

#SCRAPtheCAP

SUCCESS! SELF-ED CAP DEFERRED

ALIA welcomes the deferral of the cap on work related education expenses for 12 months, announced in the Economic Statement released in August:

"The Government has decided to defer the introduction of the \$2000 cap on work related education expense deductions until 1 July 2015. This will allow for further consultation on how best to target excessive claims while ensuring the impact on university enrolments and genuine continuing professional development is minimised. This measure is expected to decrease receipts by \$250 million over the forward estimates period."

As previously reported in INCITE, ALIA joined with many other professional associations, including the Australian Medical Association, Australian Nursing Federation, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Engineers Australia, Australian Institute of Architects, Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Law Council of Australia, to petition the Government to drop reforms proposed by the Treasury that would see the introduction of a cap on self-education expenses at just \$2000 per year. Together, these groups represent more than a million Australian professionals. A petition established online (www.scrapthecap.com.au) attracted almost 25 000 signatures.

Deferral will not necessarily be the end of the proposal however. In the run-up to the September election, ALIA continued to urge all political parties to make a firm commitment to 'scrap the cap' permanently and will keep members updated on further developments as news comes to hand.

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