

## Left Right outlines goals for Future Tax Forum

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Last Thursday, organisers for the Federal Government's "Future Tax Forum" released Left Right Think-Tank's response to the discussion paper for the event. ([Tax Reform: Next Steps for Australia](#))

The two-day Future Tax Forum begins in Canberra on the 4th of October. In attendance will be Left Right's Queensland Policy Manager, Alexander McLaren.

"The response outlines our belief that the taxation system needs reform in order to remove the growing number of inefficient and archaic taxes."

"It's critical for the Government to adopt long-term policy reforms that will guarantee our current prosperity for future generations," says Mr McLaren.

"We're currently ignoring the big issues, like meeting our future budget revenue requirements, in favour of short-term political point-scoring. We need to move away from adding new clauses and finding new loopholes and move towards a fairer and simpler tax system."

Taken from the response, Left Right supports the following key principles for tax reform, and Mr McLaren will be advocating for their implementation at next week's event:

Left Right Think Tank supports the following principles for tax reform:

- The need to lock in our current prosperity for future generations to build upon,
- The need to remove inefficient and archaic taxes and look towards smarter ways of meeting our revenue requirements,
- The need to simplify our engagement with the tax system,
- The need to move towards taxes based on usage and not on access,
- The need to increase our savings to meet our growing need for infrastructure and nation building,
- The need to increase our personal savings to decrease our future dependency on government and,
- The need to look towards smooth, sustainable growth and minimise economic volatility.

Left Right's submission can be found read [here](#).

**About:** Left Right Think-Tank is a non-partisan, independent, youth-led and volunteer run organisation of ideas for young minds. Our mission is to engage young people in public policy, and our vision is for a society that seeks and embraces the ideas of young people.

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