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## Welcome

The NSW Tax Forum remains one of the premier tax events in the country, bringing together the brightest minds in tax for discussion, learning, and networking. This year's program is carefully curated to cover a wide range of critical topics, ensuring tax practitioners at every level gain relevant insights to stay ahead in an ever-evolving landscape.

If you work in or advise on tax, this is the event you need to attend. With four dedicated streams—SME, Corporate, Hot Topics, and Emerging Leaders—you are guaranteed access to the latest technical knowledge and strategic insights that will keep you, your team, and your clients informed and prepared for the future.

#### A deep dive into key tax areas

The SME stream remains one of the most popular at the NSW Tax Forum, specifically designed to support tax professionals advising private business clients, high-net-worth individuals, and SMEs. The agenda covers practical and essential topics, including Division 7A, SMSFs, employment taxes, trust vesting, estate planning, and small business CGT concessions.

For those operating in the corporate space, the Corporate stream delivers must-know updates and in-depth analysis of key tax issues facing large businesses. This year's discussions include the latest insights on tax governance, transfer pricing, thin capitalisation, indirect taxes, economic trends, and global tax reforms such as BEPS and taxing intangibles.

The Hot Topics stream is where cutting-edge discussions take place on the most pressing tax issues. Gain expert insights into state tax developments, tax risk management, ethics in tax practice, cross-border estate planning, and the latest case law updates impacting the profession.

For those newer to the industry or looking to sharpen their skills, the Emerging Leaders stream provides a dedicated space for growth. This mini-stream includes sessions on leadership development, navigating challenging workplaces, building a personal brand, and understanding key technical tax concepts for career progression.

## Join a leading tax community

The NSW Tax Forum is designed to spark conversation, address the most pressing issues in tax, and provide attendees with practical takeaways. More than 700 tax professionals make this event a priority every year—join them in 2025 to be part of this authoritative and influential tax community.

We look forward to welcoming you and your team to Sofitel Sydney Wentworth this May!



Nick Panos, CTA Chair, SME Stream Sub-Committee



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# Program at a glance

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Restructuring and rollovers – Better late than never ... or is it?

Superannuation in focus – Updates and practical insights

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Business and family succession planning – Lessons from history

Making the best from a family law breakdown

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Economic update

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Employment taxes – Where are we at?

State taxes

Ethics in tax practice

Unexplained income – Australian Taxation Office audits

Cross-border estate planning

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Market valuation for tax purposes

Tax reform - Where are we headed?

