" in landholders?	16
					to any liabilities of the landholder)" after "entitled" wherever (1) and (2).	17 18
[24]	Sect	ion 15	0 (1A)			19
				est tha Division	t would be a debt interest if the landholder were a company for the n,".	20 21
[25]	Sect	ion 15	3 Whe	n mus	t duty be paid?	22
	Inser	t at the	end o	f the se	ection:	23
		(2)	section landle <i>Admi</i>	on 161 nolder,	the case of a relevant acquisition resulting from the application of (1) and (2AA) to an agreement to purchase or issue a share in a a tax default does not occur for the purposes of the <i>Taxation tion Act 1996</i> if duty is paid within 3 months after the agreement is	24 25 26 27 28
[26]	Sect	ions 1	58 and	158A		29
	Omit	sectio	n 158.	Insert	instead:	30
	158	Mear	ning o	f "link	ed entity"	31
		(1)	entity	v) mea	tity of a private unit trust scheme or private company (a principal ans an entity (other than a public unit trust scheme or a listed that is part of a chain of entities:	32 33 34
			(a)	that s links	starts with the principal entity and is comprised of one or more and	35 36
			(b)	in wł	nich one or both of the following apply:	37
				(i)	at each link between 2 entities in the chain—one of the entities would be entitled, in the event of a distribution of all the property of the other entity (and without regard to any liabilities of any entity in the chain), to receive not less than 50% of the value of the property of the other entity,	38 39 40 41 42
				(ii)	in the event of the distribution of all of the property of entities in the chain (except for the principal entity)—the principal entity would be entitled (without regard to any liabilities of any entity	43 44 45

			in the chain) to receive not less than 50% of the value of that property.	1 2
	(2)		nked entity of a public unit trust scheme or listed company (a principal y) means an entity that is part of a chain of entities:	3
		(a)	that starts with the principal entity and is comprised of one or more links, and	5 6
		(b)	in which, at each link between 2 entities in the chain—one of the entities would be entitled, in the event of a distribution of all the property of the other entity (and without regard to any liabilities of any entity in the chain), to receive not less than 50% of the value of the property of the other entity.	7 8 9 10 11
	(3)	For t	he purposes of this section:	12
		(a)	a trust is to be regarded as entitled to receive property (whether as a principal entity or as a linked entity of a principal entity) if a trustee of the trust is entitled to receive the property in its capacity as a trustee, and	13 14 15
		(b)	a partnership or other unincorporated body is to be regarded as entitled to receive property, as a linked entity of a principal entity, if a member of the partnership or other unincorporated body is entitled to receive the property as a member of the partnership or the other unincorporated body.	16 17 18 19 20
	(4)	In th	is section and in section 158A:	21
		entit	y means any of the following:	22
		(a)	a corporation,	23
		(b)	a unit trust scheme,	24
		(c)	a trust,	25
		(d)	a partnership or other unincorporated body.	26
	(5)	In th	is section and in section 158A:	27
		(a)	a reference to a trust includes a reference to a unit trust scheme, and	28
		(b)	a reference to a <i>trustee</i> of a trust includes a reference to a custodian of the trustee of the trust in its capacity as custodian or a sub-custodian of the custodian of the trustee of the trust in its capacity as sub-custodian.	29 30 31
158A	Cons entit		ve ownership of land holdings and other property through linked	32 33
	(1)	right purp	Idition to any interest in land or other property that it may hold in its own , a unit trust scheme, private company or listed company is taken, for the oses of this Chapter, to hold an interest in land or other property held by ked entity of the unit trust scheme or company.	34 35 36 37
	(2)	schen a lin inter- woul other	value, for duty purposes, of the interest in property that the unit trust me or company is taken, by this section, to hold because of a holding by ked entity of the unit trust scheme or company is that portion of the est's unencumbered value to which the unit trust scheme or company id be entitled (without regard to any liabilities of the linked entity or any rentity in the chain) in the event of a distribution of all the property of entity in the chain.	38 39 40 41 42 43
	(3)	For t	he purposes of this section:	45

