

I am a private person who emigrated to Australia at the age of 47 from the UK with 26 years of built up superannuation in the UK.

The current system does not address adequately the transfer of foreign superannuation to Australia.

It should allow people to transfer their foreign superannuation without constraints to an Australian superannuation to result in a consolidated Australian superannuation.

Transfers are unnecessarily constrained by non-concessional contribution limits making the transfer of larger pensions unnecessarily complex and expensive and requiring many years to effect.

It is inconsistent that a country built on migration and that continues to encourage large scale continued migration, applies so many constraints on transferring legacy superannuation to Australia.

I would recommend that the objectives include "Supporting Australian migrants to consolidate and build their Australian Superannuation"

Allowing a full transfer without constraints would ensure:

1. Simplify and reduce the cost of transferring foreign superannuation to an Australian superannuation,
2. Result in a much higher investment in the Australian economy than via a foreign superannuation scheme,
3. Tax collection from tax on Applicable Fund Earnings on transfer of foreign superannuation to an Australian superannuation.
4. Would allow tax collection from tax on growth and other potential future superannuation taxes
5. In retirement, would ensure that income was Australian sourced and only subject to Australian tax as and if relevant and not foreign tax from a country where the recipient is no longer domiciled, thereby either increasing Australian tax collection or increase the amount of pension available for spending within the Australian economy.

Whilst transfer of superannuation is allowed in the first few months of migrating to Australia, in most cases new Australians don't attend to this until much later when they are properly settled, are sure they want to become a citizen and have a better understanding of the superannuation system.