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1. Support business investment through corporate tax reform

1. What features of the Australian business environment have encouraged or restrained investment over the past 10 years?

the over management of everything - check the document

2. What elements of the corporate tax system encourage and/or discourage investment and risk-taking?

the complete lack of transparency and honesty of the system

3. Which parts of the corporate tax system do you find the hardest, or most time or cost-intensive to comply with? How could the compliance burden of the business/company tax system be reduced?

all of it - there should be one take for all no exceptions - 20% - and all other taxes abolished, every man women and child should pay this amount.

2. Reduce the impact of regulation on business dynamism

1. What areas of regulation do you see as enhancing business dynamism and resilience? What are the reasons for your answer?

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2. How has your regulatory burden changed over time?

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3. What regulations do you find time-consuming, overly complex or otherwise constraining business dynamism and resilience? What are the reasons for your answer?

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4. Can you share any specific examples of where you think a regulator has done a good or bad job of understanding and reducing regulatory burden on businesses and why?

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Cover sheet: Supporting document #1

To: Australian Government Productivity Commission.

Subject: Have your say on creating a more dynamic and resilient economy

To whom it may concern,

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Why am I writing this? Because I cannot cope what I am seeing being done to this great country of ours, Australia.

The format for this document will be in the form of “complaint” and “solution”

I believe that if there is a problem that I complain about, I should also be able to provide a possible solution.

Let us begin.

Half way through this document I gave up – the end of the document describes why, anything below the formally edited version are just note forms and not properly cleaned up.

Suggestion: Shipping:

Complaint (assumed):

Allegedly, Australia is an island nation with no government owned merchant fleet of vessels to supply the country – we are reliant on external shipping companies to haul our goods to and from our shores from international suppliers.

Allegedly, Australia has no regular shipping vessels to pick up goods from mainland Australia and her satellite islands (Tasmania, King Island etc.), which hurts the economy from production in those parts of the country

Solution:

Australia requires at least 9 large cargo container shipping

- 3 for transports between Australia – North America
- 3 for transports between Australia – Asia
- 3 for transports between Australia – Europe.

Suggestion: Postage.

Overlaps previous suggestion

Complaint:

Allegedly, the cost of shipping to this country is so absurd and painful words cannot begin to describe my angst over the subject

Allegedly, why do Australians pay \$70 freight costs for a \$40 dollar item? This is seriously hurting the Australian economy and efficiency because no regular postal services from anywhere in the world except by plane? Cheap shipping via sea should always be available and stifles competition if not available.

Solution:

The government needs to ensure regular, reliable and CHEAP shipping services from all parts of the world to and from Australia for post via sea shipping

The government needs to force the availability of sea shipping on companies through diplomatic channels, just the way the government forced GST on ebay and amazon etc

Suggestion: Big box rubbish products / Greed of Companies / Expensive cheap products.

Complaint:

Allegedly, most of the products inside the major retailers are RUBBISH products, that really are not fit for purpose and are no good for the economy or the environment and Australia appears to be the dumping ground for Asia's cheap products or clothing.

Next time you are in Big W, Bunnings, look at the allegedly horrible quality of products on their shelves.

When I purchase items from the USA or Japan, the QUALITY of items is far superior to anything we have in Australia, and this hurts Australians and the economy, as people cannot save money, because they are always having to replace stuff they already purchased.

When things sell cheap, and then break, the item ends up in landfill and someone has to make another purchase.

Big box products are nearly always from foreign countries and not Australia and the products always fail

Solution:

Items should be made to last a life time!

Clothing should be resilient, strong, and cleanable and above all, will last at least 15 years, I know, I wear jumpers that are still 15+ years old!

Items should be made out of stainless steel 316 with powder coating, not cheap ply wood that falls apart after a few years.

A lot of items from big box retailers fail.

ALL PRODUCTS FROM OVER SEAS MUST BE SOLD AT MINIMUM SAME PRICE AS AUSTRALIAN MADE PRODUCTS – this is not a tariff! Giving the consumer a choice between foreign made and Australian made. Most people cannot select Australian products because they are too poor, especially those on pensions or unemployment.

