From the Director

Dear friends and colleagues

This month we look forward to welcoming Australian visiting fellow Peter Mellor of Monash University. Peter will be researching state income taxes in a federation and will present a seminar on **Tuesday 22 November 2016**. More details and registration for the event are available [here](#).

The Crawford School 2016 PhD Conference is on **Tuesday 22 November 2016** and focuses on the increasingly global nature of public policy, with several tax and transfer presentations. The keynote speaker is Jennifer Westacott of the Business Council of Australia. More details and registration are available [here](#).

As president-elect Trump prepares for his term in the White House, scrutiny has turned to his tax plan which includes a proposal to cut the US corporate tax to 15 per cent from 35 per cent. We will hear about the *Future of Corporate Tax* globally from distinguished international visitor Professor Wolfgang Schoen of the Max Planck Institute on Tax Law and Public Finance, Germany, whose Public Lecture is on **Thursday 8 December 2016**. Further details and registration are available [here](#).

You may also be interested in a seminar hosted by the Development Policy Centre at Crawford School on 'Economic diversification and tax reform in Papua New Guinea' set for **Thursday 8 December 2016**, details [here](#). The 2016 Australasian Public Choice Conference is also on at ANU **8-9 December**, details [here](#).

At home or abroad, should you worry about "zero net taxpayers"? See our recent op-ed on why not. A detailed discussion is in TTPI *Policy Brief 5/2016* by Professor Peter Whiteford, also on [Austaxpolicy.com Blog](#).

We have some other great new articles on the Blog including:

- **Completing the reform journey to adequate, secure and sustainable retirement incomes for all Australians**, by Andrew Podger, ANU
- **How do we measure the success of legislative budget offices?**, by Usman W Chohan

**TTPI Seminar Series**

**Tuesday 22 November, 12.15 - 1.30pm**

*Income taxation by states in a federation: allocation of business income* Peter Mellor Monash University, more details and event registration is available on our [website](#).

**Public Seminar**

**Thursday 8 December, 5.30 - 7pm**

*The Future of Corporate Tax*, speaker Wolfgang Schoen, Max Planck Institute on Tax Law and Public Finance. 5.30-7pm, Weston Theatre, Crawford School. Registration available [here](#).
Negative gearing, the capital gains tax and the volatility of housing markets, by Gavin Wood and Rachel Ong

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This is our last Newsletter of 2016- We wish you all the best for the end of the year and will be back in 2017!

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