

## **To The Senate Committee**

Dear Sirs and Madame's

I am writing to you to express my thoughts on the new tax laws proposed by the Rudd Labour Government.

As an expatriate worker who has worked on various off shore projects for the last 20 years I am directly affected by the proposed dual taxing. I believe the intent of the proposed law is to catch the large scale tax cheating by wealthy individuals and companies who are attempting to dishonestly conceal their earnings off shore.

Unfortunately the proposed laws have hit the average Australian worker who has made the decision to go off shore and to endure the associated hardships such as long periods of time away from family and loved ones, exposure to extreme health risks and civil unrest, poor standards of living whilst away from Australia and the dangers of travel in remote and hostile environments. These workers are predominately your working class Australian such as fitters, electricians, instrumentation technicians, diesel fitters, safety and permit professionals and the associated managers who direct them. They represent the highly skilled and dedicated individuals who are prepared to go in search of a higher standard of living for themselves and their families, and in doing so are being compensated for the risks they take and skills they have.

This new proposed dual taxing of foreign income, (once in the country of employment and again in Australia), will basically spell the end to this industry, turning all these people back to Australia and ultimately resulting in raising the unemployment level in the country. I am utterly dismayed at the decision to give the great majority of Australians a cash bonus only to see the government in the very next month introduce such ill thought out legislation such as the tax on employee share schemes and this dual tax scheme in an obvious attempt to recoup the money they have just wasted.

Never in my working life having worked for some of the largest mining organisations in the world have I seen such a frivolous and unjustified waste of money, it smacks of poor management.

I urge you to reconsider this legislation and to recognise the benefits these offshore workers bring to the country, not only are we ambassadors for our great nation abroad

but we bring in high levels of income which we pump directly into the economy in such ways as;

1. Private medical insurance
2. Private schooling
3. Expenditure on housing development
4. Investment in the share market and real estate industry
5. Purchases on luxury items

These are just some of the common nation building ways we contribute to the economy, and yes we pay tax on all those items as well. We are not dependant on the government in anyway and in general we are fully self funded individuals who have rejected the well fare mentality that the government is promoting and are standing on our own. Please block this ill thought out and poorly directed legislation in the senate, you are elected as our representatives, and I urge you to represent this sector of the community.

Regards

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