

The Future of Australia's GST: Good Design for the Real World

Wednesday 16 September 2015

TTPI, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

8.45am – Conference opening, coffee available		
Session 1 9am	Future Challenges for Australia's GST (Chair: Miranda Stewart)	
9am	Introduction and opening remarks	Professor Miranda Stewart
9.10am	Keynote: Key Challenges for the GST	Professor Rebecca Millar, University of Sydney
9.50am	Complexity in Australia's GST	Professor Rick Krever, Monash University
10.10am	Real GSTs and political constraints	Dr Kathryn James, Monash University
10.30am	Questions and discussion	
10.40am	Morning tea	
11am	Hon. Assistant Treasurer Josh Frydenberg	Introduction and Chair: Prof John Hewson (includes Q&A)
Session 2 11.30am	Panel: Integrity of the GST Base in the Global Digital Economy (Chair: Miranda Stewart)	
11.30am	Ensuring Integrity of the GST Base	Mr Russ Campbell, Australian Treasury
11.45am	GST and the sharing economy	Mr Alex Affleck, Australian Tax Office
12pm	Import of low-value goods	Associate Prof Dale Boccabella, UNSW
12.15pm	Digital currencies	Mr Joel Emery, PWC
12.25pm	International developments on globalisation and e-commerce	Ms Suzi Russell-Gilford, PWC
12.45pm	Questions and discussion	
1pm	Lunch <i>Book Launch: The Rise of VAT, Dr Kathryn James, Monash</i>	
Session 3 1.45pm	The future application of GST to Financial Services (Chair: Rick Krever)	
1.45pm	The challenges of financial services	Professor Michael Walpole, UNSW
2.05	GST on financial services and some other thorny problems	Mr Michael Evans, University of Melbourne; Taxsifu
2.25	Questions and discussion	
2.40pm	Afternoon coffee	
Session 4 3pm	Perspectives on economics and distribution of GST reform especially exemptions in the base (Chair Dr Mathias Sinning)	
3pm	Economics of GST exemptions and reform	Mr Paul Abbey, PWC
3.20pm	Revenue and economic effects of GST base compared to rate changes	Mr Nick Kallinikios and Ms Jodie Patron, KPMG
3.35pm	Distributional effects on household budgets of GST changes	Mr Ben Phillips, NATSEM, University of Canberra
3.50pm	Questions and discussion	
Session 5: 4pm	Directions and constraints for GST reform (Chair: John Hewson) <i>Presentations and panel discussion</i>	
4pm	Back to the future: Henry, cash flows and consumption	Mr Greg Smith, Chair, Commonwealth Grants Commission
4.20pm	Politics and policy in GST reform	Mr David Pearl, Treasury/PWC
4.30pm	Comments and discussion from the Chair and Panel including Rebecca Millar and Rick Krever	
5.15pm	Close of conference	