

Submission to Retirement Income Review
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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this review.

My only comment is around equity. Fig. 4 on p.18 illustrates the current failings of a system which provides taxpayer support to those in the 90 percentile of income and above that far exceed support provided to lower income earners.

Superannuation should not continue to be a tool for tax avoidance for those fortunate enough to be earning incomes in the top 10 percent.

Two proposals:

1. Reduce superannuation contributions and earnings tax for those who are earning below the tax-free threshold to zero.
2. Increase superannuation contributions and earnings tax for high earners and high superannuation balance holders progressively until the tax avoidance benefits of superannuation cease for those whose earnings are in the top 5 percent.

Thanks
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