

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to contribute to a revision of the tax system to make the Australian tax system fair, equitable, inclusive and just. I am a reader of the New Internationalist magazine and on reading the latest October edition felt compelled to support the points raised in that magazine. I trust many other readers will also email you to voice their concerns.

So I strongly urge the Australian Government to:

- * Support the 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.
- * Reverse 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.
- * Negotiate a arrangement with the States similar to the one that the German Government introduced in which the future rate of the motor vehicle tax depends on the amount of carbon emitted from exhausts.
- * Do more to stop wealthy Australians from using tax havens to avoid their responsibilities.

I would encourage the taxation review panel to read the October NI Magazine for further background, and to also log into the New Internationalist's <http://newinternationalistaustralia.cmail5.com/l/537722/4y1yuqr/4> tax justice blog.

It is great to see the <http://newinternationalistaustralia.cmail5.com/l/537722/4y1yuqr/j> Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania joined the <http://newinternationalistaustralia.cmail5.com/l/537722/4y1yuqr/t> Tax Justice Network. I hope that more community organizations will do the same and there needs to be an end brought to tax havens that are a leading cause of so much global poverty.

I look forward to the outcome of the review.

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