

The fact that no government either side of politics has done anything to actually increase the remote area zone tax offsets in 15 years or more is an absolute disgrace.

I have no problem with restricting the tax offset to those persons that actually live there, but how about a genuine attempt to make the zone tax offset a realistic reduction in relevant taxpayer tax liabilities given that many who work there are required to earn a great deal more than their southern city counterparts to enjoy a similar standard of living.

I would estimate the wage difference could be \$20,000 per person. Using a marginal tax rate of 39% this results in \$7,800 more tax being paid and all you deliver for a resident of a Zone A area is \$338. Is anyone in Canberra for real?????

If you delivered a realistic targeted zone offset you could then do away a lot of the remote area housing fringe benefits as residents of those areas would then have sufficient after tax salary to pay the exhorbitant rents.

I vote Liberal but it makes you sick to your guts to see the above yet the Bronwyn Bishops of the world think they can can blow \$5,000 on a helicopter ride.

How about the current government and the current crop of Fed Govt Public servants be the first lot to make all of you publicly accountable for your wasteful expenditure and so called ridiculous financial rights of Politicians in general.

Regards



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