

Hello,

all your federal budget problems (the upcoming deficits over the next years) would go away if you started taxing the rich. You can only tax the poor so much and by sending the poor to the dole queue this year through rising unemployment your tax revenue is about to dry up. Getting rid of tax deductions, negative gearing, FHOG, FHSA, baby bonus, family benefits and other middle class welfare schemes would be a smart thing. All those benefits are paid to the middle class out of taxes paid for by the middle class. It's the biggest waste of recycling money through a bureaucracy while you could just leave it in the public's pockets to begin with. Who came up with the practice to pay government pensions to people living in million dollar homes? Talk about rich class welfare!!! If people want to qualify for a government pension they should be forced to first liquidate all assets and second decimate their cash base. I reckon I could trim tax legislature by 75% if you handed me a red pen and an hour of time and nobody would notice the difference except that it would be less bureaucratic and more just.

I attached income tax brackets that would actually work and recommend these for immediate implementation in the financial year 2009-2010. I constantly hear how we need less tax brackets with lower tax rates. If you like the nation to go broke then keep pursuing this path of demise. In my mind we need more tax brackets with a high income tax free threshold and higher tax rates for the high income earners.

Thanks,

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Taxable income	Tax on this income	Effective Tax Rate
\$0 – \$20,000	Nil	0%
\$20,001 – \$30,000	25c for each \$1 over \$20,000	0% - 8.3%
\$30,001 – \$50,000	\$2,500 plus 30c for each \$1 over \$30,000	8.3% - 17.0%
\$50,001 – \$80,000	\$8,500 plus 35c for each \$1 over \$50,000	17.0% - 23.8%
\$80,001 – \$120,000	\$19,000 plus 40c for each \$1 over \$80,000	23.8% - 29.2%
\$120,001 – \$170,000	\$35,000 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$120,000	29.2% - 33.8%
\$170,001 – \$230,000	\$57,500 plus 50c for each \$1 over \$170,000	33.8% - 38.0%
\$230,001 – \$300,000	\$87,500 plus 55c for each \$1 over \$230,000	38.0% - 42.0%
\$300,001 – \$380,000	\$126,000 plus 60c for each \$1 over \$300,000	42.0% - 45.8%
\$380,001 – \$470,000	\$174,000 plus 65c for each \$1 over \$380,000	45.8% - 49.5%
\$470,001 – \$570,000	\$232,500 plus 70c for each \$1 over \$470,000	49.5% - 53.1%
\$570,001 – \$680,000	\$302,500 plus 75c for each \$1 over \$570,000	53.1% - 56.6%
\$680,001 – \$800,000	\$385,000 plus 80c for each \$1 over \$680,000	56.6% - 60.1%
\$800,001 – \$930,000	\$481,000 plus 85c for each \$1 over \$800,000	60.1% - 63.6%
Over \$930,000	\$591,500 plus 90c for each \$1 over \$930,000	63.6% - 90.0%