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5 Key Questions

- 1) What does the future of tax look like to you?
- 2) What is the purpose of tax?
- 3) Are we taxing the right things?
- 4) Can tax make housing more affordable?
- 5) What tax issues matter most to you?

My Submission main points are:

I don't wish to speak at any relevant hearing

In answer to the key questions outlined above:

1) A bureaucratic mess just like from the year 1999 onwards when in 1999 they said "we're making changes to the tax system... to make it easier..." which was a lot of crap, it became much more difficult & I ended up giving up doing my returns because of the changes & complexities. I also experienced major problems getting refunds owed where tax dept "stole" a lot of my money I was entitled to. Also their claim to make it easier was crap wrt tax codes. At a casual job ~~4-2008~~ ~ N2010 - 2013 despite repeatedly making sure I had the correct tax code, the tax dept around 2013 claimed I'd paid the wrong amount & owed them 1000's of dollars. The problem was I paid off a student loan of \$5000 + interest very quickly (within about 6 months ~ Jan 2013 - July 2013) + the tax computer seemed to be doing its calculations incorrectly, but the tax dept refused to accept my claims. Eventually I moved to Wellington end of 2013 & my (so-called) incorrect tax debt was written off.

2) Pay for necessary infrastructure & services required for the population & tourists

3) More or less yes, but I suggest the tax dept could & should also tax the following: technological items: purchases of these & actions taken by users of them such as tax "mouse clicks, keypresses, screen changes, screen scrolls". Also I suggest the tax dept could tax hair, & power poles (especially wooden power poles)

3) continued.

- I suggest the technological taxes be facilitated via software of the relevant operating systems such as windows via Microsoft & other relevant software, i-phone, tv companies.
- That is so as to preserve communications infrastructure such as cell-phone towers, tv transmitters, radio transmitters & their associated infrastructure & staff.

Generally technological items are for "the reasonably well-off people" of the population. The taxes can also be used to help education aspects for the population as a whole (not just kids).

- Wrt taxing hair. Those with a lot of hair, including the most obvious hair of the head + face could be taxed through the usual hair salons + barber shops. Private hair cutting could be made illegal. It would become obvious those avoiding paying hair taxes. It could include other bodily hair but that may be difficult to enforce/police.

- Wrt taxing power poles, this tax is especially for those properties which have wooden power poles on their property. Councils would obviously (along with NZTA - NZTransport Authority/Agency) pay the bulk. It could also likely extend to light poles/posts. These taxes could be used to help pay for their own (power pole, light pole, electricity infrastructure) This tax could be expressed as taking the burden off the poorer of the population, by it being payable by those who own the relevant properties or roading or railway or coastal land.

4) Taxing owners of Air "b'n'b" properties, landlords with more than 1 rental, & other relevant land owners, such as farmers & business organisations could definately make housing (especially rental housing) more affordable. At present there is a massive need for proper & adequate housing in NZ's main cities & their rural fringes, (& especially 1 bedroom places) for the population. That includes myself as a 53y old single male beneficiary. I have been homeless >1 year because I haven't been able to find proper & appropriate housing that suits me (because of high cost & I don't like noise) & I prefer 1 bedroom rural place where I can do leatherwork & I can't find a place in Wellington Urban/Rural fringe to do that.

5) The tax dept Computer & system took me out with its errors + faults & needs urgent fixing to create fault-less system.
Thanks for considering my submission [1]