Suggestion: Appliances (white goods) and reliability

Complaint:

More than one perfectly good dish washer or washing machine has had to be thrown out and replaced because parts could not be obtained.

Australians are having to pay \$1000+ for a new dish washer or \$1000+ for a new washing machine and other white goods, every couple of years because manufactures refuse to make any more parts or machines are not repairable!

Nearly perfectly good machines do not work because of a \$50 part?

So Australia's economy is weakened because \$2000 worth of effort in making wages has to be spent on replacing these items instead of having affordable parts available.

There is another side to this, parts that are so expensive, its cheaper to buy a whole appliance, for example, a Miele rubber sealer on a fridge cost \$300! For part only! Service not included.

Explain to me why a rubber seal is \$300! Or circuit board on a dishwasher for \$50.

Solution:

Important house hold items should have a minimum 25 year warrantee on items like fridges, cars, etc

And replacement parts should be available for a minimum of 25 years

This would help the economy because households would not have to pay out so much money for replacement house hold white goods.

Suggestion: Vehicles

Overlaps previous suggestion

Complaint:

Vehicles used to be strong and repairable, now cars crumple under the guise of crash safety absorption, and the cars are basically some sort of plastic/cheap metal.

Vehicles only last a few years now before they start to break down and need replacement, most households, especially pensioners do not have the funds to replace a car every 5-8 years.

Solution:

Vehicles should have a minimum 25 year warrantee on items like fridges, cars, etc

And replacement parts should be available for a minimum of 25 years, and should be repairable by the owners instead of "dealership services" which costs hundreds – specialized computerized equipment needed.

Suggestions: Politicians laughing and having expensive luncheons, over inflated wages

Complaint:

Allegedly, the optics are, the politicians all sit around all day, laughing and joking in parliament ordering expensive luncheons all while charging it to the tax payers.

Politicians having expensive business class flights

Why the hell does anyone respect the economy when the government is blowing money at every turn they get?

Politicians, allegedly get \$200K+ a year! While nurses only get about \$70K a year, politicians do not deserve that much money, politicians do no more work than nurses in hospitals.

Politicians flying business class or private military aircraft while ordering expensive takeout food.

Solution:

- Each politician should only, ever, fly economy, especially the PM, not private military jet
- Each politician should never have lunch paid for by the tax payer, they should pay for their own meals, just like everyone else does
- Each politician should not get access to special lounges unless they pay their own way (ie qantas)
- Each politician should only get the same amount of money that a nurse does, they have not worked any harder than nurses, the hundreds of thousands of dollars saved could be spent on hospitals

Because the optics of the situation is the politicians are just going to waste the money, so why bother fixing the economy and working hard?

Suggestions: Electricity, Water, Telecommunications, Railways, Airports, Seaports

Complaint:

Allegedly, nearly all the major infrastructures of the country are out of control and being a massive drain on the country economy, with the costs hemorrhaging for the economy and for the people of the country that use them.

Because using the hills m2 costs \$20 for a return trip! Everyone already pays for on road costs, no roads of this magnitude (as a main arterial motorway) should be private

Each of the infrastructures should have a government level of ownership and control that has transparency and public input on pricing.

Private train stations at the airport and the pricing at the gate is just insulting to travellers

Solution:

All of the major infrastructure of the country should be nationalised and unified under the government and then the private sectors lease percentages of each network from the government based on their user base, at costs that cover the expenses of each infrastructure

and analysis of each infrastructure assessing the costs/prices being issued by companies and see how alleged price gouging is being done.

Suggestions: Correct buildings for the economy

Complaint:

I have 3 stadiums within eyes view of my house! All with blaring stadium lighting!

Why? Where are the hospitals? Where are the schools? Where are the locally owned shops?

Solution:

There is absolutely no need for so many stadiums in urban areas, millions of dollars can be saved by not building the stadiums

For the economy to be strong and resilient, the people need to be able to own their own building and have their own shops and not complete with stadiums or massive shopping centre and poor / expensive zoning.

Suggestions: Prisoners reform

Complaint:

There are thousands of people in gaol that are not contributing to society and thus to the economy.

Imagine if all those people in gaol, were reformed and in the process turning their life around for the better, a lot of those people in goal have never known kindness.

