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Dear Manager

Re: [Redacted] - Reply to GST free on women's health products

Thank you for your email regarding interested parties to make submissions on this policy and tax proposal change.

First, I would like to say the table supplied is inadequate. It is inadequate because every health care product must have a registration system number with Treasury and when send out any changes to law there must be a system number that can be checked and verified by all. This means there may be 4 or 5 brands selling the same product thus this means you have a lot of work to do to catalogue each brand and record each brand within Treasury so that in fact you know the impact of the policy.

Every business that sells health products must do a specific return about those health products to the Tax Office. Again this is because more detailed reports and information are needed if changes to policy are to go from GST paid to GST free. It also helps with modelling. The Tax Office must now supervise health products as individual items and precisely what health products are being sold where and why. This can only be done by gathering data. Presently the Tax Office is not gathering data on tens of thousands of products.

Secondly, Joe Hockey.

I have attached his Wikipedia account for your inspection
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Hockey].

He was the Treasurer back in September 2015 who fell flat on his face when he ran for the Prime Minister's job and was overwhelmingly and completely rejected by the Liberal party. He resigned from parliament. He took up a job as US Ambassador.

One thing he is famous for is saying "I will get rid of the tax on women's health products". Or, words to that effect. He in fact said it on TV and radio and I do recall on night on ABC's Q & A, where a young girl asked a question and he promised to drop it and got a huge round of applause.

He never did. Joe Hockey came and Joe Hockey went and the tax on women's health products stayed. That was 2015.

It is now 2018.

Why do I raise this? Because I am seeking now a \$5,000.00 tax free on off payment to all women 16 years and older for having to pay this tax in the first place. Government is not nice. Government is evil. When Government makes a mistake it covers it up and conceals it for years.

John Howard brought this tax in and reaped, it is fair to say, millions.

Now the book must be shut on this tax. But there must be some tax-free payment to recognise it should never have been placed on women in the first place as it was highly discriminatory and in the second place there have been hollow promises made from day 1 to drop this tax and nothing was ever done.

What will \$5,000.00 dollars tax free do for all young girls and women? It will give them some peace of mind and comfort. The money that they paid should never have been paid.

That now concludes my response and submission. The new system of Tax Office bar coding and cataloguing every health product must be done uniquely and immediately. One cannot already copy store bar codes or company bar codes.

I again repeat as I have done over the ages I do not get any feedback or get a chance to view final recommendations by the Tax Office until off course they become law and can be seen in the Tax Act. I would like more feedback please in that intermediate break between processes where submissions are received and submissions are discussed and brain stormed.

I look forward to a positive and energetic response.