

## **Barton Deakin: 2016-17 Pre-Budget Submissions**

**9 December 2016**

Today the Minister for Small Business Michael McCormack called for pre-Budget submissions from individuals, businesses and community groups on their views regarding priorities for the 2017-18 Budget.

### **Budget process**

The Budget is the main policy document produced by the Government each year. It details the government's view of economic conditions as well as its policy priorities across portfolios. The Budget is usually released in early May, and in 2017 will be on Tuesday 9 May. The annual Budget process begins in November or December when the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet (**ERC**) considers early parameters and priorities. In December submissions are invited from the public. From February to April the ERC develops the Budget against the background of the Government's political, social and economic priorities.

The Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (**MYEFO**) is also released around this time and provides an update on the economic and fiscal outlook from the May budget. The MYEFO this year will be released on Monday 19 December.

### **Pre-Budget submissions**

Pre-budget submissions are a key way for businesses and the wider community to have their views fed into the budget process at an early stage. In our experience a well prepared pre-budget submission has multiple uses in conversations with government.

Interested parties can now lodge submissions and are encouraged to do so soon as possible. Submissions are requested by Thursday 19 January 2017.

Lengthier submissions should include an executive summary of no more than two pages.

Submissions can be lodged via the online portal which can be accessed [here](#).

### **Further information**

To access the Minister's media release, click [here](#).

To access the Department of the Treasury's Budget website, click [here](#).

To access Barton Deakin's Brief on the 2016-17 Commonwealth Budget, click [here](#).

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