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From: Gordon Chisholm [1]
Sent: Friday, 19 October 2018 3:47 PM
To: TWG Submissions
Subject: Submission to the Tax Working group

To whom it concerns

I wish to present my views and have them considered by the Tax Working group regarding the proposal of a Capital Gains Tax.

There are very good tools in place with the Bright Line which has been improved by taking it out to 5 years. This just needs to be policed and enforced by IRD.

And further tools already in place is the law as it has stood for even more than 40 years but never been enforced would be adequate if applied. That is in simple language, any activity embarked on with the INTENTION of making a profit is taxed. That means if a person purchases an asset or commodity of any description with the intention of making money from the sale of it the profit is taxed.

So very simply we do not need a comprehensive Capital gains tax that will consume a large portion of the tax income generated to administer and enforce it but rather give some teeth and resources to administering and enforcing what we already have.

I believe to examine and enforce the intention factor will harvest more revenue and catch in the tax net far more activities than ever a Capital Gains Tax will with all the inequities it will involve. There are cases where in real fact the CPG will be a tax on inflation.

Further comment :- A scene I look at in horror is the way Governments think and actually act. They consistently measure anything by what it costs rather than what is achieved. Many times I see the Government just throw tax payer money virtually into a hole and think the more money involved the more it will fix the problem. Maybe the TWG should look into that problem while doing their study.

A brief profile of myself :- I am 75 years old and am still working having been a hard working Kiwi all my life. [1]

Because I was never a spender I purchased and later built residential rental flats and have been involved in that as a passive investment for just over 50 years but still continuing in the building industry.

I have a wife of over 40 years and 4 adult daughters that have successful careers. I do not live a lavish life style, do not squander on international travel and drive a modest car.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gordon Chisholm

Sent from my iPad