

To: 'Australia's Future Tax System Review'

Re: My concern about possible changes to the tax laws relating to imputation credits

As the Trustee of a Self-Managed Superannuation Fund, I am writing to you to express my growing concern about the direction being taken by "Australia's Future Tax System Review" and the possible harmful impacts on my retirement savings.

I believe that the tax system should be supporting self-reliance in retirement saving, and also that it should support the choice and competition that SMSFs bring to Australia's superannuation system.

The current dividend imputation scheme helps to support my preference to invest in Australian companies, because of the current capacity to maximise the usage of franking credits for the individual.

I am greatly concerned at reports that the Henry Tax Review is considering recommendations to remove or change the dividend imputation scheme.

I believe that removal or change to the scheme is an unfair, unnecessary and a retrograde step. Furthermore, I am greatly concerned that such a change to the scheme will negatively impact the value of Australian companies, in which I invest, and which provide me with dividend income that includes franking credits.

I am also writing to highlight my concern for all other Australian investors who rely on dividend income, especially retirees. Removal or change to the dividend imputation scheme would negatively impact all superannuation funds, especially SMSFs. Along with the current difficult investment climate, this would place further pressure on the Australian Welfare system.

I urge you to do what you can to help avert what I believe would be a major retrograde step for Australia's retirement savings system and SMSFs.

Yours sincerely

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