

Dear review committee,

I am an upper income salaried worker in my 60's. I have grave concerns about the distortional effects of the tax treatment of superannuation and the fact these tax concessions are utilised overwhelmingly by wealthy citizens to their advantage and to the disadvantage of the wider community. I am a recipient of these benefits and utilise these concessions to my own personal advantage.

I feel that it is unjust that a flat 15% tax is levied on all superannuation revenue. It is unjust that in superannuation we tax the earnings of those with millions at far less than their marginal tax rate (usually 47%) and we tax the earnings of those with low incomes and small balances at far more than their marginal tax rate (0% under \$18,000p.a.). Tax concessions for superannuation are amplifying inequality in Australia.

I strongly support our compulsory superannuation contribution scheme in this country and believe that this has contributed a lot to saving in Australia. But there is no link between supporting a system of compulsory superannuation and supporting the current system of tax concessions that gives billions of dollars per year to those with millions and nothing to those with low incomes and low balances. We can fix it if we want to.

It would be easy to cap the generosity of tax concessions to those with the most and boost support for those with the least. We do it with the age pension and we could do it with super, if we wanted to.

Yours sincerely

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