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COVID-19 NATIONAL TAX SUMMIT

Monday 3 August, 8.30am - 1.00pm

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PROGRAM	
Canberra – Sydney – Melbourne – Virtual	
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Registration link available here.	
Monday 3 August 8.30am – 1.00pm AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time)	
8:30am	Welcome and Introduction of facilitators and webinar instructions John Hewson, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Australian National University
8.40am	Keynote address Introduction: Viva Hammer (Brandeis University) Keynote speaker - Thomas Barthold; Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (USA)
9.15am	Session 2: Problems with the Australian tax and transfer system: alternative perspectives Chair: Viva Hammer (Brandeis University) The economist's view: Danielle Wood (Grattan) The tax practitioner's view: Ellen Thomas (PwC) The social services' view: Cassandra Goldie (ACOSS) The view from young people: Sonia Arakkal (Think Forward) The worker's view: Liam O'Brien (ACTU)
10.30am	Morning tea break
10.45am	Session 3: Corporate taxation: problems and options Chair: Kristen Sobeck (ANU) Panel: Craig Emerson (Craig Emerson Economics) , Ken Henry , Ann Kayis-Kumar (UNSW) , Adam McKissack (BCA)
11.45am	Session 4: Revenue, expenditure and the relationship between state and federal governments Chair: Greg Smith Panel : David de Carvalho (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority) , Ross Lambie (ACCI) , David Thodey (Chair CSIRO and Chair of NSW Government review of FFR) , Anne Twomey (Sydney University)
12.45pm	Wrap up: where to from here? Robert Breunig, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Australian National University
1.00pm	Event concludes

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BIO'S	
Name	John Hewson
Bio	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. He was previously an economics professor at UNSW and Dean MGSM and is now a Professor and holds a Chair in the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute at Crawford School, ANU. His business career before entering politics in 1987 was as a company director and business consultant and included roles as Foundation Executive Director, Macquarie Bank Limited and as a Trustee of the IBM Superannuation Fund. John's political career included seven years as a ministerial advisor and a further 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 for four years. Since leaving politics Dr. Hewson has been Chairman/Director of a host of public and private companies across a range of industries, including as Chairman of ABN Amro Australia, Chaired two charities and a number of other not-for-profits. He also writes and comments widely across all media.
Name	Viva Hammer
Bio	Viva Hammer has practiced tax law in New York and Washington DC, in the private sector and the U.S. government. Most recently, she was at the Joint Committee on Taxation, a non-partisan committee advising both houses of Congress on tax policy. She was a lead advisor on the international provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the 2017 major tax reform. Viva specializes in international tax, the taxation of derivatives and complex financial transactions, and consumption tax. She was a partner at a Big Four accounting firm and a major Washington DC law firm. Prior to those positions, she was at the Office of Tax Policy in the U.S. Treasury Department. Viva graduated from the University of Sydney with degrees in Economics and Law with first class honours. She has written over 120 articles and book chapters and is currently at Brandeis University, writing a book about her experience during tax reform. Viva can be found at vhammer@brandeis.edu and at www.vivahammertax.com
Name	Dr Thomas Barhold
Bio	Thomas A. Barthold is the chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation. Mr. Barthold joined the Joint Committee staff as a staff economist in 1987. He subsequently has served as senior economist, deputy chief of staff, and acting chief of staff (2005-2007). He was named chief of staff in May 2009. Over the past three decades he has worked on a wide variety of issues for the committee, including capital gains taxation, savings incentives, environmental and energy taxes, estate and gift taxation, the taxation of multinational enterprises, the low-income housing tax credit, tax-exempt bonds, and tax-exempt organizations. Prior to his arrival in Washington he was a member of the economics faculty of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. His publications include studies of capital gain realizations, charitable bequests, and measuring the distribution of the tax burden. Mr. Barthold is a graduate of Northwestern University and received his doctorate in economics from Harvard University. For his work at the Joint Committee on Taxation the Tax Foundation has awarded Mr. Barthold its "Distinguished Service Award," the Tax Council Policy Institute has awarded Mr. Barthold its "Pillar of Excellence," and the National Tax Association has awarded Mr. Barthold its "Bruce Davie - Albert Davis Public Service Award."

