

S.A. STATE BUDGET

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## FOREWORD

The State Budget was handed down on 18 June 2015 and included significant changes to state taxation. Some of these changes will have immediate effect whilst others are being phased in over the next three years.

Kennedy & Co is delighted to provide you with a State Budget Snapshot of the significant announcements.

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## STAMP DUTY CHANGES

ABOLITION OF  
STAMP DUTY ON  
NON-REAL PROPERTY  
TRANSFERS

Transfers of most forms of business assets are now stamp duty exempt.

From 18 June 2015, there is no stamp duty on transfers in South Australia:

- Goodwill;
- Trading Stock;
- Plant and equipment that is not fixed to land;
- Intellectual Property;
- Statutory leases and licences (such as fishing licences, taxi licences, gaming machine licences and entitlements); and
- Receivables (i.e. assignment of debt).

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ABOLITION OF STAMP  
DUTY ON NON-  
QUOTED MARKETABLE  
SECURITIES  
(SHARE DUTY)

From 18 June 2015, private company share transfers no longer attract duty in South Australia (providing the company is not a landholder). The duty applied to the purchase or gift of shares not listed on a recognised stock exchange.

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ABOLISHING STAMP  
DUTY ON NON-  
RESIDENTIAL  
REAL PROPERTY  
TRANSFERS

Stamp duty on non-residential real property transfers (also known as non-residential conveyance duty) will be phased out over a three year period commencing 1 July 2016. Duty rates will be reduced by a third from 1 July 2016, a further third from 1 July 2017, before the duty is abolished from 1 July 2018.

## PAYROLL TAX REBATE

The state payroll tax rebate has been extended for the 2015-16 financial year. The rebate is available to employers with a taxable Australian payroll of less than or equal to \$1.2 million. The rebate payment is determined on a sliding scale as follows:

Annual Taxable Payroll (\$)	Statutory Tax Rate (\$)	Rebate Rate
600,000 to 1,000,000	4.95	2.45
1,000,001 to 1,050,000	4.95	1.95
1,050,001 to 1,100,000	4.95	1.45
1,100,001 to 1,150,000	4.95	0.95
1,150,001 to 1,200,000	4.95	0.45
Above 1,200,000	4.95	-

The following table outlines the potential rebate payment that will be available to eligible employers:

Annual Taxable Payroll (\$)	Statutory Tax Rate (\$)	Rebate Rate
600,000	-	-
700,000	4,950	2,450
800,000	9,900	4,900
900,000	14,850	7,350
1,000,000	19,800	9,800
1,100,000	24,750	7,250
1,200,000	29,700	2,700

## WORKCOVER LEVY

ReturnToWorkSA has replaced WorkCoverSA and will be responsible for implementing and managing the new Return to Work Scheme, which will commence on 1 July 2015. The 2015-16 average premium rate will reduce from 2.75% to 1.95% (plus Work Health and Safety fee).

## SAVE THE RIVER MURRAY LEVY

The Save the River Murray Levy will be abolished from 1 July 2015 and estimated to save households more than \$40 per year and more than \$182 per year for non-residential properties.

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