

Alex Portnoy

Subject: Taxation System Review Submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my submission to your Tax Review.

All of my submission may be released to the public, verbatim.

The Australian Taxation System should be changed to ensure it becomes as "paperless" as possible. At the moment, everyone is required to keep "Group Certificates", which are sent by employers after each financial year.

Currently, all businesses are required to lodge with the ATO their employees' Group Certificates by either electronic or manual paper methods.

However, each person is \*ALSO\* meant to lodge their Group Certificates along with their tax return.

There is no need for this.

The ATO already has this data, as it is lodged by their boss immediately after the end of the financial year. So why have a paperwork burden for their staff?

It is true that the employee will not know how much their refund cheque will be, in advance. However, at the end of the day, this is irrelevant, as this will automatically be calculated by the ATO and there is no way to dispute this calculation without appealing the decision "after the fact", anyway.

It is true that this will be a culture-change for some people, but not a big one.

The ATO Reform Committee should ask the ATO to change its processes & procedures to ensure that there is no need to send & keep Group Certificates for all employees.

Please write to me to confirm receipt of my submission to:

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Yours Sincerely,

Alex Portnoy