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The Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Dear Committee Members

I write to express concern at the changes to reported Fringe Benefits Tax to take effect from 1 July 2008.

ANGLICARE Sydney has 480 staff who undertake salary packaging and of these a significant number will be potentially impacted if these changes go ahead. We employ staff who dedicate their lives to serving the vulnerable and marginalised in our society. The potential loss income may limit our capacity to retain staff in this difficult, yet valuable work. It would indeed be unfortunate if our valued staff were financially penalised as an unintended consequence of these changes.

At present, ANGLICARE Sydney supports reversing the changes in the short-term to give the Government time to examine ways in which it might change the Tax Act to address issues with FBT and high earners while not impacting on low-income employees of public benevolent institutions and other charitable and non-government organisations.

This would simply mean adding an amendment to the current Bill that reverses the change made in 2006 to the A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999.

I request the Finance and Public Administration Committee members to support this recommendation and thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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