

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to highlight my concerns for Australian investors regarding the possible wind back or elimination of Australia's dividend imputation or franking credit system.

In the past, governments have encouraged people to fund their own retirement. I am a user of a self-managed super fund, encouraged to embark on this with the sole intention of providing for retirement. I believe 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.

I am concerned at reports that the Henry Tax Review is considering recommendations to remove or change the dividend imputation scheme. The current scheme helps to support my, and other investors' desires to invest in Australian companies. Removal or changing the scheme would, I believe, be an unfair, unnecessary and retrograde step. It will negatively impact on the value of Australian companies I am invested in, who provide my dividend income and that includes franking credits.

As a person who will be retiring in the next [removed for privacy reasons], I am concerned that the proposed possible changes will negatively affect dividend income I was planning to live on. Of course the same can be said for millions of self funded retirees relying on such income now and in the future.

This issue, I believe, is so serious that it will affect my voting decision at the next Federal election.

I hope that your government abandons any plans to wind back or abolish dividend imputation or franking credits.

Yours sincerely

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