#### **EMERGING LEADERS**

Managing tax disputes

Empowerment and resilience – Navigating difficult workplaces

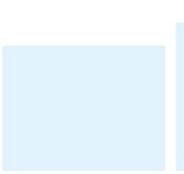
Be your own leadership coach

Foreign resident capital gains

## Day 1 Thursday, 22 May 2025

Time	SME stream	Corporate stream	Hot topics stream
7:45 - 8:30am	Registration		
8:30 - 9:30am	Session 1A: TASA reforms and the code of conduct – Compliance challenges for tax practitioners Panelists: Rebecca Mihalic, BusinessDEPOT, Peter de Cure AM, TPB, Tim Sandow, CTA, President, The Tax Institute Facilitator: Scott Treatt, CTA, CEO, The Tax Institute This session will discuss the compliance concerns arising from recent changes to the Tax Agent Services Act 2009 (TASA) and the Code of Professional Conduct for tax practitioners. We'll explore various scenarios to clarify how understanding and application of these changes can evolve over time. The session will also revisit existing guidance and interpretations, providing a practical sense of direction for navigating the changes.	Session 1B: Heads of tax panel Panelists: Paul Nguyen, Humm, Suzanne Moloney, Myer, Petra Mumford, British American Tobacco Facilitator: Annmarie Wilmore, CTA, Johnson Winter Slattery Join senior tax leaders to discuss strategic insights, emerging trends, and key challenges in the evolving tax landscape. This session will discuss topical issues and developments impacting corporates.	Session 1C: What's the State of the Current Tax Risk Management Environment - The evolution of Justified Trust Speakers: Sandra Farhat, EY, Jessica Fletcher, EY The justified trust program is now well embedded. Has the effort of large taxpayers and their advisers in contributing to the exercise been worth it in terms of enhanced engagement and reduced compliance costs? As the program evolves from the domain of the largest 'Top 100' and into the Top 1000 and other key client groups, this session will explore the genesis of justified trust, the application of the methodology and how the program has shifted perceptions of tax risk management.
9:30-10:30am	Session 2A: Division 7A  Speaker: Chris Ardagna, CTA, Pitcher Partners  This session will cover strategies for managing the transitional period under Division 7A, with a focus on the Bendel case and how to approach pending issues. We'll discuss how to manage obligations, deal with repayments, and address deductibility concerns. Key topics include cleaning up Division 7A loans and investments, Commissioner comments and pushback, and what qualifies as a loan repayment.	Session 2B: Tax governance – Lessons on navigating that conversation with internal stakeholders  Speakers: Karen Krautz, EY, Gina Wang, EY  It is important now more than ever that tax governance is at the forefront of thinking in all organisations. As the ATO expectation on governance constantly evolves, corporates need to be aware of how to maintain and implement governance structures to minimise the risk of non-compliance and potential financial penalties. This session will provide an overview of the ATO's increasing expectations, and will equip corporates with the tools needed to inform internal stakeholders about the ATO's perspective.	Session 2C: Employment taxes - Where are we at? Speaker: Matthew McKee, FTI, Brown Wright Stein Lawyers Employment taxes has been a fast evolving landscape in the last 5 years. The changes have been tough for advisors to grapple with. Where are we at now? The session will include:  A state of play on the meaning of 'employee' across the various regulatory regimes  Can certainty now be achieved for superannuation obligations?  What are the key risks for businesses under the extended meanings of employee in payroll tax; and  Detailing the wide reach of the grouping provisions for payroll tax.

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10:30-11:00am	Morning tea		
11:00am - 12:00pm	Session 3A: Draft PSI and Part IVA guidelines from the Australian Taxation Office Speaker: Todd Want, CTA, William Buck This session will explore the ATO's draft guidelines on the treatment of personal services income (PSI), focusing on the PSI regime and its application. We'll also cover the interaction with Part IVA anti-avoidance provisions and the implications for businesses in the SME space. Key decisions and recent developments will be examined to provide insights into compliance and planning strategies.	Session 3B: Treaties, MAPs and disputes Speakers: Melanie Earl, Deloitte, Priscilla Ratilal, Deloitte  This session will provide a focused overview of the latest developments in tax treaty application, Mutual Agreement Procedures (MAP), and dispute resolution frameworks. Key topics include treaty interpretation challenges under the OECD Model, navigating BEPS-driven anti-abuse measures, and optimizing MAP to resolve double taxation issues effectively. The discussion will incorporate recent case law, emerging trends in arbitration clauses, and practical insights into managing disputes arising from cross-border operations. Designed for corporate tax professionals, this session highlights actionable strategies for mitigating risks and ensuring compliance in an evolving global tax landscape.	Session 3C: State taxes Speaker: Matthew Cridland, CTA, K&L Gates This session examines the shifting landscape of state taxes, with a focus on the Vanderstock decision and its implications for the validity of certain state levies, including duties of excise. Key topics include the complexities of stamp duty, foreign surcharge duties, and the legal boundaries of state taxing powers.  Through recent case law and practical examples, the discussion highlights potential vulnerabilities in rushed legislation and emerging trends in state tax disputes, equipping corporate tax professionals with insights to manage risks and ensure compliance in a rapidly evolving framework.







