

**Consultation**

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

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*To whom it may concern,*

*Please seriously reconsider the instant removal of LAFHA benefits for 457 visa holders. As one such temporary resident, LAFHA benefits were a direct consideration during my relocation to Australia only nine months ago and made the move from half-way around the world attractive. To be suddenly deprived of this benefit is unfair and will cause my household undue hardship. Not only my decision to move, but my rent, my job, and several other life choices were contingent upon this. Moreover, LAFHA offset the other penalties I suffer as a temporary resident - minimal Medicare, superannuation exit taxes, etc. I will now effectively be a second class tax payer, and will find continuing to work and live in Australia extremely difficult.*

*I urge you to "grandfather" existing LAFHA arrangements for temporary residents and extend their expiration beyond July 1 2012.*

*Regards,*