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Name	Danielle Wood
Bio	Danielle is the CEO of the Grattan Institute. Danielle has published extensively on economic reform priorities, budget policy, tax reform, generational inequality and reforming political institutions. She is a sought-after media commentator and speaker on policy issues. Danielle previously worked at the ACCC, NERA Economic Consulting and the Productivity Commission. She holds an Honours degree in Economics from the University of Adelaide and Masters degrees in Economics and Competition Law, from the University of Melbourne. Danielle is the National President of the Economic Society of Australia and co-founder and former Chair of the Women in Economics Network.
Name	Ellen Thomas
Bio	Ellen is a Partner at PwC Tax in Sydney, specialising in mergers & acquisitions and finance transactions. She advises on a range of domestic and international M&A transactions, corporate restructures, post-acquisition integrations, international tax planning, distressed debt transactions, infrastructure investments and financial arrangements. Ellen is the chair of the Taxation Institute's Large Business & International committee and has recently joined the Australian Executive Committee of the International Fiscal Association.
Name	Cassandra Goldie
Bio	Cassandra Goldie has been CEO of ACOSS since July 2010. With public policy expertise in economic and social issues, civil society, social justice and human rights, Cassandra has represented the interests of people who are disadvantaged, and civil society generally, in major national and international processes as well as in grassroots communities. Prior to joining ACOSS, Cassandra held senior roles in both the NFP and public sectors, including with the Australian Human Rights Commission, Darwin Community Legal Service and Senior Executive with Legal Aid in Western Australia. Cassandra has a PhD from the University of New South Wales, a Masters of Law from University College London, and is an Adjunct Professor with the Law Faculty at the University of New South Wales. She has a PhD from University of New South Wales and a Masters of Law from University College London. She is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She serves on the Advisory Committee for the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, the UNSW Law Advisory Committee, the Australian Climate Roundtable, and the Pinnacle Foundation Board.
Name	Sonia Arakkal
Bio	Sonia Arakkal founded Think Forward, a lobby group for young Australians, that wants to see issues of intergenerational fairness, such as unfairness in the tax and transfer system, front and centre in Australian federal politics. Recently Think Forward has called for a parliamentary inquiry into intergenerational fairness to highlight how policy settings are putting young people at a disadvantage. Sonia has previously worked as a management consultant for Nous Group and as a policy advisor to a federal politician.
Name	Liam O'Brien
Bio	Liam O'Brien was elected to the position of ACTU Assistant Secretary in December 2018. Liam started with the AWU Victorian Branch in 2003 as an organiser. It was a role that gave him experience across the state and insight into the issues that concern members from a diverse range of industries. In 2009 he was elected Victorian Vice-President and in that same year became a national organiser with responsibility for industries including aluminium, glass and construction. In that capacity he played a pivotal role in major campaigns including the fight to save Alcoa Point Henry. In 2013 Liam was elected as AWU National Vice-President

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	and Victorian Assistant Secretary. Liam has previously been an alternate director of Australian Super and a director of Prime Super. Liam is responsible for OHS and workers' compensation matters and is the director of the ACTU's Centre for work health and safety. Liam is also a member of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council (ASEC), the National Workplace Relations Consultative Council (NWRCC), and Safe Work Australia (SWA) SIG-WHS.
Name	Kristen Sobeck
Bio	Kristen Sobeck is a Senior Research Officer at the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute (TTPI). Kristen studied economics and French at Smith College and has a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Geneva. Prior to joining TTPI, she worked as an economist at the International Labour Organization (ILO) from its headquarters in Geneva and country office in Argentina. She was also awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 2007 and is fluent in English, Spanish, and French.
Name	Craig Emerson
Bio	Dr Craig Emerson is an eminent economist with 35 years' experience in public policy, politics and public service. He is Managing Director of Emerson Economics Pty Ltd, providing professional services to governments and the business community. He is the Director of the Australian APEC Study Centre at RMIT, a Distinguished Fellow at the Australian National University, an Adjunct Professor at Victoria University, Chair of the McKell Institute, a member of the CEDA Council on Economic Policy and a columnist with <i>The Australian Financial Review</i> . Dr Emerson was Australia's Minister for Trade and Competitiveness from 2010 to 2013. He was the architect of the White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century and was appointed Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Asian Century Policy. He is also a former Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Minister for Competition Policy and Minister for Small Business. Dr Emerson was economic, trade and environmental adviser to Prime Minister Bob Hawke in the 1980s. Dr Emerson has a PhD in Economics from the Australian National University.
Name	Ken Henry
Bio	Dr Henry was a member of the Treasury tax reform unit that produced Paul Keating's 1985 tax reform packages. He was Chair of the Howard Government's taxation task force that produced the 1998 tax reform package (A New Tax System), including the GST. And he was Chair of the Rudd Government's tax review (Australia's Future Tax System) published in 2010. He led the development of the Gillard Government's White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century in 2011 to 2012. Dr Henry was Secretary to the Treasury from 2001 to 2011, during which time he was a member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Board of Taxation. He was the Chairman of National Australia Bank from 2015 to 2019. He is currently Chair of the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation at the ANU and a non-executive director of the ASX, Accounting for Nature and Cape York Partnership. Dr Henry was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2007. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.
Name	Ann Kayis-Kumar
Bio	Dr Ann Kayis-Kumar is author of <i>Taxing Multinationals</i> (Oxford University Press, 2019) and co-author of the <i>Australian CGT Handbook</i> (since the 8th edition, Thomson Reuters, 2017). Ann's research applies a combination of pure economic theory, optimisation modelling and applied legal research, with a focus on the behavioural responses incentivised by mismatches

