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Dear Sirs

Since the introduction of GST I have had dispeace with a the plant hire portion of my income in the agricultural business because of having to submit a tax return 4 times a year through my accountant because it was costing me more than I recieved in income.

I have been told that a lot more older people without computers or experience have had to do the same. I have not been told by government, any figures of small businesses that have gone under because of this.

Also in <sup>BAS</sup> farming having to lodge returns every 3 months is a hardship because of seasonal work comes irregular. the tax office dont take this into consideration in imposing fines.

A much simpler method would be for businesses to have a tax exemption number on inputs which would not be charged on invoices + only tax profits when goods are sold.

How taxation income is spent by government is another source of annoyance like the grey train awarded to former members of Parliament, <sup>quitting</sup> life gold passes it is an abuse of taxpayer purse.



Much of the foreign aid sent overseas needs an overhaul + could be better spent in Australia.

There is much that could be saved in handouts to the indigenous people as I have seen plenty of waste which is not justified.

The creation of or converting of forest land into state + national parks which creates a bureaucracy of personnel to manage them is a waste + not in the bush users interests, many tracks have been blocked stopping access with trees put across them this sort of action is not in the interests of fire prevention.

I hope that some sanity will come out of this enquiry.

Yours Faithfully  
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