

# BDO CONNECT BUSINESS & TAXATION FORUM

## AGENDA

19 OCTOBER 2023

TIME	LOCATION	SESSION	SPEAKER
8.30am	Front Desk	Arrival & Registration	
9.00am	Conference Room	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Jeff Marsden BDO Partner & BDO Connect NSW Leader
9.10am	Conference Room	<b>Session 1 - Business Risks with SMSF &amp; Super</b> With constant regulatory change and increased public and ATO scrutiny, how do we protect our practices from risk. This session will look at the current focus of the regulators in the super space and what you need to be doing with your clients to minimise both their risk and your own practice risk.	Simon Conolly Senior Manager, BDO
9.55am	Conference Room	<b>Session 2 - Tax Issues Relevant for Property Developments - The Tax Traps and Pitfalls</b> This session will be discussing a range of tax issues highlighting issues specifically regarding property developments and will discuss case studies.	Pulin Desai Partner, BDO  Fady Abi Abdallah Partner, BDO
10.55am	Foyer	Morning Tea	
11.10am	Conference Room	<b>Session 3 - Automation of Finance Teams</b> This session will discuss automation in the finance space, specifically understanding what automation is, why you should automate, how to automate processes and where to start.	Nick Fox Partner, BDO
12.00pm	Conference Room	<b>Session 4 - R&amp;D Tax Incentives for SME's</b> This session will provide an overview of the R&D incentive, the current state of play, practical tips when preparing R&D claims and discuss a range of common pitfalls.	Chris Jahja Director, BDO
12.50pm	Foyer	Lunch	

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1.40pm	Conference Room	<p><b>Session 5 - Traversing the Ever-Changing Landscape of Financial Distress</b></p> <p>This session will look at the evolution of the insolvency and restructuring solutions that are designed to help your clients prevail from financial distress, with particular emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigating post pandemic ATO collection activity;</li> <li>• Protecting your clients by avoiding 'Phoenix' activity and considering legislative solutions such as 'Safe Harbour' and Small Business Restructuring; and</li> <li>• Mapping out a contingency plan to make an informed decision on all available options.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jeff Marsden</b> BDO Partner &amp; BDO Connect NSW Leader</p>
2.30pm	Conference Room	<p><b>Session 6 - Navigating Australia's Free Trade Agreements for SME's</b></p> <p>Free trade agreement (FTA) access can be complex for small to medium enterprises, especially if they lack specialist trade skills to qualify goods to gain the benefit of reduced duty rates. In this session, BDO's Customs, International Trade and Excise Partner, Leonie Ferretter, will share some tips and tricks on accessing FTAs for Australian Exporters.</p>	<p><b>Leonie Ferretter</b> Partner, BDO</p>
3.05pm	Foyer	Afternoon Tea	
3.20pm	Conference Room	<p><b>Session 7 - ATO: Topical Updates and Areas of Focus</b></p> <p>This session will discuss topical updates and areas of focus from an ATO perspective, with Anthony Marvella, Assistant Commissioner, Small Business Technical Leadership and Advice, and Jenny Lin, Assistant Commissioner, Private Wealth, Risk and Strategy.</p>	<p><b>Anthony Marvella</b> Assistant Commissioner, ATO</p> <p><b>Jenny Lin</b> Assistant Commissioner, ATO</p>
4.20pm	Conference Room	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<p><b>Jeff Marsden</b> BDO Partner &amp; BDO Connect NSW Leader</p>
4.30pm	Foyer	Networking	