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To: Economics, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Changes to the tax exemption for foreign employment income

Dear Sir / Madame,

I am currently working overseas on the Goro Nickel project in New Caledonia which I am employed as an instrument supervisor for the commissioning of the \$4Bn project. I am glad you are discussing this bill at the moment and I know that the people who this effect are only a minority of the population but I feel the following points should be made before this bill is passed.

1. Less Australian workers going for overseas employment and bringing foreign income back home
2. More overseas Australian workers becoming non residence and there income going offshore
3. Companies finding it too expensive to attract Australian workers to overseas positions
4. More qualified professionals taking the positions back in Australia during high unemployment

Also the fact that we have to put up with harsh camp conditions and have problems with Dengie fever and other health and social issues here makes it a little unfair that we should not be compensated in some way, even back home you allow zone rebates for certain areas.

The increase in tax revenue that the Government thinks it will be retrieving will be eroded down by the above points and I hope that you will consider this before passing this bill.

Regards

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