

Dear Review of Federal Financial Relations Panel,

We welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the NSW Review of Federal Financial Relations.

Grattan Institute is dedicated to developing high quality public policy for Australia's future. We have a strong interest in the issues raised by the review including the operation of the federation, efficient taxation and the sustainability of state budgets.

Grattan has published several reports and other research products that are relevant to the focus of review on longer-term budget pressures, state tax reform and Commonwealth/State relations.

Relevant materials published by Grattan include:

- [Grattan's State Orange Book 2018](#) outlining reform opportunities for State Governments;
- Several reports that address long-term fiscal pressures facing Commonwealth and State Governments including most recently, [Generation Gap: Ensuring a fair go for young Australians](#) and [Fiscal challenges for Australia](#);
- Materials that outline opportunities for a stamp duty-land tax swap, including the Grattan [Property Taxes](#) report, a [presentation](#) by Program Director Brendan Coates and a [recent submission the NSW Productivity Commission](#);
- A report on the scope for [land value capture](#) for funding infrastructure;
- A recent Grattan reports on [why it's time for congestion charging](#) and outlining a [practical plan for congestion charging in Sydney and Melbourne](#);
- A report outlining a potential [GST package](#) and the Commonwealth and State revenue implications; and
- Two recent reports on [saving Private Health Insurance](#) and another on its [history and purposes](#).

We would be happy to discuss any of this material further with the review panel or secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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