

Dear Sir

I note recent press speculation about either changing or eliminating Franking Credits.

I think this would be an absolute catastrophe for the following reasons:

1. Retirees and those planning to retire have for at least ten years been investing and modeling their investments based on the present tax system. Any change to this would cause enormous hardship and expense and detrimentally effect millions of productive Australians. Alot of retirees for instance have switched from property to shares because of Franking Credits.

2. I have run my own company for the last 20 years and have worked very hard to build up large Fully Franked Imputation Credits in the company, which I consider one of my prime assets to be used for my retirement. For you to reduce/remove this asset would be very unfair and cost me a fortune in my retirement and would be most unfair.

I could have paid out company profits as salary and only been taxed once, but instead decided to invest the profit back into the business for future growth and for retirement planning.

Removal or reduction of Imputation credits would be tantamount to theft.

Yours faithfully
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