

My wife and I are concerned that the 'Australia's Future Tax System Review' is considering plans to wind-back or eliminate Australia's dividend imputation or franking credit system.

We are users of a Self Managed Superannuation Fund and believe that the tax system should be supporting self-reliance in retirement saving and therefore supporting the choice and competition that SMSFs bring to Australia's superannuation system

We are greatly concerned at reports that the Henry Tax review is considering recommendations to remove or change the dividend imputation scheme. The current scheme helps support our desire to invest in Australian companies. The removal or change to the scheme is unfair, unnecessary and a retrograde step. In our view, it will negatively impact the value of Australian companies we are invested in who provide us with dividend income that include franking credits.

We are writing to highlight our concern for Australian investors who rely on dividend income, especially retirees.

This issue is of highest concern to us and will certainly influence our voting decision at the next Federal Election.

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