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The White Paper Task Force
The Treasury
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission by the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association to the Tax White Paper Task Force

Please find our submission attached.

The Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association (SCOA) represents the interests of

- Retired Australian and Territory government employees and government business enterprise employees;
- People in the public service who will receive a Commonwealth superannuation benefit or lump sum in retirement;
- Former employees who have deferred (preserved) their pension entitlements; and
- The dependants of all of the above.

At 30 June 2014, there were over 494,000 current and former public servants belonging to the CSS, PSS and PSSap pension schemes. Including their dependants, SCOA represents about 625,000 people.

SCOA's current priorities include:

- Fair indexation of Commonwealth superannuation pensions to maintain living standards in retirement;
- Changes to the taxation of superannuation pensions to remove discrimination against public sector pension recipients;
- Access to the Age Pension for those with low superannuation incomes; and
- Providing information to members on issues such as superannuation, taxation, health and ageing.

While we see the need to increase tax revenue to help provide for the needs of our increasing aged population, we want the government to do this in a fair and equitable manner, while preserving some incentive for people to save for their retirement.

Yours sincerely

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