		(a)	a trust is taken to hold an interest in property, as a linked entity of a principal entity, if a trustee of the trust holds the property in its capacity as a trustee, and	1 2 3			
		(b)	a partnership or other unincorporated body is taken to hold property, as a linked entity of a principal entity, if a member of the partnership or other unincorporated body holds the property as a member of the partnership or the other unincorporated body.	4 5 6 7			
	(4)	to 2 each	person holds property as a trustee, custodian or sub-custodian in relation or more trusts the person is to be treated as a separate person in relation to of those trusts and the property held under each trust is to be treated as a rate property holding.	8 9 10 11			
[27]	Section 15 transferred		clusion of land holdings recently transferred or agreed to be	12 13			
	Insert "(or	agreed	I to be transferred)" after "recently transferred" in section 159A (1).	14			
[28]	Section 15	9A (2)	,	15			
	Omit the su	ıbsecti	on. Insert instead:	16			
	(2)		nd holding is <i>recently transferred (or agreed to be transferred)</i> if, within nonths before the acquisition is made:	17 18			
		(a)	the land holding is transferred to the person, or	19			
		(b)	an agreement for the sale or transfer of the land holding to the person is entered into and the agreement is or is to be completed after the acquisition is made.	20 21 22			
[29]	Section 15	9A (3))	23			
	Insert ", or	agreer	ment for sale or transfer," after "transfer".	24			
[30]	Section 16	0 Agr	eements for sale or transfer of land	25			
	Insert after section 160 (2):						
	(2A)		section (2) does not apply if section 159A applies in respect of the isition.	27 28			
[31]	Section 16	0 (3A))	29			
	Insert after	sectio	n 160 (3):	30			
	(3A)	In th	is section:	31			
			option and put option have the same meanings as in Part 2 of Chapter 3.	32			
			sferee includes a person who, at the time of a relevant acquisition, was the tor of a put option or grantee of a call option.	33 34			
		<i>tran</i> : gran	sferor includes a person who, at the time of a relevant acquisition, was the tee of a put option or grantor of a call option.	35 36			
			completed agreement includes an arrangement that includes both a put on and a call option.	37 38			
[32]	Section 16	0 (4)		39			
	Omit the su	ıbsecti	on. Insert instead:	40			
	(4)	In th	is section:	41			
		(a)	a reference to a landholder includes a reference to a linked entity of the landholder, and	42 43			

			(D)	vendor or a purchaser is, in the case of a landholder or linked entity the is a unit trust scheme, a reference to a vendor or purchaser, as the camay be, acting in the capacity of a trustee of the unit trust scheme, ar	nat 2 se 3
			(c)	a reference to a linked entity of a landholder that is a vendor or purchaser is:	
				(i) in the case of a linked entity that is a trust—a reference to vendor or purchaser, as the case may be, acting in the capacity a trustee of the trust, or	
				(ii) in the case of a linked entity that is a partnership or oth unincorporated body—a reference to a vendor or purchaser, the case may be, acting as a member of the partnership or t other unincorporated body.	as 11
[33]	Sect	ion 16	1 Agre	eements for sale or issue of shares or units in landholder	14
	Inser	t after	section	n 161 (2):	15
	(2	(AA)	agree landh	bite subsection (2), the <i>agreement liability date</i> is the date on which the tement is made if the company or unit trust scheme concerned is sholder on that date and is not a landholder on the agreement liability date termined under that subsection.	a 17
[34]	Sect	ion 27	4 Tran	nsfer of certain business property between family members	20
	Inser	t at the	end o	of section 274 (3) (e):	21
				, or	22
			(f)	in the case of a transferor, lessor or assignor acting in the capacity trustee of a self managed superannuation fund—a person who is member of the fund.	
[35]	Sect	ion 27	4 (5AA	A)	26
	Inser	t after	section	n 274 (5):	27
	(5	AA)	refere	ference in this section to a business carried on by a person includes tence to a business carried on by a company, or under a trust, that rolled by the person.	
[36]	Sect	ion 28	4BA		31
	Inser	t after	section	n 284B:	32
28	4BA	MySı	ıper tı	ransitional arrangements	33
		(1)	appli	under this Act is not chargeable on a relevant transfer to which section dies or a relevant acquisition to which section 163FA applies if the relevanter or relevant acquisition is in accordance with:	
			(a)	an election that is taken by section 387 of the Superannuation Indust (Supervision) Act 1993 of the Commonwealth to have been made, or	
			(b)	section 388 of that Act.	39
		(2)		section applies only in relation to a relevant transfer or a relevalisition occurring before 1 July 2018.	ant 40 41

