

Dear Sir/Madam

I write concerning the rumour reported in the media that imputation dividends are to be abolished in the 2009 Federal Budget.

I would be pleased if you could note my concern if this were to be correct.

Such abolition would again result in the double taxation of investments, affecting many taxpayers but particularly self-funded retirees and also some recipients of the aged pension.

As well as avoiding the previous double taxation of dividend earnings, the system of imputation dividends provided grounds in which companies could grow. Especially in the current economic situation, it is desirable that all such companies be given every assistance to at least maintain the status quo.

Yours faithfully

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