

# **Senator Catryna Bilyk**

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### **Taxing times eased by a helping hand**

Senator Catryna Bilyk announced that she has registered her Kingston office as a Tax Help Centre to assist low income earners with their tax returns.

The Australian Taxation Office's Tax Help Program is a free and confidential service delivered by volunteers.

Senator Bilyk said that she was confident that the service would be of great benefit to many local residents.

"I understand that tax time can be very stressful time for many people, and not everyone can afford an accountant," Senator Bilyk said. "I am pleased to be able to provide this valuable service to the community, and I would like to thank the volunteers who are working out of my office providing help to those in need."

As tax can be complex, Tax Help volunteers can only help with straightforward tax returns. They can help identify and record income received through salary and wages, Australian Government payments including pensions, dividends, managed funds or interest.

Some of the matters that are outside the scope of the Tax Help program include business tax returns, partnerships and trusts, capital gains tax (CGT) or rental properties.

Tax Help appointments at Senator Bilyk's office can be made during the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm weekdays or on Wednesday nights until 7.00pm. To check your eligibility for Tax Help, and to make an appointment, contact the Senator's office on 6229 4444 or visit the office at Kingston Plaza.

For further information about the Tax Help program you can contact the ATO on 13 28 61 or visit [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au).