

ONLINE PRIMARY SCHOOLS' PARLIAMENTARY CONVENTION

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PRE-READING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

Food, Shelter and Education should all be basic human rights but for many Australians that is just not the situation. Australia should increase income tax to ensure everyone has a home, food and education.

Should the Australian Government increase the minimum tax rate to 50 cents in each \$1 for those who earn over \$120,000 per year to enable the Government to provide for everyone?

YEARS 5 & 6

ONLINE RESOURCES

Current tax rates in Australia:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/rates/individual-income-tax-rates/>

What is income tax and how does the government justify charging different amounts depending on different incomes?

<https://wonderopolis.org/wonder/why-do-you-have-to-pay-taxes>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tax>

Videos

<https://tv.ato.gov.au/ato-tv/media?v=bd1bdiun8giu9f>

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/budget-taxes/10528380>

Fairness: establishing different tax brackets and Federal vs State taxes

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/tax-change/10524942>

Taxing the rich to help the poor

Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGkmpDGPCBE>

<https://www.firstlinks.com.au/taxing-the-rich-the-potential-tax-consequences-of-rising-inequality>

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What are human rights?

<https://humanrights.gov.au/about/what-are-human-rights>

<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

The right to an adequate standard of living (food, shelter)

<https://www.ag.gov.au/rights-and-protections/human-rights-and-anti-discrimination/human-rights-scrutiny/public-sector-guidance-sheets/right-adequate-standard-living-including-food-water-and-housing>: see Article 11.1

Poverty

<https://www.worldvision.com.au/get-involved/school-resources/detail/1.-what-is-poverty>

Is a wealth tax a solution for income inequality?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ikebrannon/2020/09/29/a-wealth-tax-is-not-a-solution-for-income-inequality/?sh=3313a2f87f5b>

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2015/04/09/how-much-does-the-tax-code-reduce-inequality/>

<https://www.ippr.org/research/publications/just-tax>

<https://australiainstitute.org.au/report/polling-income-tax-and-inequality/>

RESOURCES FROM LMERC

Resources on [wealth and inequality](#), [democracy and government in Australia](#), [food security](#), [poverty](#), [human rights](#).

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