[37]	Section 284D Payment of duty avoided as a result of tax avoidance scheme						
	Omi	t sectio	on 284D (2). Insert instead:	2			
		(2)	For the purposes of this Chapter, the <i>amount of duty avoided</i> by a person as a result of the tax avoidance scheme is the amount of duty, or the amount of additional duty, that, if the tax avoidance scheme had not been entered into or made:	3 4 5 6			
			(a) would have been payable by the person, or	7			
			(b) it is reasonable to expect would have been payable by the person, assuming that a reasonable alternative to entering into or making the scheme had been adopted (being an alternative that would have achieved the same economic or commercial result as the scheme, other than the result of avoiding or reducing duty).	8 9 10 11 12			
[38]	Sche	edule 1	Savings, transitional and other provisions	13			
	Inser	t after	Part 45:	14			
	Par	t 46	Provisions consequent on enactment of State Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2017	15 16			
	124	Defir	nition	17			
			In this Part: amending Act means the State Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2017.	18 19			
	125	Gene	eral application of amendments	20			
		(1)	An amendment made to Chapter 2 by the amending Act applies in respect of a dutiable transaction that occurs on or after the commencement of the amendment.	21 22 23			
		(2)	However, an amendment made to Chapter 2 by the amending Act does not apply to a transfer of dutiable property made in conformity with an agreement for sale or transfer of the dutiable property that was entered into before the commencement of the amendment.	24 25 26 27			
		(3)	Any other amendment made to this Act by the amending Act applies in relation to any liability for duty that arises on or after the commencement of the amendment.	28 29 30			
	126	Appl	ication of amendments to landholder duty generally	31			
		(1)	A landholder duty amendment does not apply to an acquisition in a landholder that is made on or after the commencement of the landholder duty amendment, if the acquisition is made in conformity with an agreement for sale first executed, or with an option granted or otherwise created, before that commencement.	32 33 34 35 36			
		(2)	This Act applies in respect of such an acquisition as if the landholder duty amendment had not been made.	37 38			
		(3)	In this clause, a <i>landholder duty amendment</i> means an amendment made by the amending Act to Chapter 4.	39 40			
	127	Appl	ication of amendment to section 160	41			
		(1)	Without limiting clause 126, an arrangement that includes both a put option and a call option is not to be regarded as an uncompleted agreement for the	42 43			

		agreeme	s of section 160 if the put option and call option were conferred by an ent or arrangement entered into before the commencement of 160 (3A) (as inserted by the amending Act).	1 2 3
	(2)	In this c	lause:	4
		call opti	<i>on</i> and <i>put option</i> have the same meanings as in Part 2 of Chapter 3.	5
[39]	Dictionary			6
	Insert in alp	habetical	order in clause 1:	7
		under se assume	nion means an authorised deposit-taking institution that is authorised ection 66 of the <i>Banking Act 1959</i> of the Commonwealth to use or the expression "credit union" in relation to its financial business, g in its name.	8 9 10 11
[40]	Dictionary,	clause 1	, definition of "instrument"	12
	Omit the de	finition. I	nsert instead:	13
		informat transmit	ent includes a document, written statement or any record of tion that exists in a digital form and is capable of being reproduced, ted, stored and duplicated by electronic means. ocument is defined in the Interpretation Act 1987.	14 15 16 17
[41]	Dictionary,	clause 1	, definition of "private company"	18
	Omit the de	finition. I	nsert instead:	19
		private d	company means:	20
		(a) a	company that is not limited by shares, or	21
		th Lo	company that is limited by shares and whose shares are not quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange, the New Zealand Exchange, the ondon Exchange, the New York Exchange or any exchange of the Vorld Federation of Exchanges.	22 23 24 25
[42]	Dictionary,	clause 2	4 (1)	26
	Omit clause	2 (1) (d)	and (e). Insert instead:	27
		pe	the trustee of a trust and the trustee of another trust are associated ersons if any person is a beneficiary common to:	28 29
		`	i) both of the trusts, or	30
		(i	,	31
		(ii) (d1) a i	i) any sub-trusts of the trusts, natural person and a trustee are associated persons if the natural person	32 33
			a beneficiary of:	34
		(i) the trust (not being a public unit trust scheme) of which the trustee is a trustee, or	35 36
		(i	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	37
			company and a trustee are associated persons if any related body orporate of the company is a beneficiary of:	38 39
		(i) the trust (not being a public unit trust scheme) of which the trustee is a trustee, or	40 41
		(i		42
			private company and a trustee are associated persons if the company, a majority shareholder or director of the company, is a beneficiary of:	43 44

		(i) (ii)	the trust (not being a public unit trust scheme) of which the trustee is a trustee, or any sub-trust (not being a public unit trust scheme) of that trust,	1 2 3
[43]	Dictionary	, clause 2 (6)		4
	Insert after clause 2 (5):			5
	(6)	A reference in this clause to a <i>sub-trust</i> of a trust includes a reference to any sub-trust (whether or not a direct sub-trust of that trust) that establishes an interest in the trust.		
	(7) A person is considered under this clause to be a beneficiary of a sub-trust of a trust only if the interest in the trust that is held for the benefit of the beneficiary is an interest of 50% or more.			9 10 11
[44]	Dictionary, clause 5			12
	Omit the clause.			13

