

5.00pm

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2024 National Heads of Tax Forum

The Westin Hotel, Melbourne TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2024



Lobby Bar

Ground Floor

10.00am	REGISTRATION - Arrival tea/coffee	Level 1 Foyer
10.30am - 10.40am	Welcome Address CTA President	Level 1 Westin Room 3
10.40am - 11.45am	Session One: Tax Policy and Tax Reform – Shall the Two Ever Meet?	
	How much influence does a government's approach to tax policy have on its ability to embark on tax reform? Does modern day Australian politics leave any room for large scale tax reform? How should tax advocates proceed from here to ensure the strongest foundations for a better tax system for all Australians? This esteemed panel will explore these and other questions around the formulation of tax policy in Australia and how we elevate the discussion around tax reform.	
	Danielle Wood - Productivity Commissioner Allegra Spender - Member for Wentworth Paul Tilley — Visiting Fellow at ANU, Melbourne Law School Chair - Michelle de Niese	
11.50am - 12.50pm	Session Two: The Role of the Head of Tax – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow	
	A panel of retired and experienced Heads of Tax will share their experiences around managing a large corporate tax function, with a focus on managing discourse, defending positions and preserving the value of the tax function.	
	Stuart Brown - Exxon Mobil Jane Michie - former Global Head of Tax BHP Michael Griffiths – former Head of Tax Linfox Chair - Paul Suppree	
1.00pm - 2.30pm	LUNCH - including guest speaker Stephen Walters, Chief Economist (Business Council of Australia)	Level 1 Allegro Restaurant
2.40pm - 3.55pm	Session Three: Elevating the Importance of the Tax Function	Level 1 Westin Room 3
	A panel of CFOs/senior management will share views on how best to elevate the importance of the tax function within a large corporate, including navigating reporting lines, visibility to the board and promoting the value of the tax function to the broader organisation.	
	Dan O'Connell - former CFO Newcrest Gary Elvin - Seek Andrew Lowe - Michael Hill Chair - Adele Raj-Manning - Endeavour Group	
	Session Four: A Conversation with the Commissioner	
3.55pm - 4.40pm	Commissioner Rob Heferen will be joining us for the last session of the day for the fireside chat about his initial observations in the role, what he sees as foundational elements for effective tax administration and the ATO's relationship with large corporates.	
4.40pm - 4.50pm	Closing comments CTA Vice President	
	Drinks	Labby Bay