

An election Budget and a Budget election

Federal Budget 2019–20 highlights

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg announces

“the Budget is back in the black and Australia is back on track”.



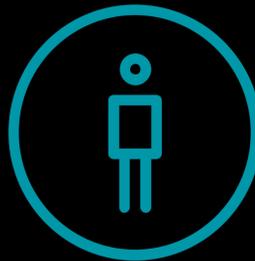
Forecast Surplus

Forecast surplus of \$7.1 billion in 2019–20: the first surplus in over a decade.



Small business

Instant asset write-off threshold increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000 from budget night and extended to medium businesses.



Low and middle income tax relief

Significant increase to low and middle income tax offset. Changes to middle income tax thresholds and rates starting from 1 July 2022 and 2024.



Tax Avoidance Task Force

Renewal of ATO funding to extend the operation of the Tax Avoidance Taskforce for a further 4 years.



Strengthening ABN System

Requirement for ABN holders to lodge tax returns and confirm accuracy of their ABNs.



Energy Assistance Payment

One-off Energy Assistance Payment of \$75 for eligible singles and \$125 for eligible couples.



Education

\$525 million over five years to strengthen VET to support skills development, address skills shortages and better support the needs of regional Australia.



Aged Care

Further investment in aged care funding (annual increase of about \$3.5 billion) and a focus on safety and quality. Further funding for dementia care and access to medical support through Medicare and the PBS.



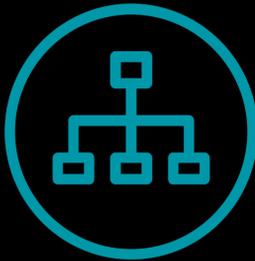
Infrastructure

Federal Government increases 10 year budget for infrastructure from \$75 billion to \$100 billion, including \$2 billion for Australia's fastest rail line from Melbourne to Geelong.



Health Care

Ongoing and additional investment in Medicare to support GP and other services, hospital funding, access to medicines, research and mental health services. Little radical change in how care is provided or wellbeing secured.



Division 7A

1 year delay to 1 July 2020 for the start of Division 7A changes.



Tax treaty with Israel

Double Tax Agreement entered into with Israel.



Super: merging funds

Government to make permanent the current tax relief for merging superannuation funds.



Super: retirees

Measures to increase the flexibility of superannuation arrangements for recent retirees around the work test, spouse contributions and bring forward arrangements.



Hybrid mismatch rules

Amendments to be made to clarify the hybrid mismatch rules.

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