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The Secretary,
Senate Economics References Committee,
Room SG64,
Parliament House,
Canberra 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

In reference to the newspaper article, which asks for input into the taxation system I would like to say that there were a lot of lies told to the public about GST.

We were told that GST would be charged once at the end but in fact this is not so.

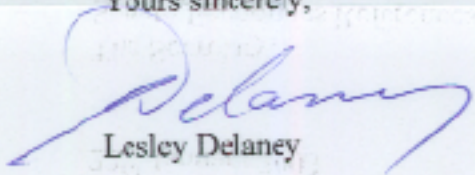
GST is charged on second hand goods which can be sold a number of times. In some instances 100's of times. For example I exchange books at a second hand book shop. I pay GST every time and also have it deducted off the books that I take back. Now those books can be exchanged time and time again and each time GST is added. In fact GST could be 1000% easily on these books. This is definitely not fair.

There is also a time wasting aspect of GST that should not have happened. For instance one product could be purchased through a number of different companies and each time GST is charged and then has to be claimed back so that the GST is on the end product. Where a product is being resold GST should only be on the final end product.

Let me say that I was in favour of GST in the beginning but I think that it has been abused.

Thankyou for allowing my input and I hope that things may change in the future.

Yours sincerely,


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