

Dear Treasury Staff,

We are greatly concerned to hear that the Henry Tax Review is considering recommendations to remove or change the dividend imputation scheme. This scheme enables us to invest in Australian companies. We believe that removal or significant change to the current system would be unfair, unnecessary and a retrograde step. We are greatly concerned that it will impact negatively on the value of Australian companies in which we have invested and which provide us with dividend income, including franking credits.

Further, we believe that the tax system should be supporting self-reliance in retirement savings. To that end, we have started a Self Managed Super Fund (SMSF). The tax system should support the choice and competition that SMSFs bring to Australia's superannuation system.

We are writing to highlight our concerns for Australian investors, especially retirees, who rely on dividend income. This is a big issue for us and we urge you to not proceed down this path.

Regards,

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