

A FAIRER AND MORE COMPASSIONATE TAX SYSTEM

Position:

- FAMILY FIRST wants to reduce the tax burden on all Australians and give special help to families by increasing the tax-free threshold according to the number of children they have;
- FAMILY FIRST believes Australians should be able to earn a subsistence income before they pay tax. The amount of \$13,000 makes sense as it is roughly the level of welfare income for a single adult with no children;
- FAMILY FIRST believes the Government should increase the tax-free threshold as an alternative to reducing the top tax rate, because it benefits all Australian taxpayers;
- FAMILY FIRST does not believe the focus of tax cuts should be solely on income tax cuts. FAMILY FIRST believes the Government should also cut petrol tax to give real relief to struggling families. Petrol taxes have a disproportionate effect on families in the outer suburbs and regions where public transport is inadequate or non-existent, people travel further and the two-car household is virtually a necessity. A petrol tax cut of 10 cents per litre is affordable and also keeps inflation low, which keeps pressure off interest rates.

Actions:

- FAMILY FIRST will continue to lobby the Government to cut petrol taxes by 10 cents per litre, which the Prime Minister has said would cost \$2.8 billion, which is affordable;
- FAMILY FIRST wants to immediately lift the tax-free threshold for all taxpayers to \$8000, rising to \$13,000 (the equivalent to subsistence income) in future years, which would cost \$2.9 billion;
- FAMILY FIRST wants an increase in the tax free threshold by \$1000 for each dependent child, which would cost approximately \$1.7 billion.