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Dear Sir or Madam

Submission to Housing Tax Integrity Exposure Draft – Disallowing Travel Deductions and Limiting Depreciation Deductions

We write to **object strongly** to the proposal that “*from 1 July 2017, all travel expenditure relating to residential investment properties, including inspecting and maintaining residential investment properties will no longer be deductible*”.

We each own one rental property in an adjacent suburb. We use an agent for some matters, but undertake some maintenance ourselves. The new proposal is clearly discriminatory against owners who choose to inspect and maintain their property, as opposed to paying others to do it.

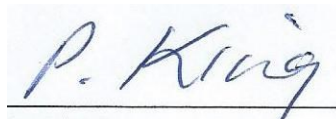
The current tax rules on travel deductions relating to property visits are clear and fair. The examples set out on the ATO website are excellent. Clearly, some owners (including high profile politicians) who have with rental properties far from their homes have made outrageous, if not fraudulent claims. Action should be taken against them, not prospectively against rental property owners who comply with the current law.

Travel deductions by an owner for an annual inspection, and to carry out genuine maintenance (for which labour is not charged) should continue to be allowed, in our view.

Yours sincerely



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