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Submission to:
Australia's Future Tax System Review.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Dividend Imputations – Possible Change in Policy

As the Trustee of a family Self-Managed Superannuation Fund, I am concerned at reports that the Henry Tax Review is considering recommendations to change or eliminate the dividend imputation scheme. The current scheme helps investment by Australians in Australian companies and I believe that the proposed changes are unfair, unnecessary and retrograde. They will reduce competition in the Australian superannuation market-place, in that investment in both Australian companies and in Self Managed Superannuation funds will decrease.

I am greatly concerned that the elimination of dividend imputation will negatively impact Australians who are self-funded retirees and who rely on an appropriately taxed dividend income stream from Australian companies. The proposed changes will also negatively impact self-reliance in retirement saving, a stated government aim. It seems that this demographic of people is being continually disadvantaged by the Rudd government and this new Policy change, if implemented, will only reinforce this state of affairs.

I urge you to maintain dividend imputation as Australian Government Policy.

Yours faithfully,

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