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**From:** Dietrich Radel <action@campaignnow.co>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 October 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** TWG Submissions  
**Subject:** Reply submission to Tax Working Group's interim report and proposals

Dear Sir Michael and members of the Tax Working Group,

This is a submission in reply to the proposals and questions set out in the Working Group's interim report and proposals.

I will keep my thoughts short and to the point. Missing from the proposals are actions that will immediately help low to middle income New Zealanders, such as:

- Income Splitting for couples tax purposes, since not all couples have both partners working or able to work.
- Not taxing the first \$15,000 of income.
- Raising the tax thresholds substantially, since inflation has pushed low income earners (relative to the high cost of housing, food, petrol, and etc) into the higher tax brackets.
- Not taxing KiwiSaver or savings earnings (below a certain threshold).

Please, you need to do something that's going to provide immediate tax relief to struggling New Zealanders.

Yours sincerely,

Dietrich Radel