

**Consultation**

*Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Reform living-away-from-home benefits*

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**Are you submitting on behalf of your Company**

*No*

**Do you want your submission to be confidential**

*No*

**Accessibility Statement**

*Yes*

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*I cannot understand why the new legislation also appears to apply to New Zealand citizens considering the trans Tasman employment and visa agreements, the 'maintaining a family home elsewhere in Australia' should be amended to read 'elsewhere in Australia or New Zealand'. I am expert in my field in the Oil & Gas industry and have only just joined my current project in Perth only to find that I will receive no assistance or tax breaks for my accommodation whilst in Perth despite the fact that my family and family home remain in New Zealand. The fact that I have to pay out in the region of AUD 6k per month for accommodation, flights and other living expenses every month whilst still maintaining every aspect of my family and family home in NZ means that it will no longer be economically viable for me to offer my services to Australian projects and I will indeed be seeking early termination of my current contract to work elsewhere.*

*Regards*

*David Gordon*