Schedule 2			Amendment of Land Tax Management Act 1956 No 26		
[1]	Sect	ection 3 Definitions			
	Inser	t in alp	habet	ical order in section 3 (1):	4
		•	lease	e includes an agreement to lease.	5
[2]	Sect	ion 21	C Lial	bility of lessees of land owned by Crown or council	6
	Inser	t "(oth	erwise	e than under section 21CB)" after "land tax" in section 21C (6) (e).	7
[3]	Sect	ions 2	1CA a	and 21CB	8
	Inser	t after	section	n 21C:	9
2	1CA	Gove	ernme	ent lessor to notify lessee of land tax liability	10
		(1)	entit	overnment entity that enters into a lease of land owned by the Government y must give the lessee a land tax disclosure statement, in writing, before essee enters into the lease.	11 12 13
		(2)	lesse	nd tax disclosure statement is a statement that advises the lessee that the ewill be liable for land tax in respect of the land during the term of the e if land tax is payable on the land.	14 15 16
		(3)	With	nout limiting subsection (2), a land tax disclosure statement may be made:	17
			(a)	in the terms of the lease, or	18
			(b)	as part of a disclosure statement for the lease that is given to the lessee before the lease is entered into.	19 20
		(4)		ssee enters into a lease when any of the following occurs (whichever pens first):	21 22
			(a)	the lessee executes the lease,	23
			(b)	the lessee enters into possession of the land under the lease,	24
			(c)	the lessee begins to pay rent under the lease.	25
		(5)		renewal of a lease is considered to be entry into a new lease for the term e renewal.	26 27
		(6)		onus is on a Government entity to establish that it gave a land tax losure statement to a lessee before the lessee entered into the lease.	28 29
		(7)	entit any i	overnment entity that enters into a lease of land owned by the Government y and that fails to comply with this section is a <i>non-complying lessor</i> for land tax on the land that becomes payable during the term of the lease. See section 21CB, which enables the Chief Commissioner to recover the land om the non-complying lessor if the lessee fails to pay the land tax.	30 31 32 33 34
		(8)		section applies to a lease only if the lessee under the lease is considered the owner of the land for land tax purposes because of section 21C.	35 36
		(9)	In th	is section:	37
				ernment entity means the Crown, a local council or any other entity not e for land tax in respect of land it owns under section 21C.	38 39
2	1CB	Reco	very	of land tax from non-complying lessor	40
		(1)	If a l	essee of land fails to pay a land tax amount in accordance with a notice of ssment issued by the Chief Commissioner, and there is a non-complying	41 42

			lessor for the land tax to which the assessment relates, the Chief Commissioner may serve a notice on the non-complying lessor notifying the lessor that:	1
			(a) the lessee has failed to pay the land tax amount, and	3
			(b) if the land tax amount is not paid by the date specified in the notice, the lessor will be liable for the land tax amount.	4 5
		(2)	The date specified must be at least 21 days after service of the notice.	6
		(3)	If the land tax amount is not paid by the date specified in the notice, the non-complying lessor is jointly and severally liable with the lessee to pay the land tax amount.	7 8 9
		(4)	A non-complying lessor that is liable to pay a land tax amount under this section is entitled to be indemnified by the lessee for any payments made by the non-complying lessor to the Chief Commissioner to discharge liability for the land tax amount.	10 11 12 13
		(5)	This section applies to a non-complying lessor that is a council despite section 741 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	14 15
		(6)	In this section:	16
			land tax amount means:	17
			(a) the amount of land tax that a lessee has been assessed as being liable to pay, as set out in a notice of assessment issued to the lessee, and	18 19
			(b) any interest or penalty tax payable in respect of that amount of tax.	20
			lessee includes a former lessee.	21
			<i>non-complying lessor</i> has the meaning given by section 21CA.	22
[4]	Sche	dule 2	2 Savings and transitional provisions	23
	Insert after Part 29:			24
	Part 30		Provisions consequent on enactment of State Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2017	25 26
	60	Ame	ndment applies to new leases only	27
		(1)	Section 21CA, as inserted by the <i>State Revenue Legislation Amendment Act</i> 2017, applies only to leases entered into or renewed on or after 1 January 2018.	28 29
		(2)	Accordingly, section 21CB, as inserted by that Act, does not apply to any land tax amount that is payable for the land tax year commencing on 1 January 2018 or a previous land tax year. Note: Land tax liability arises at midnight on 31 December.	30 31 32 33
			Note: Land tax liability anses at midnight on or December.	55

