

The Director  
Corporate Tax Policy  
Unit Treasury  
Langton Crescent Parkes  
ACT 2600.

Dear Director,

I refer to the proposed legislation relating to Franked Dividends and Capital Raising.

My wife and I strongly object to the proposed changes to current legislation. We have worked hard for 50 years so that we aren't a burden on the taxpayer and are self funded retirees.

The draft legislation is inequitable to Australian companies and shareholders alike and it could impact situations of legitimate company operations.

The draft legislation fails to recognise the fundamental principle underlying the franking regime and the reason for its creation, viz., the avoidance of double taxation of company earnings. If passed, it will stop Australian companies that issue new shares under a DRP from paying franked dividends and significantly increase the cost of capital for all franked dividend paying Australian companies.

What is most objectionable is the proposal to inflict retrospective tax debts on shareholders. It brings to mind, the fiasco and misery caused by the Robo Debt scheme.

Yours sincerely,

Robert and Valerie Lack