

Congratulations to Tax Justice Network Australia

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The [FT has reported](#) this morning that the Australian government has announced, in the run up to a general election, the introduction of a UK style Google tax, a major clamp down on corporate tax abuse and a cut over a decade in its corporation tax rate from 30% to 25%.

No doubt this is thought a populist package. I am quite sure, based on UK experience, that there are real problems inherent in the proposals, but I want to concentrate on why these issues are thought to be populist in Australia. That is undoubtedly due to the work of Tax Justice Network Australia, led by [Mark Zirnsak](#). They and he have done an extraordinary issue of putting corporate tax abuse on the Australian agenda. I salute them.