

## **Wayne Swan youth budget transcript**

Well there's been a lot said about how important this budget is, given that it's been brought down in the middle of the worst recession since the great depression. This global recession is impacting on our country as it is impacting on countries right around the world. And of course, it will impact on young people but there hasn't been a lot of discussion about young people and the Budget.

We're going to take the tough calls in this Budget, to put the economy on a sustainable economic and environmental path for the future. That's important for everyone, but it's very important for young people, and they've not been forgotten in the Budget.

We are putting forward a youth compact and we're doing that because young people, particularly in the labour market, can be at risk, particularly when the economy slows. Making a commitment to young people when it comes to their training opportunities and their attachment and future attachment to the workforce is a central aim of this Budget.

We want to make sure that young people get access to the training and the support they need so they can then take advantage of the opportunities that come once recovery commences and the global recession recedes. We will continue to work with young Australians to tackle the challenges that you face.