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Hi

Sometimes a problem like the black economy needs to be looked at from a different perspective.

Government is obviously trying to recoup more income tax , especially after introducing the recent tax cuts,but I have an easier, more acceptable idea with a far greater ability to raise government coffers than the cash legislation bill being introduced.

The silent or forgotten Australians that are credited with getting Scott Morrison elected all have one thing in common.

They despise people who are scamming the social security system, with the amount expected to exceed $190 billion dollars this financial year.

Everyone knows the extent of the “misuse” that is happening with illegitimate social benefit claims.

I have a simple solution.

* Install a commission to look at ALL the social benefit schemes in place and streamline not only their operation, but the conditions under which they are granted.
* Either tender out or organise internally extra staff to interview ALL current beneficiaries
* Call tenders for a data or computer analyst company to design and implement a web based system for these extra staff to use during the interview process
* Announce a 12 month moratorium on all social security and welfare benefits. All current recipients need to reapply for their benefits within the next 12 months or have their benefits automatically cancelled.
* When announced, Government could guarantee that when the process is completed, the recipients that have been confirmed as genuine will be guaranteed a flat rate 10% increase on their benefits
* This will make the government look fair by looking after genuine people, but at the same time increase the government coffers by billions

Everyone knows that the abuse of the system will be way over the 10% government has committed to increase genuine payment by. For every 1% over the 10% increase, Government will save an extra $1,900,000,000

That’s the amount for a 1% saving.

Mu gut feeling is the overall saving will be more like 30%, meaning that after giving back 10% that the government would save $38 billion (20% of $190 Billion)

Isn’t it worth the exercise?

Kind Regards

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