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**To:** Better Tax

**Subject:** EASY TAX

Dear Sir,

I have had a brief look at your Better Tax proposals.

I would like to suggest a better system thus:

- 1) A fixed personal tax rate be set at 30%, with cut in at \$50,000. No deductions whatsoever, except compulsory Superannuation taxed at 15% and voluntary super taxed at 30%, so after earning over \$50K, all income is taxed at 30%, with no tax increments as income rises, ie flat 30% tax rate. No deductions are compensated by lower overall tax rate and higher cut in figure of \$50K.
- 2) All Company tax set at 20%, with cut in at \$250,000, No deductions whatsoever, so after gross income exceeds \$250K, all income is taxed at 20%.
- 3) Leave the GST 10% as is, but with everything taxed at 10%, ie all food included.
- 4) Leave the Superannuation system as it is. Super savings are taxed at 15% while working. This is an incentive to save for retirement, so no Government support is required at retirement. If savings after retirement are taxed, it will be a disincentive to save for retirement. For the average retiree, it is difficult to earn a decent return from their investments in Super, so in most cases, additional tax will be minimal and more compliance will be needed, and cost effectiveness will be marginal. Raise and leave compulsory super contributions at 10% maximum.
- 5) Cancel all Government assistance programmes, ie dole, family assistance, welfare, child care, etc, and request all parties to reapply. This can be done in stages over 3-4 years, so impacts are not severe. Extra personnel required for implication of this change can be drawn from ATO personnel that will be reduced with new changes suggested. This change will "weed-out" cheats, double dipping, deceased personnel and other irregularities. New applicants will be required to provide proof of identity with photo ID, and this scanned into computer for reference to avoid cheating or double claims, etc. Further security can be enhanced by issuing all Australians with a Security Number.
- 6) No allowances for companies that trade overseas. All monies earned within Australia are to be taxed at the rate. Any monies transferred overseas to be taxed at that rate also. Better surveillance of business operations.
- 7) With new laws introduced on data retention of internet providers, also tack on surveillance protocols for goods purchased overseas that avoid GST payment.
- 8) Remove negative gearing from the housing market.
- 9) Introduce a better system of returning tax income to local Councils to enable them to provide more services, eg better local roads.
- 10) Remove all incentives, tax and otherwise, from mining companies and business, for start up of their business. If incentives are given, they must be repaid within a short time period, no more than 7 years.
- 11) Introduce to cities where traffic congestion occurs, a system that taxes owners of vehicles where they cannot park their vehicle off road at night. Many people live in high density inner city areas, and park their vehicles on the street at night. While this doesn't generally congest the roads, during the day more and more vehicles do. This new tax system will reduce vehicle numbers and relieve road congestion. Similar systems are successfully in place in Japanese cities.

If all the above are introduced, compliance will be greatly reduced for taxpayers, staff reduction savings will be available in the ATO, and a simplified tax system will be implemented.

Regards,  
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