

You are cordially invited to attend a Business Links Seminar entitled:

To what extent should New Zealand tax capital gains?

A presentation by Professor Len Burman with commentary by John Shewan

More comprehensive and consistent capital gains tax rules are one income tax base broadening possibility currently being considered by the VUW/CAGTR Tax Working Group (TWG). Professor Len Burman, an overseas expert who will give a key presentation on this topic to the TWG, and John Shewan, a member of the TWG, will give their perspectives on the issues to this CAGTR Business Links seminar.



Len Burman

Professor Len Burman is the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Chair in Public Policy at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. He was previously a Fellow at the Urban Institute and Director of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Centre. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury for Tax Analysis from 1998 to 2000, and as Senior Analyst at the Congressional Budget Office from 1988 to 1997. He is the author of the book, *The Labyrinth of Capital Gains Tax Policy: A Guide for the Perplexed*, and numerous articles, studies, and reports. In 2002 he was a Research Fellow at CAGTR and co-authored with David White the study "Taxing Capital Gains in New Zealand."



John Shewan

John Shewan is Chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers New Zealand and is a specialist tax partner working in tax policy and corporate tax. John chairs the New Zealand Tax Working Group of the Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum and is a past Chair of the National Taxation Committee of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. He is a member of the Victoria University/CAGTR Tax Working Group. John is Chair of the Advisory Board to the Faculty of Commerce and Administration and a member of the Advisory Board to the School of Accounting & Commercial Law and CAGTR.

Thursday, 17 September 2009 from 7.30 am to 9.00 am

**Victoria University of Wellington
Lecture Theatre 1, Government Buildings, 15 Lambton Quay, Wellington
(Circular Building, Law School Courtyard)**

A light breakfast will be available in the foyer of Lecture Theatre 1 from 7.00 am.

This is a free seminar. For catering purposes kindly RSVP (acceptances only) by Tuesday, 15 September 2009 to vanessa.borg@vuw.ac.nz or telephone 04 463 5550.