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## TREASURY AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023

### STATEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST

#### **Need: Why is the policy needed based on factual evidence and stakeholder input?**

Amendments to the *Duties Act 1997*, *Land Tax Management Act 1956* and *Taxation Administration Act 1996* contained in the *Treasury and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2023* are part of the Government's ongoing program to maintain the integrity and effectiveness of revenue legislation.

#### **Objectives: What is the policy's objective couched in terms of the public interest?**

The measures will amend several Acts to:

- improve the design and targeting of tax concessions,
- update fixed charges that have remained unchanged for 14 years,
- address avenues for tax avoidance, and
- ensure provisions operate as intended.

#### **Options: What alternative policies and mechanisms were considered in advance of the bill?**

The tax system is governed by statute, setting out the obligations and rights of taxpayers and the powers of statutory officers (the Chief Commissioner of State Revenue and his delegates) charged with administering tax laws. The objectives of the reforms in question cannot be achieved without legislative amendment.

#### **Analysis: What were the pros/cons and benefits/costs of each option considered?**

The measures require legislative change.

If legislation relating to taxation was not regularly updated, it would result in an inefficient taxation system, lost revenue through poor compliance and increased red tape and compliance costs for taxpayers.

#### **Pathway: What are the timetable and steps for the policy's rollout and who will administer it?**

The amendments will commence on 1 February 2024, with additional transitional arrangements applying. The measures will be administered by Revenue NSW.

#### **Consultation: Were the views of affected stakeholders sought and considered in making the policy?**

Relevant NSW Government agencies were consulted in the process of developing and drafting the bill. Upon assent Revenue NSW will work with stakeholder groups to ensure affected taxpayers are meeting their obligations.