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2:00-1:00pm	Session 4A: Trust vesting Speaker: Elizabeth Burnheim, Keypoint Law This session will examine the 'vesting' of a discretionary trust and will consider both theoretical and practical matters. This session will discuss:  What is 'vesting' of a trust?  What is the rule against perpetuities?  What are the trust law implications of vesting?  What are the tax law and stamp duty implications of vesting?  How can you manage vesting of a trust? Can you extend the vesting date? Can you seek Court approval to extend the vesting date? and  What can you do if a trust has already vested?	Session 4B: Taxing value in intangibles Speaker: Colin Little, Ashurst Intangibles continue to be one of the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO's) key focus areas. This session will look at the recent developments in this space ranging from ATO guidance, emerging ATO focus areas and reflections on the Full Federal Court decision in PepsiCo. It will be a practical session, focused on how to determine value within the global network for an organisation, considered from both a valuation and legal perspective. It will explore the evidence needed and how to engage with an expert in the context of determining, what is the value of your intangibles in Australia.	Session 4C: Ethics in tax practice Panelists: Linden Barnes, Law Society, Nidal Danoun, Prosperity Financial Services, Scott McGill, CTA, Pitcher Partners Facilitator: Julie Abdalla, FTI, The Tax Institute In April 2024, the International Ethics Standard Board for Accountants (IESBA) launched its first global ethical framework of standards for tax-planning advice, which will take effect 1 July 2025. The standards add a new requirement for accountants to consider the reputational, commercial, and wider economic consequences of their tax-planning advice. Does this mean the ethical expectations in tax have changed? Is it expected that advisors will not only advise on legal means to save tax, but also weigh up for their clients the other consequences of taking the actions suggested? Is the question better framed these days as "you can legally do this, but should you do it?" This panel discussion will explore the current extent of ethical obligations considering not only the obligations to advise clients on the application of the law but also on the reputational and other consequences that will result.
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch and Tax insights & community engagement – Lo Speakers: Matthew Mckee, CTA, Brown Wright Stein La Council, Scott Treatt, CTA, CEO, The Tax Institute		ison Stevenson, CTA, Matrix Norwest, Chair NSW St
		g your State and get updates on key membership initiat	ives led by our State Council and committees on be

2:00-3:00pm  Session 5A: The use of trusts in the 21st century - is the complexity worth it?  Speakers: Arda Ahmed, KPMG, Craig Marston, CTA, KPMG  While the use of trusts in private groups is pervasive, there are numerous complexities. Certain antiavoidance provisions have recently been given new life.  This session will provide practical insights into dealing with these complexities. Specifically, the session will cover:  A brief overview of taxing discretionary trusts, unit trusts, so-called 'hybrid trusts' and public trading  Session 5B: Finely balanced - How to navigat ATO's expectations on Thin Capitalisation  Speaker: Michael Clough, FTI, King & Wood Mallesons  Given the complexities surrounding intercompating and the risk of profit-shifting through excessive debt, it is imperative that corporates are aware of the most recent insights on Thin Capitalisation. This practical session will focus of the provided practical insights into dealing with these complexities. Specifically, the session will cover:  A brief overview of taxing discretionary trusts, unit trusts, so-called 'hybrid trusts' and public trading	Taxation Office audits Speaker: Chris Ardagna, CTA, Pitcher Partners This session explores the ATO's treatment of unexplained deposits in bank and loan accounts as assessable income. We will address the onus of proof, examining who is responsible for proving the
trusts  The current ATO approach in applying specific antiavoidance provisions (such as s99B and s100A) as well as some practical examples  The impact of the FCC decision in Bendel  The potential application of the new debt deduction creation rules to closely held trusts; and  Recent tax cases involving trusts.	practical insights into what the process entails.  Recent case studies will be reviewed to highlight key outcomes and current audit practices.

