

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Daniel Jelinek.

I work on a floating offshore oil rig in south east Asia, currently in Indonesia, but move around from oil field to field.

I am on a 28 and 28 day roster, so due to traveling time, spend less than half of my time in Australia.

The proposed changes to the tax law 23AG to be honest have me worried regarding my future and current situation.

As it is proposed, I will have to pay Australian income tax.

I want to state that I don't want to avoid all tax, I know the country needs income, but feel that that is what I and the thousands of expats do.

There is a "x" amount within the economy, wages are paid, food is bought, loans paid, taxes paid, a circle.

We expats bring into the country money from other countries to spend home, that wasn't in circulation already.

We are exporters of ourselves if you like.

I am trying to get ahead in my life. I have made a decision personally to sacrifice time at home, time with family and time with friends to do this. Working away puts me in sometimes places where there is the very real danger of terrorism.

I pay for private health, I pay the medicare levy, I pay road tax, insurance, registration, loans, rates, water, etc etc, even the alco pop tax if I want to have a well earned drink at home. We cannot drink on the rig.

I work very hard, minimum 12 hours a day for 28 or more days straight to achieve a life where I won't have to rely on the pension later in life. Isn't this what the government wants?

I have money to spend, and this is what I do. I have a house that I pay tax on, a car I pay tax on, everything that GST covers that I pay tax on. I was going to buy another house this time home, which you would have received lots of tax on, but I am forced to rethink my future.

I do not bludge off the system by using the current 23AG! I add more to the economy than any number of less motivated people in the community who are quite happy to sit at home and receive a free \$900.

As it stands, I am forced to rethink my future of living in Australia, Where you will lose me for good. Im sorry, but you count money and I have to as well.

And I am not alone in this.

You will hurt many many families, and they will be forced to leave, or come back to Australia and worsen the unemployed rate.

Why do you want to force skilled Australians to leave when you want to bring in skilled migrants.

Please note, than in addition to all the dangers, issolations and hardships endured away:

I have no workcover.

I have no union.

I have no unfair dismissal laws.

I have to grants to fund retraining.

I have no superanuation.

There are no government laws in place to protect me or my position overseas like an at home job.

If I pay tax full time for only getting less than half of the time owed in benifits, do I also get to have the above mentioned privliges the same as any other Aussie based worker???

This new law will really penalise the person who wants to try and improve themself. Very unaustralian.

Why is it that we are targeted, but the forces and aid workers and govt approved jobs stay exempt?

I am doing nothing wrong, I am not a crooked fat cat ceo hiding millions ripping the system and people off.

Thankyou for your time.

Please consider carefully what the real outcomes will be for this good country in real terms.

A quick "we need moeny now who can we hit" is not a solution to the problems we are having as a nation.

We need to fix this long term, and that means keeping people spending and stimulating, take money from the people and they stop spending.

Regards

Daniel Jelinek.