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Police Federation of Australia: This is not a time to disrespect NSW Police

At a time when the pressure to maintain community safety has never been higher the men and women of the NSW Police Force are not receiving a fair go from the NSW Government says the CEO of the Police Federation of Australia, Scott Weber.

"It's bad enough that the Police Association of New South Wales has had its hearings before the Industrial Relations Commission pushed into October, but just yesterday they received confirmation that the Government has declared there will be no back pay no matter what decision is reached.

"The Governments of Queensland and Victoria have both shown some genuine respect to the serving police officers of their states by giving them a fair go. They have not left them out in the cold by offering them nothing at all.

"New South Wales, which for years has called itself the premier state has a Premier and Treasurer who have ignored their own Parliament to impose a pay freeze, against the promise of a modest rise of 2.5%

"What is also beyond disappointing to see, is that the NSW Police Commissioner, who had a huge pay bump himself this year, is not backing his troops by pushing for an urgent and fair pay deal for them outside of the IRC.

"The only conclusion is that Commissioner Fuller and the Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, are taking the men and women in blue for granted, while happily riding off the role they play as their lead combat agency and the dependence they have on the excellent work being done.

"Given the frontline work of police officers in 2020 alone, through bushfires, floods and the challenges of Covid-19 - from effective hotel quarantine work to community policing and border deployments - that stance is unacceptable and demonstrates backward thinking. It has to change".

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