

Tax Tracks: Where Does Your Money Go?

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The establishing shot is of an average suburban street view. The PRESENTER is standing in the middle of the road, wearing a suit and smiling at the camera as it pans from a wide shot to a full shot.

PRESENTER: Taxes! What are they good for? Well, more than you might think. The dollars you worked so hard for work hard for you too! Take this road for example. *(The shot zooms out to establishing shot again)* It was financed using taxpayer dollars. But that's not all!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER sits on a couch in an aged care home, surrounded by friendly elderly people. As everyone chats, they reach for a biscuit and smile at the camera.

P: The taxes you pay to the Australian government are distributed to the people and services that need them most. Ethel here has been retired for twenty years and relies on a government pension.

Change of scene. The PRESENTER sits in a public high school classroom.

P: And this school runs on the money taxpayers give. *(points at teacher)* His/her pay-check, the electricity and water bills, all these textbooks and the interactive whiteboard: when you pay your taxes, you're paying for the education of the future generation. But wait, there's more!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER walks into a hospital waiting room filled with people.

P: Your money goes directly into funding our public health systems...

Change of scene. The PRESENTER stands with a group of people receiving disability support and their carers.

P: assisting people with disabilities and their carers...

Change of scene. The PRESENTER sits at a dinner table with a family.

P: helping families with kids...

Change of scene. The PRESENTER stands with volunteers in a disaster-struck area.

P: rebuilding after natural disasters...

Change of scene. The PRESENTER stands in a local playground.

P: running local councils...

Change of scene. The PRESENTER stands in front of a green screen.

P: and keeping every aspect of our great country functioning smoothly.

Change of scene. The screen shows quickly changing shots of industrial workers, important infrastructure, police officers, local sports and arts groups, local council members, public transport, Indigenous support programs, soldiers, government research, local and national parks, university students, and hospitals (for example). Music swells in the background, and after these shots finish, the PRESENTER gives a voiceover.

P: If you've ever (*as these words are said a shot of them appears onscreen*) driven on a road, been a student, obtained medical treatment, received assistance from Centrelink, appreciated some running taps and instant electricity, enjoyed a breathtaking national park, or any number of other services, then you've benefited from someone, somewhere paying their taxes. Your taxes are one way to contribute to your fellow Australians. So, thank you.

Change of scene. The PRESENTER is back in the aged care home.

Everyone: Thank you!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER is back in the classroom.

Everyone: Thanks!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER is back in the hospital.

Everyone: Thank you!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER is back with the group of disability workers and people with disabilities.

Everyone: Thank you!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER is back at the dinner table with the family.

Everyone: Thanks!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER is back in the disaster-struck area.

Everyone: Thank you!

Change of scene. The PRESENTER is surrounded by a diverse group of people from various areas benefited by taxes (school and uni students, soldiers, council workers, nurses, etc.).

Everyone: Thank you!

P: Head to www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au to find out what your taxes can do today!