

# Monash University – South Africa

## Making technical subjects fun (funnier)

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# Making technical subjects fun

- Dealing with the detail
- Dealing with the complexity
- Dealing with the numbers
- Dealing with the philosophical and ethical dimension
- Keeping their eyes open
- Keeping it real

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## Section 165-55 of the GST Act 1999

“For the purposes of making a declaration under this Subdivision, the Commissioner may:

- a) treat a particular event that actually happened as not having happened; and
- b) treat a particular event that did not actually happen as having happened....”

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THE NEW TAX SYSTEM



## AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE

1040 EZ 2 DO - TAX FORM

New Simplified Tax Form for 2002 Taxes

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1. How much money did you make? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Send it to us.



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## Some things learnt from past conferences

- Michael Blissiden, “Using the Web as a Resource to Facilitate Student Learning and Engagement on Landmark Taxation Law cases”, Tasmania 2008
- Colleen Mortimer, “Tax Lecturer Replaced by a Computer: Using technology in your teaching – dispelling some of the myths”, Tasmania 2008
- Bernadette Smith and Sonia Shimeld, “Drawing accounting students into tax”, Wellington 2005
- Helen Hodgson, “E-quizzes – a case study”, Wellington 2005
- Margaret McKerchar, “An appraisal of research-led teaching in the context of taxation: can both teacher and student benefit”, Adelaide 2004
- Tom Delany, “Tax teaching – 2004 style”, Adelaide 2004
- Brett Freudenberg and Lisa Samarkovksi, “Enthusiasing students to learn through contextualization and information literacy”, Sydney 2010

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## Some constraints on having fun

- Time constraints
- Institutional constraints
- Surface v deep learning
- Policy v rules
- Foreign students
- Different student cohorts
- Marshalling technology
- Assessment

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