Time	SME stream	Corporate stream	Emerging Leaders Stream
3:30-4:30pm	Session 6A: Family Trust Elections (FTE's)- ATO insights and what both advisers and trustees need to be aware of	Session 6B: Indirect taxes for corporates Speakers: Matt Evans, Alvarez & Marsal, Naveed Mostak, Alvarez & Marsal	Session 6C: Managing tax disputes Speaker: Michael Cranston, FTI, Waterhouse Lawyers
	Speakers: Karen Rooke, Australian Taxation Office, Amy James-Velagic, Australian Taxation Office  Are you an adviser or trustee who has made or is thinking about making an FTE or interposed entity election (IEEs)? With an aging demographic and succession planning occurring across private groups, FTEs, IEEs, and the tax implications of these elections has recently been a topic of focus both in the tax professional community and the ATO.	<ul> <li>This session will provide an in-depth exploration of the key indirect tax issues facing corporates, with a focus on duties and GST, including:</li> <li>Current and topical GST issues, including the ATO's Top 100/Top 1000 programs</li> <li>NSW landholder duty regime – recent changes; and</li> <li>Recent Revenue NSW administrative process changes.</li> </ul>	The Australian Taxation Office has been ramping up enforcement action against taxpayers and older tax debts. This session will provide practical guidance on steps you can take to manage those disputes for your clients, including how to deal with Director Penalty Notices, methods of negotiating including what factors to put forward and how to apply for remissions of penalties of interest. Aside from the underlying legal issues, commercial considerations
	<ul> <li>This session will provide you with an overview of:</li> <li>ATO key insights and observations about what trustees and their advisers may need to be aware of and review to ensure that they are "getting it right"</li> <li>The types of scenarios the ATO is seeing arise and how the law applies in those situations (including what solutions are/are not available); and</li> <li>What taxpayers can do if they identify that they have made a distribution outside of the family group to stop the amount they owe to the ATO increasing.</li> </ul>		need to be considered and this session will deal with the practical skills of managing those disputes to get the best outcome for clients.

## **Day 1** Thursday, 22 May 2025 continued

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4:30 - 5:30pm	Session 7A: Restructuring and rollovers – Better late than never or is it?  Speakers: Ellen Fimmano, CTA, Pitcher Partners, Paul Marino, Pitcher Partners  This session will discuss business restructuring and rollovers performed by taxpayers with view to maximizing value in preparation for sale or Investment. Mindful of the complexities of business restructuring, the session will explore essential rollover provisions (including Divisions 122-A, 122-BB, 124-N, 615, and 124-M) and their practical application when preparing businesses for sale or external investment. With the ATO's upcoming guidance on back-to-back rollovers and Part IVA implications, this timely session will help in your understanding of the rollovers and to confidently guide your clients through complex restructuring scenarios.	Session 7B: Case update Speaker: Dana Levi, Wentworth Groundfloor Chambers This session considers Australian tax case law which are relevant for Corporate which has been determined in the Federal Court, Full Federal Court and High Court in the last 12 months, including an analysis of the win-loss percentage.	Session 7C: Empowerment and resilience – Navigating difficult workplaces Speaker: Merilyn Speiser, Catalina Consultants This session explores strategies for building resilience and fostering empowerment in the face of challenging workplace dynamics. Participants will gain insights into creating safe, inclusive environments that promote respect and well-being while addressing difficult situations with confidence and professionalism. The discussion will provide practical approaches to overcoming workplace challenges, cultivating healthy cultures, and turning adversity into opportunities for growth and inclusivity.



## **Networking function**

Join your colleagues, peers and our esteemed speakers for an evening of drinks and canapes.

Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Venue: Sofitel Sydney Wentworth

