

To Whom It May Concern,

I am concerned at the possible removal of dividend imputation, and the potential re-introduction of double taxation on dividends. As a low income earner, I presently have the benefit of not being taxed on dividends since the tax is already paid by the company. This influences my investment decisions and my participation in the financial markets. I cannot see how it would advantage Australia by removing incentives to invest in the country and necessarily giving advantage to overseas investors. In the Australian, they speak of a trade-off of lower company taxation to compensate the removal of dividend imputation but that still involves double taxation in investors pockets. It will reduce companies desire to redistribute earnings to shareholders and make investment in companies a lot less attractive for people such as myself.

My mum is a pensioner and the few dollars she gets back from imputation of dividends each year make a reasonable difference to her investments and her involvement in life. With imputation, her returns on investments are usually better than she can get elsewhere and are usually more reliable than depending on fluctuating interest rates. I hope you don't take us back to double taxation and lower dividend payouts. Thanking you.

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