

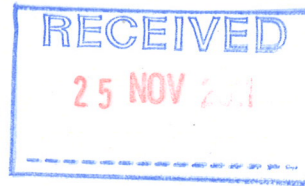
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Dear Mr Morgan,

### Conclusion of the State Tax Review

I am writing to thank you for your contribution to the State Tax Review.

As you may have heard, on 22 November 2011 the State Tax Review Panel announced its decision not to continue the State Tax Review at this time, due to the limited ability to reform State taxation in the current economic environment.

While the Review has not resulted in the release of a final report, the publication of the State Tax Review Discussion Paper, and the hosting of public forums and round table discussions with industry and community groups, has generated valuable debate and will help to inform an ongoing future tax dialogue. The consultation process also gave members of the community the opportunity to speak directly to their elected representatives and policy makers about taxation matters.

At the recent National Tax Forum there was broad consensus that no state can undertake meaningful reform on its own. The Panel Members now consider that the best prospect for state tax reform will be through a co-operative approach driven from a Commonwealth level, working with other state and territory governments.

The Government will continue to raise the issue of tax reform at a national level through the Council of Australian Governments, the Council of Australian Federation and the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations.

Once again, thank you for your contribution to the Review. It was one of many valuable contributions received and it served to give the Panel a more detailed understanding of the impact of our tax system on businesses and individuals, and the options for future reform that may be pursued when the political and economic environment is favourable.

Yours sincerely,

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