Together, we're keeping WA strong

FACT #1

WA is the payroll tax capital of Australia

At gross annual wages of \$3.5 million, WA businesses pay \$33,304 more than they would in New South Wales.



and labour force (2024-25)1 Value per employed person:

¹ Latest available State Budgets (as at July 2025), ABS.

We have considered moving our Head Office from WA over east partly due to payroll tax. Wholesale Trade, 35 employees

66 As a small business the prospect of having to pay payroll tax is nearing and is impacting our decision to employ more people. **Professional Services,**

8 employees

FACT #2

The number of employing businesses in WA paying payroll tax is climbing

Around 27% of employing businesses in WA pay payroll tax, and that number is growing as wages continue to climb.

And even businesses that don't pay it yet are concerned.

Bracket creep tips more businesses into the payroll tax system each day.

66 Wages have increased significantly over the past few years, so now you suddenly have to pay payroll tax. Pretty unfair.

Tourism, 20 employees

Calculated by using percentage of all businesses paying payroll tax as quoted by WA Premier Roger Cook in Business News (10%), then using this number to find the proportion of employing businesses

FACT #3

The overwhelming majority of businesses in WA want payroll tax reform

Payroll tax reform is the number one ask of the State Government ahead of the next election.

66 Payroll tax causes more financial distress than any other influence on the business and prevents us from making any investment.

> Resources, 30 employees