**Price:** Inclusive for all full registrations

\$80 for additional tickets – see registration form for details

**Dress:** Business or business casual

**Day 2** Friday, 23 May 2025

Time	SME stream	Corporate stream	Emerging Leaders Stream
8:00-8:30am	Registration		
8:30-9:30am	Session 8A: Superannuation in focus – Updates and practical insights  Speaker: David Barrett, CTA, Pax Services In this session we'll run a stocktake of the latest superannuation legislative and regulatory changes, particularly those impacting SMSFs.  We will also address the latest ATO activities in the SMSF space and review any recent topical case law.	Session 8B: Economic update  Speaker: Matthew Hassan, Westpac  This session will provide a timely economic update, integrating key takeaways from the latest federal budget and their implications for corporate tax planning. We will also explore the potential impact of the new Trump Administration on global markets and taxation, with a particular focus on strategies for US multinationals. Additionally, we will discuss the macro implications of the recent election, highlighting immediate considerations for businesses that may be more relevant than waiting for legislative changes.	Session 8C: Be your own leadership coach Speaker: Tess Everingham, Next Coaching This session empowers professionals to take charge of their leadership journey by developing self-coaching techniques. Participants will explore practical tools to enhance self-awareness, build resilience, and cultivate authentic leadership skills. The discussion focuses on actionable strategies to navigate challenges, foster growth, and lead with confidence, offering insights to help professionals thrive in their careers while empowering others to do the same.
9:30-10:30am	Session 9A: Superannuation – NALI and NALE Speaker: Daniel Butler, CTA, DBA Lawyers There has been a continuing debate on the intended and unintended consequences of the application of the non-arm's length income (NALI) provisions in s 295-550 (ITAA 1997), and the recent non-arm's length expense (NALE). This session explores some of the key topical issues facing SMSF members and practitioners surrounding the application of NALE and NALI including the application of general expenses and the interaction with CGT.	Session 9B: Building core competency in mergers and divestments  Speaker: Dragan Misic, CTA, Pitcher Partners  This session will provide a comprehensive overview of key Merger and Acquisition (M&A) concepts, focusing on the latest developments and practical considerations. Topics include the treatment of earnouts, the proposed changes to non-resident CGT rules, and the ATO's approach to and engagement in transactions.	Session 9C: Foreign resident capital gains Speaker: Serena Lau, Grant Thornton This session provides a detailed exploration of the tax implications for foreign residents regarding capital gains. Key topics include the foreign resident capital gains withholding and recent legislative changes to Division 855.  The discussion will cover common challenges in determining tax liabilities, and strategies to navigate compliance, ensuring professionals are equipped to handle complex situations involving foreign resident capital gains.

## Day 2 Friday, 23 May 2025 continued

Time	SME stream	Corporate stream	Hot topics stream
11:00am-12:00pm	Session 10A: CGT event K6 Speaker: Jake Berger, ATI, Pitcher Partners This session will delve into the ATO's public ruling on CGT Event K6, addressing the cancellation or alteration of contract rights and its impact on capital gains tax. We'll examine the ruling's nuances, its interpretation in complex scenarios, and the implications for both taxpayers and advisers navigating these transactions.	Session 10B: Building core competency in Transfer Pricing Speaker: Clement Lui, PwC Australia This session provides an in-depth examination of transfer pricing principles, focusing on both technical and practical aspects of Australia's Division 815. It will cover substantiating arm's-length conditions for routine and complex transactions, insights from recent case law, and effective strategies for managing transfer pricing risks. This session is essential for tax professionals navigating the interplay of compliance and strategic tax structuring in cross-border transactions.	Session 10C: Cross-border estate planning Speaker: Tim Lyford, ATI, William Buck This session delves into the complexities of managing estates across international borders, addressing key issues such as tax treaties, jurisdictional conflicts, and succession planning. It highlights practical approaches to minimise risks, ensure compliance, and align with diverse legal systems. Designed for professionals handling global assets, this discussion offers fresh perspectives on tackling the unique challenges of cross-border estate planning.
12:00-1:00pm	Session 11A: Deceased estates - CGT and Stamp Duty Speaker: Dung Lam, CTA, West Garbutt This presentation explores various capital gains tax (CGT) issues that arise in deceased estates including:  The effect of death from a CGT perspective	Session 11B: International tax update Speaker: Denis Larkin, FTI, KPMG Australian companies face a plethora of interesting Australian tax issues when they have overseas operations. This session will recap some of these fundamental issues as well as dive into a few of the	Session 11C: Where are we now with Section 100A?  Speaker: David Hughes, CTA, McCullough Robertson Recap of PCG 2022/2 and TR 2022/4. We are now some 2½ years in from the original guidance and almost 2 years from the updated guidance. Was it the end of the world as we know it?
	<ul> <li>Dealing with main residences</li> <li>CGT Event K3 and gifts to foreign residents and certain charities</li> <li>Share splits; and</li> <li>Disclaimers by beneficiaries.</li> <li>The session will also canvas the duty implications</li> </ul>	more curious ones. Issues covered include: Central management and control – where are we at? The foreign hybrid company/partnership rules	Understanding how Section 100A applies and what happens at the trustee level. The tax rate is 47% but how is this impacted on capital gains that are eligible for Division 115 discount and perhaps Division 152 small business concessions?
	of various dealings with property in a deceased estate with a focus on the relevant exemptions and concessions and avoiding common pitfalls. We will consider some practical strategies that achieve	<ul> <li>and how they interact with section 23AH</li> <li>The controlled foreign company rules and what are the issues we are still grappling with; and</li> <li>Uncovering a permanent establishments in</li> </ul>	What can we draw from the decisions in <i>BBlood</i> Enterprises Pty Ltd & Anor [2022] FCA 1112 and B&F Investments Pty Ltd ATF Illuka Park Trust & Anor [2023] FCAFC 89
	sensible outcomes for beneficiaries and minimise CGT and duty.	modern times.	<ul> <li>Ordinary family or commercial dealing; and</li> <li>Wider application to more common arrangements, where the mismatch of taxable income and trust income may be exploited – particularly to access CGT and small business CGT concessions.</li> </ul>

