

Tax Submission

I want to draw the attention of the commission on 3 aspects

1. Economy
2. Measures to revive Economy
3. Effectiveness of the measures

Economy

There are no surprises that our economy was dependent on Mining, Tourism & Education predominantly. There are various factors like China slow down, high dollar and growing concerns with Asian community all 3 Industry's have been impacted. There are job losses every day, not only in Pvt space but Govt space also. The divide between Rich and Middle/Poor class is growing, Rich are finding ways to exploit the tax system and Middle/Poor class have no options but to rely on center link.

Measures

- § Lower the Interest Rates – The only section who has benefited from this is Investor community who borrowed, paid less tax and utilized the borrowing not only in housing but buying cars/overseas travel.
- § Small Medium Business – They need customers, not tax exemptions. Tax exemptions is a bonus but they need confidence in consumer and business.
- § Cost of Living – The cost of living index, Petrol, Utilities, education and services have all gone up
- § Housing Affordability – Housing has got a permanent place in our media, not a single day passes when we don't see an article. Either the economists are foolish or Politicians are super intelligent.

Suggestions

1. Higher taxes for Investors
2. Negative gearing to be abolished – It was set for a purpose, the purpose is now being exploited.
3. Borrowing for the Investors to come with High deposits
4. Self managed super not to be used for housing.