

AFTS re Superannuation

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The Treasury,
Langton Crescent,
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Dear People,

September 24, 2008.

Re Superannuation for those who were over 75 in 2006.

A resume of my life can be found in Who's Who in Australia - 2008.
I also hold a gold DVA card for service in the Middle East and New Guinea during the Second World War.

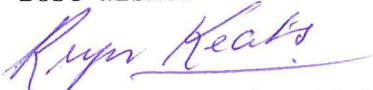
About 30 years ago I realised that, as a University Professor, I must prepare for retirement at the age of 65 ie. in 1983; accordingly I have studied the sharemarket for that purpose. My wife and I derive our present income from University Superannuation which is subject to tax, dividends from shares and Bank Interest. We have never received the Age Pension, although I receive a small amount from DVA for loss of hearing due to war service; about \$800 per annum.

Under recent changes to taxation most people on superannuation pay no tax. On the other hand my wife and I pay tax on all our income except the \$800 mentioned above; i.e. we are taxed at the same level as a 40 year old on the same income. If we had drawn the pension since we retired we would have cost the Government more than \$600,000 - It seems that I am being rewarded for my War Service and "Do It Yourself" NOT "DIY" superannuation by being taxed as if my Wife and I were 40 years of age.

I suggest that the present problems with definitions of Superannuation, Financial Advisers etc. could be easily overcome by adopting something similar to that set out below for all Australian Taxpayers over the age of 65 years.

TAXABLE INCOME	% PAYABLE as TAX
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1 ----- \$80,000	NIL
\$80001 -- \$150,000	30
\$150001 and over.	40
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Best Wishes



Reyn Keats. (Reynold Gilbert Keats.)
