

I would like the Review to consider making at least a certain amount of money earned in interest from savings accounts tax free (as I think may be the case in the UK) or alternatively only tax net interest after inflation.

As matters stand, investors who are wage earners are effectively forced into more speculative forms of investment because they know that they will be lucky if, after tax, money kept in a savings account even keeps pace with inflation. At the same time our banks are forced to seek capital overseas (and consequently, as we have seen recently, are very vulnerable to fluctuations in international debt markets) in part because of the low rate of Australian savings.

Cheers,

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