



TAX FORUM

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STATEMENT OF REFORM PRIORITIES

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Around two or three pages, please. Please address both of these issues:

1. What are your priority reform directions for the tax and transfer system?

Fairer distribution of wealth and opportunities that flow from that in Australia.

See attached report "Two Australias: Addressing Inequality and Poverty" produced by the St Vincent De Paul Society 2001.

See all recommendations, particularly chapter 7 "A long term strategy for the 21st century'.

See also records of St Vincent De Paul Society participation in various senate and house of reps committees.

2. How are your proposals financed over the short and longer term?

Via a far more equitable taxation system that focuses on the serious inequality in the distribution of wealth and the continuing growth in inequality in Australia and the adverse implications this has for low and increasingly middle income families.

Taxation suggestions we will bring to the forum will essentially be based on taxation of wealth. Given the paper you have circulated seems opposed to significant taxation increases then we will focus on many billions of dollars to be saved by the government in removing tax concessions to wealth which we regard as both unnecessary and unproductive.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS



Australian Government



A tax plan for our future

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Feel free to attach supporting papers if you wish. Please list them here.

Two Australias Addressing Inequality and Poverty