What’s next on the horizon?
Post-budget policy analysis

Thursday 25 May 12:30pm – 2pm

Location
National Library of Australia
Theatre
Parkes Pl West
Canberra ACT

Convened by
Mr Steve Sedgwick
Deputy Chair of the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation, former Secretary of the Department of Finance and former Director of the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research, University of Melbourne

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As in previous years, the Sir Roland Wilson’s post-budget policy analysis will provide a unique opportunity to discuss the impact of the 2017-18 federal budget.

With experts from academia and the public policy community, this year’s panel will offer their views on the budget’s contribution to Australia’s upcoming domestic and global challenges.

Mr Peter Davidson
Senior Advisor
Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)

Prof Miranda Stewart
Director, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Dr John Hewson
Former leader of the Opposition & Chair, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Ms Lenore Taylor
Editor, The Guardian Australia and former chief political correspondent, The Sydney Morning Herald

Speakers

Mr Steve Sedgwick AO
Deputy Chair, Sir Roland Wilson Foundation & former Secretary of the Department of Finance

Mr Sedgwick has had a long and distinguished career in the public sector, having served in a number of departments since 1972. He was Secretary to the Commonwealth Departments of Finance, Employment and Education between 1992 and 2002. He became Australian Public Service Commissioner in December 2009-2014 after a period as Professor and Director of the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at the University of Melbourne and an Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank. He was awarded the Centenary Medal in January 2001, and was made an Officer in the Order of Australia in June 2012.

Mr Peter Davidson
Senior Advisor, Australian Council of Social Service

Peter Davidson is Senior Advisor with the Australian Council of Social Service, specialising in employment, social security, superannuation and tax policies, and income distribution and poverty. In his work for ACOS over 20 years he has analysed and influenced Australian Government policies in these areas. He has contributed to the development of policies including reform of working-age social security payments, youth allowances, jobseeker accounts for unemployed people, proposals to strengthen the personal income tax base and provide State Governments with a robust revenue base to fund community services. He has many publications across these policy areas.

Dr John Hewson AM
Chair of the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Dr Hewson is an economic and financial expert with experience in academia, business, government, media and the financial system. He has worked as an economist for the Australian Treasury, the Reserve Bank, the International Monetary Fund and as an advisor to two successive Federal Treasurers and the Prime Minister. His political career included eight years as the Federal Member for Wentworth in the Federal Parliament. He was Shadow Finance Minister, Shadow Treasurer and Shadow Minister for Industry and Commerce, then Leader of the Liberal Party and Federal Coalition in Opposition. He is also a member of the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Board.

Professor Miranda Stewart
Director, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Professor Stewart is a leading international expert on tax law and policy, with more than 20 years’ experience working at the leading edge of policy research, design and development. She joined ANU from the University of Melbourne, where she was a Director of Tax Studies for many years. She has previously worked at New York University School of Law in the United States, in major Australian law firms advising business on tax law, and at the Australian Taxation Office advising on business tax law and policy and has consulted for government on various tax and transfer policy issues.

Ms Lenore Taylor
Editor, The Guardian Australia and former chief political correspondent, The Sydney Morning Herald

Lenore Taylor is The Guardian Australia’s editor. She has won two Walkley awards and has twice won the Paul Lynneham award for excellence in press gallery journalism. She co-authored a book, Shitstorm, on the Rudd government’s response to the global economic crisis. She has covered federal politics for more than 20 years.