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Tax and Climate Change

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2007
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

SPEAKER

David Russell QC
Ground Floor Wentworth Chambers

COMMENTATOR

Celeste Black, Faculty of Law
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TAX AND CLIMATE CHANGE

It is widely acknowledged that greenhouse gas emissions are responsible for potentially detrimental changes in the world's climate. The Stern Review (2006) concluded that a choice needs to be made between an emissions-trading regime (ie., a cap and trade system) and a tax-based regime to counter global warming. Whichever regime is adopted, it is clear that tax will play an important role in the development of measures designed to combat global warming.

This seminar will examine the tax implications of the measures proposed to limit greenhouse gas emissions. It explains the tax-based measures that are available. It will also outline the interaction of an emissions-trading regime with existing tax laws.

PRESENTER

David Russell QC

David is admitted to practise in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, the Northern Territory, the Australian Capital Territory, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Courts of the Dubai International Financial Centre. He was first appointed Queen's Counsel in 1986 and holds that office in all the above Australian jurisdictions.

David currently practices in Sydney (Ground Floor Wentworth Chambers) and Brisbane

(Sir Harry Gibbs Chambers) with a principal focus on revenue law generally. He has acted for Commonwealth and State Governments as well as individuals and corporations.

David has had a long connection with the Taxation Institute of Australia including being its President from 1993 to 1995 and President of the Asia Oceania Tax Consultants Association from 1996 to 2000.

David has presented papers on tax and climate change at major international conferences.

COMMENTATOR

Celeste Black

Celeste Black is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney where she teaches in both the undergraduate and postgraduate tax programs. Celeste's research interests include the impact of tax policy on non-tax issues, particularly environmental issues.

Celeste's research has focussed on identifying the features of the current tax system that have implications for the development of environmental policies and considering opportunities for tax reform to support and enhance environmental outcomes.

PROGRAM

- 5.00 pm** Light refreshments available
Registration desk open
- 5.30 pm** Speaker - David Russell QC
- 6.30 pm** Celeste Black - Commentator
Questions and discussion
- 7.00 pm** Close

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