Are number of those inmates are too afraid to apply for jobs, because of fear of rejection because of their criminal history

Solution:

There is a program in Mexico called PAWS - Prisoners and Animals Working for Success – P.A.W.S. – this should be adopted into the prison system ASAP but allow for other animals as well, not just dogs

Government jobs should be available to prisoners, and not just the low end cleaning jobs either, proper office jobs, that DO NOT HAVE ACCESS to sensitive information for security reasons

Offer low risk prisoners, paid jobs at cleaning hospitals, garden maintenance at hospitals, orderlies (ie Westmead hospital), or other government facilities, treat the jobs as “training for other jobs” (work experience) – after all, the hospitals are always crying for extra staff for help.

Especially in the juvenile detention system

Suggestion: Right to repair
(this overlaps vehicles and whitegoods)

Complaint:

Allegedly, companies are pulling all sorts of funny business with their products, using specialised tools that is unavailable to anyone else but themselves, forcing people back to the one company for repairs because software lockouts

This restricts competition in the economy and creates a situation of dependency, it also creates waste and landfill, which also costs the economy in other ways

Then back to base repairs are astronomical in pricing

Solution:

People should be able to get access to parts and tools and repair documentation
And it should be made into law.

Suggestion: Council owned shop leases

Complaint:

Shops are sitting empty by council or by real estate agents

Allegedly, A lot of shops in Windsor (NSW), in the main street, were sitting empty, I asked a shop owner about why this was happening and suggested to them, you think the shop owners would lower the rent to attract someone to lease the shops, and I was told the following

The shops are deliberately not lowered by council, because it looks good on the financial books that the shop can be rented out for X amount.

Allegedly, the shops had sat empty for YEARS (visual observation by myself)

Solution:

All council owned shops should be audited and if they have not been leased in more than 3 months, then cost of leasing should be reduced, thus breathing new business into local communities and helping to build the economy

Leases should offer long term (5 years+) cheap leases from council owned shops.

Suggestion: Bubble up, not trickle down

Complaint:

The economy is geared towards trickledown economics

Solution:

The economy should be geared towards bubble up economics

A scenario: A person who can afford to purchase a new front door to renovate their house, buys from a doors business, if enough people do this, the business hires more staff, and the government gets more money.

A person who gets minimum income from a trickle down, can never afford to buy a new door.

Society and the economy deteriorates in trickle down, look at all the pensioners and their run down homes, they can never get out and support the economy, and thus become a drain.

I stopped working on this document and going to submit it as is, because I truly believe this document will fall on deaf ears and nothing will be done and it will help no one, and I am wasting my time.

The thought is this, the government has lots of smart people with lots of qualifications and the government knows what to do, the problem is that the politicians have no real power to change anything and hide behind political correctness, so nothing has or will change for the benefit of the country.

The politicians always claim “the budget”, and that they do not have enough money, allegedly, this is a load of rubbish!, the government found 21 billion dollars to build a new railway, and billions more for other things, the politicians find the money for their pet projects and mates in corporate, but never for society.

There was lots more to say, with lots of ideas, below is a rough bullet point form of the items, but at the moment,

Additional ideas which, at the risk of repeating myself are all allegedly:

- * Single incomes – a family of 5 should be able to live on a single income
- * The government has done everything in its power to break up and destroy the family unit in australia, (Centrelink, more money if single, vs couple living together) – this needs to be fixed, a lot of problems would be resolved in society if the family unit worked
- *The RBA bank raised interest rates and punished people for spending - The government should tax companies at 95% for any profits over 3% growth from previous years profits, especially foreign national companies, and any tax revenue from that, goes towards growing Australian businesses.
- * Australia has an army of aged workers that could be used for custodial care of parks, ports, tour guides etc, this is a resource that should be tapped.
- * Punish any business that moves their production or manufacturing offshore with a 50% tax to cover the unemployment benefits.
- * Big box retail - Should not be able to charge more than 100% markup! – allegedly Bunnings has a 200% markup on each item in their stor
- * I wanted to start a restaurant, there is so much red tape, that I gave up before I even started, for example, 20 million dollar public liability insurance as mandatory by the government as well as all sorts of certificates – why bother starting a business when you have to fork out so much before you even open the doors? Why can't I just lease a shop and sell a product?
- *Stop selling our produce overseas! Australians food on the table is horrible quality at expensive prices, all the good stuff is sent overseas and the Australians are left with the rubbish, this will improve the economy by having more supply and bringing down prices.

