

Fringe Benefits Tax

I would like to see the FBT abolished for salaried sacrificed child care payments. The costs associated with child care currently prohibit many women from rejoining the workforce. While there are enormous benefits for males employees in salary sacrificing work essentials like cars/computers etc; the significant amount of FBT levied on child care payments means that there is no benefit in salaried sacrificing these, and yet child care is arguably an even more essential item than cars/computers etc.

Baby Bonus

The baby bonus should be continued in its current form. Paid as it is currently (in 13 week instalments) it is a welcome addition to every household eligible. However if you were to call these payments government sponsored maternity leave then some businesses may feel that they no longer have to provide employer based maternity leave to be attractive to female employees.

Tax Free Threshold

I think the tax free threshold should be raised along with the lower income tax brackets.

Tax Deductions and Family Tax Benefit

I believe that costs associated with having a family (clothing, health, school fees etc) should be tax deductible, up to a certain amount per tax year and means tested by individual incomes not household. And that the current Family Tax Benefit should be abolished because it is not equitable.

Thank you

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