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Public Service Union welcomes IRC decision to exclude superannuation from wage cap

The NSW Public Service Association has welcomed a decision of the NSW Industrial to stop the State Government making public servants' pay for mandatory superannuation increases out of their own pockets.

In a unanimous decision, the full bench found the NSW Government could not discount the 0.25% increase in the superannuation guarantee contribution under its compulsory 2.5% public sector wage cap.

"The PSA welcomes the IRC decision to stop the erosion of take home pay for thousands of NSW public sector workers by including superannuation under the 2.5% wage cap," Assistant Secretary Steve Turner said today.

"It would have been a further squeeze on family budgets and a serious blow to public sector employees already saddled with a sub-inflation wage cap.

"This is supposed to be an employer contribution to superannuation but the NSW Government tried to shift the cost of this increase on to their employees, without consultation.

"We would have expected the biggest employer in NSW to show more respect for its workers.

"We call on the O'Farrell Government to accept the umpires ruling and not appeal this decision," Mr Turner said.