

Consultation Comments for Manager - Housing Tax Integrity – Disallowing Travel Deductions and Limiting Depreciation Deductions

Hi,

Australia is one of the highest taxing countries already, where the government already has made it difficult to become wealthy when you retire.

The proposed changes seriously impact our ability to consider purchasing 1-2 investment properties and plan for our future retirement.

By limiting plant and equipment deductions, you are making middle-aged people like us look at other avenues to invest our money – It's made me and my wife start considering if I should take my \$\$\$ savings overseas in countries like India or China where Fixed Deposits and Property investment returns are 8-10%+ per annum?

Also by limiting travel deductions, I will now, never consider investing in cities like Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth or other faraway Australian cities since as you might be aware – that you have to go and view properties at least once a year to ensure that its been looked after OR review matters with the tenant/managing agency. By limiting/stopping deductions, I will a) Look to either invest in Sydney or surrounds only (so the BIG cities continue to grow bigger) or like I said earlier invest overseas.

We're very dissatisfied with these proposed Legislation changes and I don't know a single person who is happy with these changes in our circles – this includes younger Aussies looking to invest in their 1st investment and Wealthy Aussies earning \$400k+ looking to buy their 5th – 6th property. It's a lose-lose situation.

Hoping you gather enough people who DON'T SUPPORT IT.

Thanks,
Sonny