



# 2024 Deloitte National Tax Conference

**Wednesday 12 June 2024 – Newmarket Room, Ellerslie Events**

9.15am – 10:10am      Arrival, registration and morning tea – Newmarket Room

10:25am – 10:30am      Welcome  
*Bruce Wallace*

**Plenary session 1 - The economic outlook (with a tax tweak or two)**

10.30am – 11:30am      The Deloitte Access Economics team will provide an update on New Zealand’s economic outlook, reflecting on how the Budget has responded to the challenges and choices that New Zealand faces.

The team will then reflect on the influence of tax settings on the economy and run through some scenarios to evaluate the impact of tax policy changes.

*Speakers: Liza Van Der Merwe, Patrick McCalman*

*Chair: Alex Mitchell*

11:30am – 12:20pm      **Plenary session 2 - Inland Revenue: Customer strategy and focus a.k.a “I’ll be back”**

Inland Revenue has been somewhat distracted over the last few years, dealing with its Business Transformation project, COVID-19 wage subsidy matters, and a dramatically reshaped workforce. Through the Coalition Agreement and as announced in Budget 2024, audit funding will be increased to urgently expand capacity, minimise losses due to insufficient oversight, and ensure greater integrity and fairness in the tax system.

In this session, you will hear about Inland Revenue’s new direction, approach, and areas of focus, what Deloitte has been seeing (or not seeing) in the market in terms of Inland Revenue activity, best practice for audit-readiness, and a refresher on information management and the disputes process journey.

*Speakers: Campbell Rose, Robyn Walker*

*Chair: Troy Andrews*

12:20pm – 12:35pm

**Tax Traders Update - Creating a multi-billion dollar boost to productivity through New Zealand’s tax framework**

*Speaker: Nicola Taylor, Co-Founder Tax Traders, Co-founder Taxi*

There is much we can do to get our tax system and our country “back on track” without requiring legislative change or policy intervention. Come and hear the Taxi story and how an innovative tax authority, access to data, and a dedicated third-party intermediary created a product that could provide a \$10.8 billion boost to our economy.

12:35pm – 1:35pm

Lunch

1.35pm – 2.25pm

**Concurrent session 1**

**AI in tax: Hype vs Reality** [Newmarket Room]

Will artificial intelligence (AI) actually transform the tax profession? What are the benefits and challenges of implementing AI solutions in tax and finance functions?

These are some of the questions we will explore in this session by sharing experiences and insights regarding the current state of AI in tax, including understanding myths vs realities and future trajectory of the technology. You will also see some examples/live demos of the tools Deloitte has been working on showing AI in action and discover how AI will be used to streamline tax compliance and improve quality. This session is designed to help you connect the dots and understand the value and potential of AI in tax, beyond the hype.

*Speakers: Dr Amanda Williamson, Phil Claridge*

*Chair: Tim Kirkpatrick, Tax Traders*

**OR**

**General tax update** [Remuera Room]

Join us for a refresh of some of the many changes in tax law and interpretations over the last year.

Topics covered will include updates on the budget, property tax, trust tax, building depreciation, international tax, mileage rates, FBT and the Inland Revenue work programme.

*Speakers: Sam Mathews, Jess Wheeler*

*Chair: Phil Stevenson*

2:25pm – 2.35pm

Changeover to concurrent session 2

2:35pm – 3:25pm

**Concurrent session 2**

**Tax governance unpacked** [Newmarket Room]

Join us for an insight into building an effective tax governance framework.

Uncover why tax governance is important to stakeholders and tax authorities, what an effective tax governance framework looks like for different types and sizes of organisations, and practical tips on how to achieve best practice.

*Speakers: Jodee Webb, Kirstie Anderson, Nadia Ali*

*Chair: Jodee Webb*

**OR**

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**GST update** [Remuera Room]

Join us for a summary of GST developments over the past two years.

Take a dive into GST trends and developments including Inland Revenue activity, e-invoicing, the participating advisor pilot, the “app tax” and Inland Revenue initiatives to combat GST fraud. The GST team will also touch on future developments in the realm of GST, highlighting upcoming discussions on funds management and GST policy work.

*Speakers: Allan Bullock, Jeanne du Buisson, Sarah Kennedy*

*Chair: Allan Bullock*

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3:25pm – 3:40pm

Afternoon Tea

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3:40pm – 4:30pm

**Plenary session 3 - Australian tax update**

Perspectives on the new interest limitation rules, updates on recent cases with a particular focus on international tax and anti-avoidance and recent Budget announcements affecting non-resident liability to CGT.

*Speakers: David Watkins*

*Chair: Annamaria Maclean*

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4.30pm – 5.30pm

**Keynote speaker****Minister of Revenue Hon. Simon Watts**

A keynote address from the new Minister of Revenue on the Government’s tax policy priorities, questions from the audience, followed by an informal Q&A to get to know the Minister

*Chair: Bruce Wallace, Robyn Walker*

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5.30pm – 5.35pm

Closing remarks

*Bruce Wallace*

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5.35pm – 7:00pm

**Drinks and canapés - Tote on Ascot**

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7:00pm

**Dinner - Newmarket Room**

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