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AFTS Secretariat
The Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: AUSTRALIAS FUTURE TAX SYSTEM -
INDEPENDENT SENIORS RETIREES**

Independent Seniors retirees are prejudiced when income due to Imputation Tax Credits on their tax return is classed as 'Income'. The ruling by the ATO is quite illogical as these credits are really intangible income.

Such income does not ever get to a bank account as 'dollars', yet it is added to 'real' income and if it inflates yearly income over \$50,000.00, a retiree is then denied a Seniors Health Card (SHC).

I request that in such a case a Senior should be given the right to claim an exemption for Imputation Tax Credits.

Naturally they would not in these cases be able to reduce any tax payable by the exempted tax credits. For Seniors with a serious/terminal health condition this would surely be a reasonable type of exemption.

The ATO would be getting much additional tax revenue – again for Treasury.

Yours faithfully

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*P.S. I trust this submission will receive
serious and due respect/consideration!!*