From the Director

Dear friends and colleagues

As forecast, this month has been an interesting one with the 2016 Federal Budget handed down and the Pre-Election Financial Outlook released last Friday 20 May 2016, for our election on 2 July. Its not often an election is so close to a budget.

This month, I want to highlight the Austaxpolicy Blog Budget Forum 2016. Please take the time to look at the several excellent contributions to the Forum as well as our other articles. For those researching in tax and transfers, please consider writing for us.

Budget Forum 2016:

- The connection between company tax and living standards, by Janine Dixon and Jason Nassios
- The economic impact of the company tax cut, by Chris Murphy
- Budget repair, climate risks and global concerns all ignored in this conflicted effort, by John Hewson
- Bracket creep response is poorly targeted, by Peter Varela
- The growth puzzle, by Mathias Sinning
- Improving integrity of wine taxation but not addressing the big picture, by Megan Vine
- Indigenous Australians, what might we expect, and where might the impact be? by Nicholas Biddle
- Does the budget address women's economic security in retirement? by Helen Hodgson
- Fintech reforms to save Australia's digital currency industry? by Joel Emery
- What's not in the budget, tax reform to broaden the income tax base, by David Ingles and Miranda Stewart
- Some good superannuation fixes but still a ramshackle system, by David Ingles

TTPI Seminar Series Reminder

The next TTPI seminar is on Tuesday 24 May 2016, 12.30 - 1.30pm, Tax rate biases in tax planning decisions: experimental evidence, by Professor Eva Eberhartinger, Vienna University of Economics and Business. More details on the event and registration are available on our web.

The June TTPI seminar is set for Thursday 23 June 2016, with Assistant Professor Haishan Yuan, School of Economics, University of Queensland. More details will be provided shortly on our website.

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briefs and interesting fiscal news.

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