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	<p>in the tax system. Awarded the UNSW Business School Dean's Emerging Leadership Award in 2019, Ann is Founding Director of UNSW Tax Clinic, elected Vice-President of the Australasian Tax Teachers' Association, and serves on both university- and industry-level committees including the UNSW Academic Board, The Tax Institute's NSW Technical and SME & Tax Practitioner Committees. Ann has significant teaching experience at both UNSW Business School and University of Sydney Business School. She is a recipient of the UNSW Business School John Prescott Award for Outstanding Teaching Innovation and received multiple teaching citations from the University of Sydney Business School. She co-developed the online gamification 'PlayTax: Adventures in International Tax Planning', which simulates the decision-making parameters of a tax planning multinational. PlayTax is currently utilised in teaching tax law at both the UNSW Business School and the UNSW Faculty of Law.</p>
Name	Adam McKissack
Bio	<p>Adam McKissack has responsibility for leading economic policy and analysis work within the Business Council. He was formerly a senior executive in the Australian Treasury and has a breadth of experience advising governments on economic policy issues. He has held various roles in the Treasury and other government agencies covering areas such as preparation of the Federal Budget, macroeconomic forecasting, international finance, tax, structural reform and foreign investment policy. Adam's international experience covers more than four years working as Minister-Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Beijing as well as a stint in Finance Canada in Ottawa where he worked on international economic issues. Adam holds a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from the University of Sydney.</p>
Name	Greg Smith
Bio	<p>Greg Smith is a former senior executive in the Commonwealth Treasury, where he led areas dealing with budget, taxation, retirement incomes and financial system policies. Greg is former Chair of the Commonwealth Grants Commission and was a member of the Commonwealth Government's Panel Reviewing the Future Australian Tax System (2008-09).</p>
Name	David Thodey
Bio	<p>David Thodey is Chair of the Commonwealth Science, Industry & Research Organisation (CSIRO), Xero and Tyro Payments. He is also a Director of Ramsay Health Care and Vodafone International Group (UK). Previously David was Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Telstra, and prior to that Chief Executive Officer, Australia and New Zealand at IBM. He recently led a decadal review of the Australian Public Service for the Government, is Chairing a review of FFR for the NSW Treasurer and has been appointed Commissioner for the Federal Government National C-19 Coordination Commission. David received an honorary Doctorate in Science from Deakin University in 2016, honorary Doctorate in Technology from University of Technology in 2018, and was recognised for his services to business and ethical business leadership with an Order of Australia (AO) in January 2017.</p>
Name	David de Carvalho
Bio	<p>Mr David de Carvalho became the CEO of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, in March 2019, bringing a wealth of leadership experience from the education sector and from the public sector at both the Commonwealth and state government level. Mr de Carvalho was CEO of the NSW Education Standards Authority from January 2017 until February 2019. Prior to that, he was Deputy Secretary at the NSW Department of Family and Community Services. Mr de Carvalho has also led the National Catholic</p>

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	Education Commission and was Head of the Higher Education Division in the federal government Department of Education. He worked in the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, the Commonwealth Treasury Department, was Head of the Social Policy Division in the Department of Finance and Deregulation, and led the Reform of the Federation White Paper Taskforce between January 2014 and July 2015.
Name	Anne Twomey
Bio	Anne Twomey has practised as a solicitor and is admitted to practice in New South Wales, Victoria, the ACT, and the High Court (but does not hold a current practising certificate). She has worked for the High Court of Australia as a Senior Research Officer, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Research Service as a researcher in the Law and Government Group, the Commonwealth Senate as Secretary to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee, and The Cabinet Office of NSW as Policy Manager of the Legal Branch. She has acted as a consultant to various government bodies.
Name	Ross Lambie
Bio	Dr Ross Lambie is Chief Economist and Director of Economics and Industry Policy at the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Prior to joining the Australian Chamber, Ross was Chief Economist and Assistant Secretary at the Department of the Environment and Energy. Ross entered the Senior Executive Service in the Australian Government in 2015 in the role of General Manager of the Resources and Energy Economics Branch at the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. He has a deeply held passion and fascination with economics and how it can contribute to improving policy outcomes. His expertise in energy economics is recognised both domestically and internationally, and prior to leaving the Australian Government he was instrumental in leading the development of a national approach to circular economy. Ross' management experience spans leading teams of economists, analysts and researchers in Australian public sector agencies, and teams of financial market dealers in major New Zealand financial institutions. He has a strong academic background in economics, holding Bachelor degrees in both Accounting and Resource Studies (Economics major), an Honours degree in Economics (First Class) and a Master's degree in Commerce and Management (Distinction, Economics major). He also holds a PhD in Public Policy and Economics from the Australian National University. Ross was recently appointed Vice-Chair of the Business at OECD Economic Policy Committee.
Name	Robert Breunig
Bio	Professor Robert Breunig is one of Australia's leading Public Policy Economists. His research is motivated by important social policy issues and debates, and his work is characterized by careful empirical study and appropriate use of statistical technique. Professor Breunig's research agenda has led to many partnerships with government organizations in Australia and overseas and he works regularly with the Australian Treasury, the Department of Employment, the Department of Industry, the Department of Communication and the Arts, the Productivity Commission, the Australian Bureau of Statistics as well as many other agencies. He has been a consultant to the private sector on marketing, mergers, bank competition and customer loyalty programs.