

These two innovations will simplify the tax system, and not directly adversely affect anyone (except maybe the accounting and associated professions) - and will therefore be politically acceptable.

- Replace all taxes with one 'transaction tax' collected automatically at point-of-sale. This would use the same process as when we get an immediate refund from Medicare at the GP (only in this case it would take money, rather than give a refund). Bookkeepers and accountants would no longer be required to sort out GST and deductions, and this tax is captured automatically at every transaction. No exceptions. Not sure of rate, but say 2%. Replaces all company and personal tax.
- Tax churches. Churches are a big corporate business, and yet pay no tax. It is an aberration. You might say that churches help people. Well, they redistribute money from the public, pay no tax along the way and keep a bit for themselves. Yes, they do good, but so do the many volunteers in society, and yet they pay tax. This would be a very popular political move, as it directly hurts nobody but the churches, who own the best real estate on town (on which they pay no land tax, either). Not sure of rate, say 10%.

Individuals and companies will not be adversely affected, accountants can spend their time on innovation rather than compliance, there will be less time wasted on paperwork and the churches can return some money to society in a secular way.