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Stop the Tax on Nurses and Paramedics

Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party MLC Robert Borsak fired back at the New South Wales Government's tax on public sector paramedics and nurses.

"What a disgrace – the State Government is forcing public sector paramedics and nurses to pay \$80 to another Government department for child safety background checks," Mr Borsak said.

"These essential professionals make up the majority of health employees, and the Government is reaping the benefits of forcing them to pay for their own Working With Children's Check. If health care employees don't pay for the check, then they lose their job.

"This is on top of National Police Checks that are already conducted by the Australian Federal Police.

"Make no mistake: this is a tax on paramedics and nurses, the very people we rely on when we are most in need.

"When the New South Wales Government is trumpeting that they have a \$4.5 billion budget surplus, yet they are taxing paramedics and nurses to improve their bottom line.

"Paramedics and nurses are paid a pittance compared to the salaries of the Emergency Services Minister and the Health Minister, let alone the bureaucrats shuffling paper to perform these checks.

"Child safety is an important issue and we must protect our most vulnerable people, but surely there is a better way than taxing some of our lowest paid health care workers."

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