

## The Review Secretariat

### Australia's future tax system

#### Capital Gains Tax -

I have been investing for 48 years in direct shareholdings, not superannuation. The sole purpose was to keep up with the "cost of living" and provide for my retirement.

I am not against change but genuine long term investors should not be disadvantaged.

As an example take the BG Takeover Offer for Origin in April, 2008

My initial purchase of Origin shares was pre capital gains, since then there have been 3 bonus issues, 3 new issues, 2 purchases, a top up plan & 2 share purchase plans. I have taken part in all of these as they were the opportunities to grow my investment.

BG's was a cash offer therefore I would have been forced to realize a capital gain if the takeover had gone ahead. If it had been a scrip offer with rollover relief then my capital gain would not be triggered.

Please consider

1. Length of time investment has been held (Possibly tiered as in Canada)
2. Keep rollover relief.
3. Some relief should be available when you are forced to realize a capital gain.
4. Pre Capital Gains tax exemption should not be altered.
5. This is a general submission, however extremely important in retirement.

Thank you

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