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Decision to oppose back pay stuns Police Association

A statement at the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) yesterday that the Commissioner of Police actively opposes any modest pay increase be backdated to 1 July 2020 has stunned the Police Association of New South Wales (PANSW).

“In the past 12 months the police of NSW have been asked to do so much and been forced into the court to argue for a fair go. To be told that back pay will be opposed is quite simply a kick in the guts.

“This insulting move to shut the door on back pay comes on top of our hearing dates at the IRC being pushed into October.

“The delay between our 2017 Award expiring and the day of our last scheduled hearing day will be 100 days – that’s 100 days without any movement on a fair go on pay and conditions, and 100 days of an effective pay cut while the police officers around this state are being pushed to extreme lengths to protect the public. An actual decision could take even longer.

“As highlighted by two Labor shadow ministers today the stance the Commissioner has taken on backdating any pay settlement – despite his own boost in pay being backdated – is hypocritical in the extreme.

“Just today, at the graduation of Class 342 at the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn, the Premier went to great lengths to express the state’s heartfelt gratitude for police compromising their own health and safety to keep NSW communities safe.

“Premier Gladys Berejiklian praised the outstanding role, resilience and ability to adapt being shown by police officers throughout the state and said that more was being asked of them than ever before in this state’s history.

“Our response to the Premier is that words are not enough. The police officers of NSW deserve the type of genuine respect and action that Premiers in Queensland and Victoria have shown to their serving police officers.

“We agree with the statement put out today by the Police Federation of Australia that by refusing to come to the table and bargain a pay deal the Government, and the Commissioner, are taking the hard work of NSW Police for granted.

“As Scott Weber, CEO of the Police Federation said today, this is not a time to disrespect NSW Police”.

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