

7 August 2020

Mr Neville Power
Chair
National COVID-19 Co-ordination Commission
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
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By email: nccenquiries@pmc.gov.au

Dear Commissioner,

JobKeeper Subsidy Extension – Exemption from State Payroll Tax

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Corporate Tax Association, CPA Australia, Institute of Public Accountants, Law Council of Australia and The Tax Institute (together **the Joint Bodies**) are the external members of the NTLG. We write to you as the peak professional accounting and tax practitioner bodies in Australia representing the tax profession at this critical time.

Further to our [letter](#) to you of 7 April 2020, we are writing to you to seek an extension of the payroll tax exemptions and concessions put in place with respect to the JobKeeper subsidy which is now being extended¹ by the Federal government to apply until 28 March 2021. We consider that all further subsidy payments provided under the current extension of the JobKeeper scheme and any future extensions of the scheme should be exempt from payroll tax in all States and Territories.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please contact Tax Policy Adviser, Elinor Kasapidis, at CPA Australia on 03 9606 9666 in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,



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¹ <https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/josh-frydenberg-2018/media-releases/jobkeeper-payment-and-income-support-extended>

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