

Dear Dr Henry

I really enjoyed seeing your presentation at the National Press Club today. Not having the opportunity to meet you in a country pub I am emailing you suggestions concerning capital gains tax.

1. Remove the exemption for residential housing. The exemption is causing a significant distortion to investment.
2. Reduce the rate of capital gains tax to zero in small steps over say a twenty year period of an asset ownership. This would remove the speculation effect on the buying and selling of assets and remove the burden of keeping costing records for the period of ownership plus five years. The current requirement means that in some cases purchase cost records will need to be kept down the generations.

yours truly

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