

Subject: Suggestion for the Taxation plan

To Whom it May Concern;

A week ago I proposed the following motion at the monthly meeting of the Kingsgrove Branch of the ALP: "That the Treasury be asked to give urgent attention to redrafting the tax return forms, at least for those younger than 25 and/or those earning a gross yearly income of \$30 000 or less, to give them the option of a much more straightforward form".

For young people taxation forms are a major challenge. I was watching my daughter doing her 2007/2008 return on the Internet, amazed that she could do it - but she couldn't answer a lot of the questions - and neither could I! There is so much to complete, so much unintelligible material to try to interpret, yet they can't afford a tax agent. So they probably pay far more than they need to, as I did when I was young, because in the end they don't claim what they're entitled to.

Surely the forms could be made simpler for them - or at least have very simple forms that they can choose to fill out that might cost either the tax department or them \$10 or \$20 in a year, but that they can easily put in. In the Internet procedure my daughter was watching examples of claims made and others disallowed, and had no idea if, or why, or how, and neither did I. And we're both at Uni.

The Kingsgrove Branch Secretary told me that you were accepting submissions for this, and emailed me the contact address, urging me to get this proposal to you before the week is out, since submissions close then, so here it is. I do hope it will reinforce an idea that you, or others, have already been considering.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards, George Pinniger