

Dear Director,

This is my response to the above proposed legislation:- I OBJECT in the strongest possible terms.

The impact on me would be beyond unfair. I am in receipt of the full amount of the single aged pension (\$987.60 per fortnight) administered by DVA. I am dependent on my share portfolio which produces a return within the allowable amount before the pension reduces. While I am hopeful that the current automatic return of Franking Credits would continue as I am below the minimum tax threshold nothing is guaranteed and anyway that income stream would disappear. Without that return my ability to meet all my financial obligations would be severely impacted.

Most of my shares are in Australian banks. If implemented, this legislation would have a massive affect on their ability to raise capital during periods of market stress. The removal of Franking Distribution from capital raisings profits would cause administrative nightmares - how would these companies distinguish between profits created by existing capital or capital obtained by a raising. The opportunity for error is extreme.

I am particularly appalled by the prospect of retrospectivity. The shadow hanging over my meager savings account is overwhelming. The number of fellow pensioners being targeted by this obscene money grab represents a huge proportion of the voting public.

Speaking of the voting public, I find it difficult to believe this legislation is even under consideration by the Labor Party after Bill Shorten's attempt to win an election was killed off by their Franking Credits policy along with other similar errors of judgement that would have badly affected investors in general and pensioners in particular.

Please do the obviously right thing by every retiree and those planning for retirement and remove this threat to our financial stability.

Regards,
Robert Muir