

Submission to rethink the Australian Government Tax Discussion Paper

It is becoming increasingly difficult for a couple to choose the option of having one parent stay at home to take care of their children, while the other works - our tax system should not be loaded to discriminate against those who choose to do so. I believe that our tax system should not seek to socially engineer parental decisions.

Multiple studies show that young children raised with full time parental care fare better than very young children who spend long periods in day care.

Surely, the social and financial cost to society would be less for those parents who choose for one to stay at home and take care of their children, than if both parents worked and placed their children in day care.

I would therefore respectfully request that those involved in the discussions around family and personal income tax take this point of view into consideration also.

Thank you

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