Day 2 Friday, 23 May 2025 continued

Time	SME stream	Corporate stream	Hot topics stream
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00 - 3:00pm	Session 12A: Business and family succession planning – Lessons from history Speaker: Donal Griffin, Legacy Law Effectively identifying and balancing personal and family goals, tax planning, and wealth protection is crucial for successfully transferring wealth across generations. Key concerns in modern succession planning include helping the family make decisions together, deceased estate claims, and business-related risks. As part of this process, clients often utilise structures such as trusts, private companies, and modern governance approaches. This presentation will explore issues in implementing typical client objectives, and also the discussions that need to be had around the family table as part of the process.	<ul> <li>Consider the relevance of the measures in Australia's economic context</li> <li>Outline some practical examples of the Pillar 2 measures in practice; and</li> </ul>	Session 12C: Market valuation for tax purposes Speaker: Thomas Arnold, CTA, Ground Floor Wentworth Chambers This session delves into the complexities of market valuation for tax purposes, using Kilgour's case as a focal point to highlight key legal and practical considerations. Topics include methods for determining market value, challenges in valuing assets for tax compliance, managing valuation disputes with the ATO and the implications of the case for future valuations.
3:00-3:30pm	Afternoon tea		
3:30-4:30pm	Session 13A: Making the best from a family law breakdown  Speaker: Fiona Hoad, Bartier Perry  As clients' structures become more complex, it gets more difficult to unwind them if they were to suffer the misadventure of a family law breakdown without triggering some unforeseen tax issue or leaving a ticking tax time bomb behind. Using a case study style approach of an example client structure, this session will go through the core issues when dealing with structures in a family law breakdown, including what rollovers apply from an income tax and duty perspective and what other considerations need to be undertaken.	Speaker: Emily Barrett, Johnson Winter Slattery This session delves into the intersection of insolvency and tax, offering insights into directors' liabilities and the tax implications of debt management in the current economic climate. Key topics include the classification of dividends, the non-deductibility of GIC, and the priority of the Commissioner's claims. The discussion will highlight controversial issues and practical considerations for navigating insolvency with a focus on tax compliance and strategic planning.	Session 13C: Tax reform – Where are we headed?  Speaker: Bob Breunig, ANU  This session explores the evolving landscape of tax reform, focusing on key areas such as negative gearing, discount reforms, and the broader role of the profession in leading the discussion. Participants will discuss the impact of recent federal budget changes and explore how tax professionals can drive reform rather than simply react to it.  The session encourages attendees to reflect on their own experiences, consider what changes they would like to see, and discuss how the profession can systematise and actively contribute to the tax reform process moving forward.

