



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

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REPORT TABLED – INQUIRY INTO THE TAX
ADMINISTRATION (COMBATING WAGE THEFT) BILL 2021

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An Upper House inquiry into the Taxation Administration Amendment (Combating Wage Theft) Bill 2021 has released its report today. The bill introduces a number of measures that would allow Revenue NSW to collect payroll tax which is otherwise not collected due to wage theft.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, said: 'Wage theft is a serious issue in New South Wales that needs to be addressed effectively and efficiently. We have all heard about the well documented instances of wage theft over the past ten years, and it is critical that we stop this practice now'.

The Chair continued: 'The committee supports any efforts to combat wage theft, given the significant impacts of this practice on individuals, families and the broader community. However, the bill does not go far enough'.

'Wage theft should be criminalised in New South Wales, and Revenue NSW should be empowered to identify and investigate instances of wage theft and be effectively resourced to undertake this important role', stated the Chair.

The Chair added: 'The committee has recommended that the bill proceed to be debated in Parliament and for the important concerns raised during the inquiry to be addressed during this debate. The committee also recommended that wage theft be criminalised in New South Wales, either by amending this bill, or through future legislation.'

The report and other inquiry documents are available on the committee's [website](#).

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