

Dear Dept of Treasury,  
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Tax justice - I join those urging treasury to not miss this chance for change

I urge Australian Government support for international implementation of the Currency Transaction Development Levy (CTDL) that would tax the richest market of all, the trade in foreign exchange, worth a staggering \$3,200 billion daily.

I urge a reversal of the trend to lower corporate and personal income taxes, a trend that has benefited the rich at the expense of the poor over the past decade.

The German Government has decided to revamp its motor vehicle tax so that in future the rate depends on the amount of carbon emitted from exhausts. Urge the taxation review to recommend the Australian Government negotiate a similar arrangement with the States.

I urge the Australian Government to do more to stop wealthy Australians from using tax havens to avoid their responsibilities.

You may like to look at the October NI Magazine for further background, and consider NI's special tax justice blog.

Last month the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania joined the Tax Justice Network.

We all need help to bring an end to tax havens that are a leading cause of so much global poverty.

While governments around the world focus on bailing out wealthy banks and investors, it's more important than ever that people shop where your dollar works for a better world. Yours sincerely,

John Graham