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BPAY Makes BAS Payment Easier for Business

Sydney, February 18, 2009 – With the next BAS payment deadline fast approaching, an increasing number of business operators are looking for ways to simplify this obligation.

Although most Australian consumers already recognise the ease and convenience of using BPAY to pay household bills, many are now taking advantage of these benefits when making BAS payments.

“Small business owners in particular do not have the luxury of endless free time, which makes the time saving benefits of using BPAY even more attractive,” says Andrew Arnott, CEO, BPAY.

“In today’s uncertain economic climate businesses want to spend their time constructively, generating income not filling out forms.

“By simply going online and using the 24/7 BPAY service, business owners can take the stress and inconvenience out of BAS payments,” he said.

In December 2008, the month in which the most recent BAS payments were due, BPAY payments to the ATO increased by 25 per cent, compared to the same month last year.

In July 2000, the Tax Office began accepting payments through the BPAY channel. This reflects its commitment to making it easier, cheaper and more personalised for clients to meet their tax obligations through improved taxpayer services.

“For the Tax Office, e-commerce through BPAY has proven to be a key enabler for improved taxpayer service and more efficient tax administration,” said Geoff Robinson Deputy Commissioner, Tax Office. “It is convenient and straightforward.”

“We are confident that by broadening our payment options and providing greater opportunities for e-commerce, we can make the BAS payment process even easier, and assist all tax payers to meet their payment obligations,” he said.

Since introducing the BPAY payment option, BPAY now accounts for over 40 per cent of all payments received into the Tax Office.

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