

Over many years the tax system – and particularly individual tax returns, has served our needs well.

Rather than making greater use of withholding taxes and a standard tax deduction to replace work-related expenses to simplify personal tax returns, I suggest the existing conditions remain, and, introduce deductions entirely relevant to an individuals (or family) circumstance aimed to provide for living expense deductions that can include:

- housing purchase expenses
- all medical related expenses
- schooling and child care expenses

This relatively simple tax return system has served us well for many many years.

There is no 'one size fits all' tax system and the present system is monitored annually by Government setting levels for payments to withhold and benefits according to individual circumstance.

The introduction of 'hand outs' seemingly has introduced massive government agencies that appear to have grown larger than life – much larger, and likely more expensive to control and manage, the one stop tax return system.

Leave us alone – we can cope with the tax system in its present form. Greater difficulty – and frustration, is experienced when contact is necessary with the number of other government agencies that appear to now be an intrusive (paper/claim/follow up/missing or incomplete information) dominant part of our life!

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