

The Scorecard

Feedback gathered from middle-market businesses in our Pre-Budget survey outlined the key policy areas where family-owned and private businesses would like to see the Government's focus in the Federal Budget.

Here, we look at the key tax law proposals outlined in our Pre-Budget submission and compare these to the policies and measures announced in the Federal Budget 2020-21.

| Proposed measures | Federal Budget 2020-21 |
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| Short-term | |
| Measures to address domestic unemployment and underemployment rates | |
| Bring forward personal income tax cuts | ✓ |
| Temporarily suspend or significantly reduce HELP loan repayments | X |
| Further corporate tax rate cuts for base rate entities | X |
| Reducing employment on-costs | X |
| Short-to-medium term | |
| Measures to stimulate growth of gross domestic product | |
| Extend general capital allowance incentives on a longer-term or permanent basis | ✓✓ |
| Introduce targeted capital allowance measures for specific industries (e.g. agriculture, import replacement, education and construction) | X |
| Long-term | |
| Measures to improve the sustainability of our tax system | |
| Reform of the GST | X |
| Land tax and stamp duty reform in conjunction with changing the rate of GST | X |
| Review the CGT framework e.g. rate of concessions and availability of exemptions | X |
| Introduce a universal investment allowance that provides depreciation claims over a 5-year period to simplify the capital allowance regime | X |