Balancing the budget

Hello

I heard that you are looking for comments about the budget. I work in the financial advice industry and I would like to offer these suggestions.

Mostly the tax deductable super contributions like salary sacrifice and personal contributions benefit the higher income earner who can afford it and denies the lower income earner the same chance. This costs the govt tax revenue and is no guarantee of saving money in the future because the ability to access the part pension and the HCC is so loose.

* For instance why are those over 65 years allowed a SHCC at an income of $51,500 (single) $82,400 (couple) when those under 65 years low income HCC has a cut off threshold of $27,400 (single) and $47,400 (couple)? I think the rules should be the same regardless of age. It is even more unfair when you consider that many older people have paid off their homes and $82,400 is enough to eat, pay utilities, insurance, clothes, home maintenance, run a car and take holidays to Europe flying business class.
* They definitely don’t need the senior supplement of $1386 to help pay their electricity bills either.
* How about a cap on tax deductions for salary sacrifice/ personal contributions, for example a cap where if someone has accumulated a $million in Super no more tax deductions for more contributions. They have enough for a comfortable retirement and there is no need for the govt to assist them.

I am sure you are aware the current benefit for those with govt assisted super is not sustainable.

Sincerely

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