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Dear Sir/ Madam

Subject: Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016

The Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) welcomes the introduction of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016 and in principle provides support to this important piece of legislation to assist stimulating the economy and providing certainty to the business community.

We would highlight that the Government may like to consider with these changes whether the broad definition of small business used across the spectrum of legislation Australia needs to be reviewed and amended in light of the new definition of small business made through these measures.

We would also highlight that while the proposed solution for franking credit calculations is pragmatic, the assumption that profits are distributed by businesses in the year they are earned (Explanatory Memorandum 1.71) is not always the case, particularly in small companies where it is a common practice to withhold profits to later financial years. This will lead to (for example) the business paying tax at as much as 30%, but only able to distribute a 25% franking credit when the profits are distributed.

Yours sincerely

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