

In addition, the LDP is committed to reducing the size of government and the tax burden.

With fiscal restraint and appropriate reforms the LDP believes it is possible to decrease the tax rate further, so that Australians are working for themselves and not the government.

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I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.....

Thomas Jefferson

Your Choice, Not The Government's

The proper role of government is to protect our lives, freedom and property.

Yet our governments are transforming Australia into a place where every aspect of life is controlled.

- > Excessive red tape and regulations for business.
- > Over zealous environmental laws hurting rural property owners.
- > Laws on how to bring up our children.
- > Government campaigns telling us we should eat healthy foods, not smoke, and wear a helmet when we ride a bicycle.
- > Creating unnecessary and unfair burdens on recreational fishers, car enthusiasts and sporting shooters.

There are armies of bureaucrats, paid the same whether they produce a good or bad result, who spread government meddling into every corner of our lives.

The LDP believes people should make their own choices and take responsibility for the consequences. It believes governments have neither the expertise nor the right to tell people how to run their lives.

Even when the choices that individuals make are unwise and could harm them, so long as nobody else is unwillingly harmed the LDP says, "It's your choice, not the government's".

The LDP supports:

- > Removing petty rules and penalties that torment businesses
- > Making voting voluntary
- > Making bicycle helmets optional
- > Legalising assisted suicide
- > Ensuring firearm laws only penalise criminals
- > Restoring rights to property owners including whether to remove trees and permit smoking
- > Letting adults run their own lives again.

You Pay Too Much Tax

Australians pay far too much tax. After allowing for the GST, inflation and population growth, per capita tax is 34% higher than it was a decade ago.

Of course the Government needs money to provide essential services, but a lot of tax revenue is returned to the same people it was taken from minus administration and compliance costs.

Australians are more prosperous than ever before, so the number of people needing government assistance should be falling. Yet the welfare state keeps getting bigger.

The LDP believes individuals use their money more productively than governments, which are wasteful.

The LDP tax policy will make Australia's tax and welfare systems fairer and simpler:

- > Tax free threshold increased to \$40,000.
- > Flat tax rate 20% above \$40,000.

This reform is calculated to be self-funding in the medium term