* Every homeless person is a wasted Australian asset that is not being used to help the nation produce

* RBA having a certain amount of people unemployed for economic reasons is pure treason to the people of Australia, every person should be working.

* Australia has zero heavy industries – no metal forcing for retail production purposes

* No fabrication services / CAD designers – metal fabricators are few and far between and SO EXPENSIVE – how is the ordinary person supposed to improve their lives if they cannot get access to cheap fabrication services

* Hotels cost 600 a night – as an Australian I cannot stay in my own city for a short break, the people of Australia need to be able to rest and have a break in their own town, not just work work work, rested population is a happy population

* Allow people to have personal responsibility of their lives by being able to look after their own lives, via good economy

* Shops and industrial buildings

Once upon a time you could buy a building, have a shop down stairs and live upstairs

The cost of constant shop leases is killing people's ability to build a business and lively hoods and the zoning and costs around that, allow people to live in industrial areas.

* Stupid educational degrees that do not benefit the country - University courses that do not build any skill sets for the person or the country.

*only courses that help benefit the country should be free, no student debt.

* Stop purchasing produce from overseas!!! Support our farmers! Penrith Oranges were throwing out the most beautiful navel oranges because Woolworths refused to buy locally because they were too expensive, Woolworths purchased from South America - the orange farm has collapsed now, destroying the farmer, and the economy around it.

* Never once has the government ever said they were going to stop or reverse immigration, they have never once said we are full as a country, you cannot have infinite growth on a finite piece of land, the situation in Australia is only going to get more and more expensive and uncomfortable, a collapse is coming because we do not have a circular economy

* Any family that has 4 children should pay zero tax

* Any family that has 4 children should have their family mortgage paid off in full.

* no one believes/trusts the government after covid, albo said he wanted house prices to go up, everyone needs house prices to go down, they believe the government is working against the people of Australia for their own secret and greedy agendas- this is the optics of the situation

* The government should have family home loans, and for each child the family has, 25% of their home loan should be paid by the state, the loans should only be available to families who have been in Australia at least 50 years, the program should not be available to new migrant families, and seller of the house should not know about where the loan is coming from to stop pricing manipulation

* Business tenders for government contracts

It is alleged that It is well known that applications for tenders are always quoting the lowest prices to get the contracts and then deliberately having run overs so the tenders are not accurate and there is no consequences for such actions thus costing the economy unknown sums of money, and budget blow outs, companies should be named and shamed if a project is over run our outside tender final pricing and banned from future government tender processes for 10 years if they do not meet their budget.

* Pensioners have any money they make taken off them via means testing

What a greedy government to means test pensioners who work all their life and pay taxes and when they get old, and have a pension, they are punished for making any money

What kind of lunacy is this? Where do you think the money will mostly go that is made? The money will, generally speaking, flow back to their family members and back to the community, the government cuts off a flow of passive income from all the pensioners who can still make money.

There should be no limit to what aged pensioners can make.

* There should be a clear pathway off unemployment to paid positions because a lot of people do not know how to work, they have forgotten or do not know the way out of unemployment, especially in remote communities

* Universities burning cash to use up their budget, the UWS Hawkesbury tore down a perfectly good cyclone fence and put up another one, just to use up their budgets each year, this is absurd, because they are afraid funding will be cut next year. There is so much financial fiddling and illusions in the economy because of book fudging

* Stop engineering the economy just for business, engineer the economy towards the people of the country

This document could have easily been a 50 page document, but I truly believe it will fall on deaf ears and is a waste of my time, sorry for the poor state of this document but it gives you a few ideas

Here is one question for you before I go back to looking after my mostly blind and deaf nearly 98 year old grandmother

If the people who are running the country, are so qualified at running the economy, how come the economy is doing so bad? The economy should be in great shape? But it is not. Homelessness is everywhere, pensions are on the poverty line. Birth rates are down. Home ownership is down, and thus the economy will suffer.