

BUDGET CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS

GST ON NEW RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

From 1 July 2018, purchasers of newly built residential properties or subdivisions are required to pay GST directly to the ATO at settlement.

It is believed GST will be payable in a similar form to which transfer duty is provided to state revenue authorities.



BITCOIN TO BE TREATED AS 'REAL MONEY' FOR GST PURPOSES

The Government announced Bitcoin, and other digital currencies will be recognised as a form of 'money', with Australia's 10 per cent Goods and Services tax to only be imposed on the supply of goods and services being purchased, not on the exchange of digital currency itself.



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- \$100 million to be injected into the manufacturing sector, with a further \$47.5 million to go to a new Advanced Manufacturing Growth Fund to support SA and VIC manufacturers.
- Proprietary companies to have unlimited number of crowd-sourced equity funding (CSEF) shareholders, while ensuring their protection through higher governance and reporting obligations.
- An enhanced regulatory sandbox allowing Financial Technology companies to test a wider range of financial products and services.



TAX RELIEF FOR MERGING SUPER FUNDS

The current tax relief for merging super funds, which was due to end 30 June 2017, will be extended until 1 July 2020.

The tax relief enables superannuation funds to transfer capital and revenue losses to a new merged fund and defer tax implications on gains and losses from revenue and assets.

This means that income tax will not impede mergers and will facilitate industry consolidation.

Merged Super funds until 1 July 2020



NEW LEVY FOR EMPLOYERS OF FOREIGN WORKERS

Businesses with a turnover less than \$10 million will be charged \$1200 per worker on a Temporary Skill Shortage visa per year, and a \$3000 one-off levy for each employee sponsored on a permanent skilled visa.

Businesses with a turnover of more than \$10 million will be charged \$1800 per worker on a Temporary Skill Shortage visa per year, and a \$5000 one-off levy for each employee sponsored on a permanent skilled visa.



\$20K INSTANT ASSET WRITE-OFF SCHEME EXTENDED

The \$20K instant asset write-off scheme allows small businesses with annual turnover of up to \$10million, to instantly deduct assets costing less than \$20,000, instead of claiming deductions over a number of years. Reviewed on a per asset basis, the scheme allows multiple claims for assets costing less than \$20,000 to be deducted. Originally set to conclude 30 June 2017, the scheme has been extended another year to 30 June 2018.