Scl	hedule 3	Amendment of Payroll Tax Act 2007 No 21	1		
[1]	Section 3 D	Definitions	2		
	Insert in alphabetical order in section 3 (1):				
	<i>service provider</i> , in relation to an employment agency contract—see section 37.				
[2]	Section 29	Motor vehicle allowances	6		
	Omit section 29 (7) (a) and (b). Insert instead:				
		(a) the rate determined by legislative instrument under section 28-25 of the ITAA for calculating a deduction for car expenses using the cents per kilometre method in the financial year immediately preceding the financial year in which the allowance is paid or payable, or	8 9 10 11		
		(b) if there is more than one rate under the determination referred to in paragraph (a), the highest of those rates, or	12 13		
		(c) if no rate is determined as referred to in paragraph (a), the rate prescribed by the regulations under this Act.	14 15		
[3]	Section 36	A	16		
	Insert before section 37:				
	36A Division not applicable to wages paid to common law employees				
		This Division does not apply in relation to wages that are exempt wages under section 66B and clause 13B of Schedule 2.	19 20		
[4]	Section 40 Amounts taken to be wages				
	Omit "Division 4 or 5 of that Part, section 50 or clause 5 of Schedule 2) had the service provider been paid by the client as an employee" from section 40 (2).				
	Insert instead "section 50 or Division 4 or 5 of that Part), or Part 3 of Schedule 2 (other than clause 5 or 13A), had the service provider performed the services as an employee of the client".				
[5]	Part 4, Divi	sion 10	27		
	Insert after Division 9:				
	Division '	10 Miscellaneous	29		
	66B Empl	loyment agents supplying their common law employees	30		
		Wages are exempt wages as provided for in clause 13B of Schedule 2.	31		
	66C Wage	es paid to living organ donors	32		
		Wages are exempt wages to the extent that they are reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the Supporting Leave for Living Organ Donors Programme.	33 34 35		
[6]	Schedule 2	NSW specific provisions	36		
	Omit "Department of Education" wherever occurring in clauses 5 (5) (c) and 6 (1).				
	Insert instead "Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development".				

[7]	Schedule 2, clause 13B			1	
	Insert after clause 13A:				2
	13B	Employment agents supplying their common law employees			3
		(1)	Wages are exempt wages if:		
				r payable for services that were performed under an ency contract by a service provider for a client of an ent, and	5 6 7
			(b) the service provemployment age	vider performed the services as an employee of the ent, and	8 9
			or Division 4 or	d be exempt wages under Part 4 (other than section 50 r 5 of that Part), or Part 3 of Schedule 2 (other than had the service provider performed the services as an client, and	10 11 12 13
				ven a declaration to the effect of paragraph (c), in the by the Chief Commissioner, to the employment agent.	14 15
		(2)	person who is an emplo	by the second state of the person is taken to be an employee or any other provision of this Act.	16 17 18
[8]	Sche	edule 3	Savings, transitional	and other provisions	19
	Insert after Part 10:				20
	Part 11 Provisions consequent on enactment of State Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2017			21 22	
	25	25 Moto	vehicle allowances		23
				section 29 made by the <i>State Revenue Legislation</i> is taken to have effect in respect of wages paid or aly 2016.	24 25 26
	26	Exen	ot wages paid to livin	g organ donors	27
				ed by the State Revenue Legislation Amendment Act effect in respect of wages paid or payable on or after	28 29 30

Sch	nedule 4	Amendments relating to permitted disclosures	1	
4.1	First Home O	wner Grant (New Homes) Act 2000 No 21	2	
	Section 47 Protection of confidential information			
	Insert after sectio	n 47 (3) (b):	2	
	(c)	to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission or a person authorised by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissioner, or	5 6	
4.2	Regional Relo	ocation Grants (Skills Incentive) Act 2011 No 26	8	
	Section 60 Prote	ection of confidential information	9	
	Insert after sectio	n 60 (4) (b):	10	
	(b1)	to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission or a person authorised by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissioner, or	11 12 13	
4.3	Small Business Grants (Employment Incentive) Act 2015 No 14			
	Section 59 Protection of confidential information			
	Insert after section 59 (4) (b):			
	(b1)	to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission or a person authorised by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissioner, or	17 18 19	
4.4	Taxation Administration Act 1996 No 97			
	Section 82 Permitted disclosures—to particular persons			
	Insert after section 82 (j):			
	(j1)	to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission or a person authorised by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissioner, or	23 24 25	