## Day 2 Friday, 23 May 2025 continued

Time	SME stream	Corporate stream	Hot topics stream
4:30-5:30pm	Session 14A: Property developments Speaker: Sam Ayoubi, AHS Legal Services	Session 14B: Trump tariffs, retaliatory duties and how tax professionals can support businesses navigate global trade complexity	Session 14C: Yours, mine, and the Australian Taxatior Office's – Tax pitfalls and planning for relationships and business breakups
	This session will explore the tax implications for individuals who become accidental property developers, including the importance of the main	Speaker: Paul Cornick, PwC Australia This session will explore the technical aspects of	Speaker: Jane Harris, CTA, Brown Wright Stein Lawyers
	residence exemption and its impact on tax liability. We'll discuss considerations such as aging, retirement care, and the life cycle of the main residence, along with periods of absence and ownership issues. The session will also cover compliance activity and the specific challenges faced by foreign residents in property development scenarios.	US tariff policy and retaliatory action pursued by key trading partners. Attendees will gain insights into effective strategies for navigating the evolving tariffs imposed, impeding, or proposed by President Trump, ensuring compliance while maximizing economic opportunities in a shifting trade landscape.	Advising clients through relationship breakdowns is a common challenge for advisors in the SME space, whether it involves spousal separations or the unravelling of family business relationships. These situations can affect various business structures, including trusts, companies, and partnerships, and raise a range of tax implications that can be both predictable and unexpectedly complex.
			This session will explore the critical tax considerations advisors must manage, both in family and business contexts. Highlighting the typical implications that can be expected, as well as the less obvious traps to be avoided, this session will contemplate CGT, Division 7A, family trust structures, superannuation and state taxes within the broader commercial context of the typical issues that an advisor must navigate.

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Linden Barnes is an ethics solicitor at the NSW Law Society. She provides guidance on professional ethical issues such as conflicts, confidentiality and communications. This guidance service is available free of charge to all NSW solicitors in all practice areas and types. She also gives presentations on ethics, helping solicitors achieve their mandatory one hour of ethics CPD each year, and publishes articles on ethics. Prior to the Law Society, Linden worked inhouse with major financial institutions.

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Denis Larkin, FTI, is a Partner in KPMG's International Tax team and has over 17 years' experience in providing tax advisory services to foreign and domestic clients. Denis' experience covers advising multinational corporations in relation to their Australian businesses, including their inbound and outbound investment structures and funding requirements. Denis has extensive experience advising clients on all stages of the tax cycle, from due diligence and structuring of an acquisition, to implementation, entity reorganisations and on-going tax compliance processes.

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Suzanne Moloney is a seasoned tax professional with over 13 years handson experience in a wide range of areas, including income tax, cross-border structuring, GST, employment taxes and more. As the senior tax manager at Myer, Suzanne supports the company in complying with current tax law and preparing for future developments in the tax landscape. Bolstered by more than a decade of experience in professional services prior to her time in industry, she is well placed to provide key insights into what's top of mind for large business in the current tax climate.

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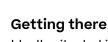
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# Registration

## Registration options and inclusions

	Online access to presentations and technical papers	Morning/ afternoon tea/ forum lunches	Networking Function*
Face-to-face full registration This registration option entitles one delegate to attend the entire event.		₩	<b>//</b>
Single day registration This registration option entitles one delegate to attend a full day of technical sessions.			
Employer registration  This registration option allows one registration to be shared between multiple attendees from the same firm.			

<sup>\*</sup>Additional tickets to the Networking function can be purchased on the registration form.

## **Register now!**



**Register online** ▶

Register via form ▶

included in this brochure

## Discounts

## Early bird registration

All registrations received and paid on or before Friday, 17 April 2025 will be entitled to an early bird discount.

Please note: The registration fee does not include accommodation, hotel incidentals or transfers.

## **Group discount**

Purchase four full registrations (early bird or standard) and receive a fifth full registration for free. The free fifth registration must be of equal or of less value to the four paid registrations.

This offer cannot be redeemed in conjunction with any other promotional offer or code. All attendees must be from the same firm and all registration forms must be submitted together. For further information please contact the national events team on 1300 829 338 or nationalevents@taxinstitute.com.au.



