

Dear Ken Henry

My name is not Jim but I think your approach is a good one.

My average citizens thought looks one step beyond your thinking to the IMPLEMENTATION stage.

Let's assume you come to a conclusion as to what a final new Tax System should look like. You then have the challenge of getting from today to tomorrow.

There will be all sorts of argument over things that are distortions now and should or should not be retained. Politics will interfere and start the distortions all over again.

SUGGESTION

It seems to me you need to pass two new Tax Act (or Acts)

1. New Tax Act(s) No.1 sets up the New Tax System you decide on and the one that will prevail.
2. New Tax Act(s) No.2 (limited in time) which takes each current tax and determines how long it goes for and when it ceases and what adjustments

All taxed entities then either progress directly to the new Act or transition through the Tax Act No.2.

Any distortions are debated and put into Tax Act No.2 which is limited to say 4 years!

Just a thought

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