

Dear Sirs,

RE: PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH IMPUTATION CREDITS ON DIVIDENDS

I wish to object to the current proposal of abolishing imp credits.

Imputation credits simply represent tax withheld by Australian companies on behalf of their Australian shareholders in the same way that employers withhold tax for PAYG wage earners. As such, imputation credits are important to ALL Australian taxpayers who own shares in Australian companies either directly or indirectly. It also prevents double taxation of dividend income. This is important as investors would prefer other forms of investment eg property if dividends were double taxed, potentially causing another property bubble and making houses even more unaffordable.

I exhort you to carefully examine ALL the potential affects of abolishing imputation credits system and ensure the Government does not embark on this retrograde step.

Yours sincerely

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