

# Business Coalition for Tax Reform

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **BCTR welcomes tax legislation for Inspector-General**

The Business Coalition for Tax Reform (BCTR) has welcomed the introduction of the long-awaited position of Inspector-General of Taxation.

Mr Mark Bayliss, Chair of the BCTR said that the position of Inspector-General has the potential to secure significant and lasting improvements to the administration of taxation in Australia.

“We are very pleased that this Bill has now finally passed and we can get on with establishing the Office of Inspector-General, Mr Bayliss said.

“The BCTR has been a strong supporter of the Inspector-General. It is encouraging to see that the Parliament has come to an agreement to support the position. This will give confidence to business and the broader community that difficulties that arise in tax administration can be dealt with efficiently and effectively, he said.

“The BCTR particularly welcomes the reporting by the Inspector-General to Parliament after a set period of consultation with the Minister. The ability of the public to examine reports will enhance taxpayer confidence and the overall effectiveness of the Inspector-General, Mr Bayliss said.

The legislation also specifically includes in the objects the provision of independent advice to government on the administration of tax laws.

Mr Bayliss said the BCTR is very pleased to see that the independence of the position has been maintained by inclusion of this object.

“Additionally, the inclusion in the objects of the identification of systemic issues in administration of tax laws makes it clear what the role and responsibilities of the Inspector-General are. The BCTR supports these objects.

“We look forward to establishing a close working relationship with the new Inspector-General of Taxation”, Mr Bayliss concluded.

The BCTR is made up of industry and professional associations from all sectors representing small, medium and large businesses.

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