Mission, vision and values

The Tax and Transfer Policy Institute (TTPI) was established in 2013 at the Crawford School of Public Policy of the Australian National University, implementing Recommendation 134 of the Henry Review. It is the Institute’s mission to undertake independent research and evidence-based policy analysis for the public benefit. TTPI brings together leading researchers and policy thinkers with a balanced, transparent ethos, and we abide by these foundational principles.

TTPI does not exist to offer a single perspective on tax and transfer policy. Rather, it aims to foster a richness and diversity in tax and transfer policy research in Australia for the short and long term, exploring issues and practical solutions to the critical tax and transfer policy challenges facing governments over the next few decades.

This Charter sets out the role that TTPI staff, TTPI Research Affiliates and TTPI Fellows play in the achievement of the Institute’s mission, and the vision and values that underpin our work and conduct.

Our work

Responding to the need to adapt Australia’s tax and transfer system, so that it can meet contemporary challenges, TTPI works at the intersection of research and policy. Fellows at the Institute will:

- Deliver policy-relevant research;
- Seek to inform public understanding and debate on tax and transfers in Australia, drawing on national and international evidence and an understanding of economic and social behaviour;
- Focus on key themes of economic prosperity, social equity and system resilience;
- Influence and advance the debate and community thinking on tax policy and tax reform in Australia.

Expectations for researchers

TTPI researchers agree to practice ethical research, including:

- Stating conflicts of interest;
- Stating sources of funding;
- Making computer code and data available to other researchers (where confidentiality rules permit);
- Seeking ethics approval for research where required;
- Protecting data confidentiality.