

TAX Thoughts

True reform is required, but not just to the tax format, but also to how to collect it efficiently. More importantly expenses need to be CUT. The size, number of employees, number of levels of the government bureaucracy and their lack of accountability and productivity is no longer affordable. You cannot just keep increasing taxes to pay for this structure.

Incentives need to be given to self-funded retirees, people who save money, and people who work after 65. Taxing deposits! No way, crazy move, as is reducing pensions.

Why must the tax payer always take the brunt and threats of higher taxes when bludgers and Dodgers make a mockery of the system?

1. There is a HUGE cash based business out there that does not get declared for tax. Therefore the current system does not work. So change the system from taxing what people earn to taxing what people buy (tax the disposable income i.e. increase GST WITH NO EXEMPTION).
2. The pension should be means tested at the highest end. It does not mean that the wealthy do not deserve it they have achieved but can afford it.
3. Decrease personal tax, also increase the tax free threshold to cover the additional GST COST to low income groups.
4. Social welfare, Centrelink payments and the Dole are not a right, they must be more tightly controlled. Centrelink payments of any sort must be scrutinized more rigorously.
5. Decrease company tax. BUT, the tax laws regarding international Company tax evaders must be tightened or do not let them operate in Australia under the current legislation.
6. Remove the payroll tax, this is a disincentive discriminate tax. That tax that I used to pay would cover another employee.
7. Remove penalty rates as it is just what it says, it penalises employers. Move to flexitime and treat week ends as just any other days. This would allow business to employ additional resource to meet their requirements.
8. Remove politician's unfair retirement benefits and travel privileges.

These are just some small ideas as I do realise the complexity of raising and collecting tax but the biggest stumbling block is the politics involved. The current tax system is overtly complex, tax on tax and does not cover everyone. The reason that the current GST is so successful is that it is casing a small (10%) net into the cash that is circulating.