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# CTA Today

## The Art and Science of Tax Administration in 2020

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### PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020

1.00PM

#### WELCOME

*CTA President Gary Elvin and Michelle de Niese*

The large corporate tax function – surviving COVID-19 and thriving on the other side

*Presenters:*

*Gary Elvin – SEEK*

*Cristina Wolters – Transurban*

*Stephen Southon – NAB*

*Brett Andersen – Pacific National*

*Jo McLellan – Domain Group*

*Zennia Csikos – Schneider Electric*

*Members of the CTA's executive committee will share their experiences and personal insights around how their organisations have managed the COVID-19 crisis both economically and administratively.*

*The group will also share their views on what is required, both from within their organisations and externally (via government policy and ATO administration) for economic recovery and how COVID-19 will change tax functions going forward.*

1.10PM

2.25PM

#### AFTERNOON BREAK

2.40PM

Capitalising on a crisis – what can and should be done to Australia's tax policy and administration to make it fit for purpose beyond 2020

*Guest speakers:*

*Paul Abbey – PwC*

*David Watkins – Deloitte*

*Leading tax partners Paul Abbey and David Watkins look into the bright and dark corners of our tax policy and administration frameworks and set the scene for what needs to change in order for Australia to ensure business is in a strong position to rebound and drive Australia's social and economic recovery.*

3.40PM

#### AFTERNOON BREAK

3.55PM

The ATO and large corporates – getting back to business

*Presenters:*

*Michelle de Niese – CTA*

*Paul Supprey – CTA*

*Kelly Wong – Lendlease*

*Michelle de Niese, Paul Supprey and Kelly Wong take a closer look at how the ATO plans to reignite its large business compliance programs post COVID-19 and compare its proposed approach with the CTA's views on what a compliance program for Australia's large corporate sector should look and feel like in 2021 and beyond.*

4.55PM

#### CLOSING COMMENTS

**Gary Elvin – Seek**

Gary Elvin has served as the CTA's President for the last 12 months, and has been a member of the CTA Executive Committee since 2017. He is currently the Finance Director for SEEK Ltd's business in Australia and New Zealand, and prior to that spent 20 years in corporate tax roles in the technology, mining and oil & gas industries. Gary has also previously been a member of the ATO's Large Business Stewardship Group and NTLG, and the Tax/Fiscal committees of the Minerals Council of Australia and APPEA.

**Cristina Wolters – Transurban**

Cristina has headed the taxation function at Transurban, a triple stapled, top 20 ASX listed company with operations in Australia and in North America, for over 10 years. She has over 25 years experience with Australian corporate taxation, having spent 10 years as a corporate tax adviser with PwC in Australia and in Brazil. Cristina joined Transurban to implement their tax function and has since overseen the successful tax structuring of the Group's many restructures and acquisitions. She now heads a team of senior tax professionals and is responsible for all Transurban's global tax matters including risk and governance.

**Steve Southon – NAB**

Steve has been NAB's Chief Tax Officer since March 2013. He has more than 27 years' experience in taxation across many business sectors ranging from small business to international banking. Steve holds Bachelor degrees in both Financial Administration and Law, Masters degrees in both Taxation and Law and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Steve also is a member of the Advisory Panel of the Board of Taxation.

**Brett Andersen – Pacific National**

Brett Andersen is the Head of Tax for Pacific National, a provider of rail freight services throughout Australia. Brett has been with Pacific National, and it's predecessor, Asciano, for 8 years. In that time Brett has guided Asciano through a Scheme of Arrangement which saw the privatisation and delisting of Asciano and separation of the Pacific National rail freight and Patrick port businesses. Brett is passionate about developing people and is also the Head of Inclusion & Diversity for Pacific National. Prior to working with Asciano/Pacific National, Brett worked for 15 years with a Big 4 accounting firm, primarily focusing on infrastructure transactions. Brett has been a member of the CTA Executive committee for the past 2 years.

**Jo McLellan – Domain**

Jo McLellan is Head of Tax at Domain Holdings Australia Limited (ASX:DHG), a position she has held since just prior to its listing on the ASX in November 2017. Since her appointment, Jo has established and run Domain's tax function, including building Domain's tax governance processes and procedures and being ultimately responsible for Domain Group's tax affairs.

Jo has 25 years of experience working as a tax professional. She is a chartered accountant, chartered tax adviser and also completed the Masters of Tax. Jo has an interest in thought leadership and has recently contributed to Treasury's discussion on the proposed Digital Services Tax.

**Zennia Csikos – Schneider Electric**

Zennia is the Pacific Zone Tax Director at Schneider Electric. Zennia has over 20 years corporate experience working in inbound and outbound multinational companies focusing on tax strategy, governance and systems in the Energy Management, Technology, Engineering and Pharma sectors. Zennia has been instrumental in driving the digitalization of tax data within Schneider Electric to ensure one source of the truth to ensure appropriate decisions on Strategy and governance within Schneider operations. Zennia has had significant involvement in dispute resolution and dealings with State, National and International regulators including the ATO and is experienced in international tax, M&A, digital transformations and Transfer Pricing.

**Kelly Wong – Lendlease**

Kelly joined Lendlease in 2007 and has held a number of senior tax positions within the Group. Since joining Lendlease Kelly has worked across both the Australian and international businesses as Head of Tax for the Asia business, Tax Director in the Group Tax function and in her current role as Head of Tax, Australia. She has advised on a number of major transactions in these roles including the A\$3.4bn development of Barangaroo in Sydney, the S\$3.3bn Paya Lebar Quarter development in Singapore and the RM9bn TRX development in Malaysia. Prior to commencing with Lendlease, Kelly spent 10 years at PwC advising private clients and companies in relation to their Australian operations. Kelly is a member of the Property Council of Australia Income Tax Committee and has been involved in various consultations with Treasury, the ATO and the Board of Taxation.

**Paul Abbey – PwC**

Paul is a Partner in the International Tax and Transaction Services group of PwC in Melbourne. Paul has over 20 years experience advising local and international clients on income tax issues. Paul has significant experience in relation to tax due diligence, acquisition structuring, capital raisings and IPO's. The focus of his work is presently issues surrounding consolidation, imputation, capital returns, the taxation of trusts and international tax. More recently, Paul has worked hard to lead and drive PwC's Tax Reform project, aimed at building momentum within the community around the need for comprehensive tax reform in Australia. Most notably, through the development of two formal consultative groups of CEOs, CFO's, chairmen, union and charity representatives to help drive dialogue and debate on the issue, which culminated in PwC's 'Protecting our Prosperity' series of publications.

**David Watkins – Deloitte**

David Watkins is the leader of the Deloitte Australia Tax Insights & Policy group. David has over 25 years' experience in corporate income tax and international tax covering a wide range of tax issues across various industry sectors. David has worked in Malaysia, Singapore and New York. In his current role, David's focus is on emerging tax developments and in particular, the Australian tax reform debate and the international process addressing Base Erosion & Profit Shifting (BEPS). The Tax Insights & Policy group is involved at various stages in these emerging issues including consultation and submissions, publications and presentations and assessing the impacts of tax law changes.