# The Tax NSW Tax Forum Registration form

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Registration				2 Dele	jate coi	ntact det	ails				
Please see page 25 for registration inclusions.				Member no							
ull registration – 14 CPD hours											
	Member	New member*	Non-member	If your me	nber detail	is are up-to-d	ate, you can skip	this section			
Early bird registration Register on or before Thursday, 17 April 2025	□ \$1,795	\$2,190	S2,095	Title:	☐ Mr ☐	Mrs Mi	ss 🗌 Ms	Date o	f birth:	D/MM/Y\	/YY 
<b>Standard registration</b> Register after Thursday, 17 April 2025	□ \$1,995	\$2,390	\$2,295	First name							
I understand that the registration fees do not include	de printed materials. A	access to materials	will be electronic.	Last name							
				Position:							
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3 Breakout session op	ptions			4 Payment summary	
Please advise below which session	ons you would like to atte	nd during the forum.		Registration fees \$	
DAY 1 - Thursday, 22 May 202	5				
Session 1: 8:30-9:25am Session 2: 9:30-10:25am Session 3: 11:00-11:55am Session 4: 12:00-12:55pm Session 5: 2:00-2:55pm Session 6: 3:30-4:25pm Session 7: 4:30-5:25pm	Session 1A Session 2A Session 3A Session 4A Session 5A Session 6A Session 7A	Session 1B Session 2B Session 3B Session 4B Session 5B Session 6B Session 7B	Session 1C Session 2C Session 3C Session 4C Session 5C Session 6C Session 7C	Additional guest tickets – Networking function (\$80)  Total payable  Please note: The Tax Institute cannot accept responsibility for delegates' late flight arrivals.  Transfer costs are non-refundable and non-transferable.	
DAY 2 - Friday, 23 May 2025 Session 8: 8:30-9:25am Session 9: 9:30-10:25am	Session 8A Session 9A	Session 8B Session 9B	Session 8C Session 9C	5 Payment method	
Session 10: 11:00-11:55am  Session 11: 12:00-12:55pm  Session 12: 2:00-2:55pm  Session 13: 3:30-4:25pm  Session 14: 4:30-5:25pm	Session 10A Session 10B Session 11A Session 11B Session 12A Session 12B Session 13A Session 13B Session 14A Session 14B	Session 10C Session 11C Session 12C Session 13C Session 14C	Please note: all registration payments must be made prior to the event, unless other arrangements have been made with The Tax Institute.  Cheque payable to The Tax Institute (in Australian dollars)  Credit card Card type: AMEX Visa MasterCard Diners		
				Name on card:  Card no.:  Expiry da  Cardholder's signature:  For our refund, cancellation and replacement policy visit taxinstitute.com.au/professional-developme	

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## **NSW Tax Forum Employer Ticket**

## **Registration Form**

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Employer tickets offer a flexible option for employers to send multiple attendees to an event. We have different options to suit you and your team.

	Classic	Plus	Premium	Tailored	
Early bird on or before 17 April	\$3,250	\$4,750	\$6,250		
Standard after 17 April	\$3,450	\$4,950	\$6,450		
Best for	SME	Mid-Tier	Corporate	Large/National	
Flexibility	Your choice of 20 sessions	Your choice of 40 sessions	Your choice of 60 sessions	Contact us to tailor a quote	
Team attendance	Up to 5 attendees	Up to 10 attendees	Up to 15 attendees	today for you	
Session formats	Face-to-face	Face-to-face	Face-to-face	and your team to	
Networking	2 networking passes	5 networking passes	10 networking passes	attend multiple events.	

#### All Employer Ticket attendees receive:

- Electronic access to download available technical papers and presentations
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon refreshments
- CPD hours allocated according to attendee
   1 session = 1 CPD hour per attendee

#### Session selection

- Coordinators will be contacted with a session selection form to complete on behalf of attendees, based on the Employer Ticket type selected.
- The session selection form must be completed in full to ensure proper allocation of CPD hours post-event.

## 1 Employer Ticket types

Ticket type	Cost	No. of tickets	Sub-total
Classic			
Plus			
Premium			

Total payable \$

Promotional code:

## 2 Delegate contact details

Member no.:	oxdot If your member details are up-to-date, you can skip this section.			
Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Date of birth: DD/MM/YYYY			
First name:				
Last name:				
Position:				
Company:				
Address:				
Suburb:	State: Postcode:			
Telephone:	Mobile:			
Email:				
Please tick this box if you do not wish your name to be i	included on the delegate list provided to all attendees for networking			

## 3 Payment method

Please note: all registration payments must be made prior to the event, unless other arrangements have been made with The Tax Institute.

Cheque payable to The Tax Institute (in Australian dollars)					
Credit card	Card type:	AMEX	☐ Visa	☐ MasterCard	Diners

Name on card:		
Card no.:	Expiry date:	MM/YY
Cardholder's		

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