

Dear Sirs:

I **object** to retroactively applying the proposed legislative change to franking credits (in regards to capital raising) back to 2016.

I understand the government has the right to do this, however that does not make it morally correct, or a good decision. In my opinion, It is a breach of trust and good-faith interaction between the government and taxpayers. As a stock owner, I do not currently know if I will incur any retroactive tax liability under the new legislation, but I must oppose its retroactivity on principle.

If you read the example case given at the link below on the ATO website, it seems that a 6 or 7 year time-frame for a retroactive application of legislation is not commonly considered. In fact, this may be the first time.

<https://www.ato.gov.au/General/New-legislation/Administrative-treatment-of-retrospective-legislation/>

If I may draw a very simple analogy : If I pay GST (or no GST) on a loaf of bread, is it fair for the government to come back to me, 6 or 7 years later, and require that I pay more GST on that loaf of bread, because the GST that I previously paid (or didn't pay), as configured by law at the time of purchase, is now considered inequitable under a surprising new law? I think it is not fair.

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,
Ken Seamon

