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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Dear All

Office Move

Our team has been in the new office for over a month, and we are really enjoying the light, space and views. The move has given us better community visibility, and we all feel more connected to the village, with several new clients approaching us since moving.

If you have friends or family who would like accounting and tax assistance, we have capacity to take on new clients.

If you have not popped in to see us, and would like to visit the new office, please wander up Clarence Street and find us.



Proposed National Party Tax Changes?

National has signalled that they will make various changes to the current tax laws. Likely changes most relevant to our clients are:

- **Reversing the interest non-deduction rules on residential rental properties.** Interest deductions were being phased out under existing law. The National-led coalition have announced that interest deductions will be phased back in, with 60% of interest deductible in the 2024 tax year, 80% deductible in 2025 and 100% deductible in the 2026 tax year.
- **Reduction in the bright line period.** National have suggested that the current 10 year Brightline period will be reduced back to the original 2 year.
- **Trust tax rate (33% vs. 39%).** National's approach is not clear currently, as Labour's legislation to increase the tax rate had not been enacted at election date. There have been no statements by the new government as yet to the proposed legislation's future.
- **Removing depreciation on commercial properties.** National's approach is not clear currently, however, this area is under review.

We will need to see exactly what the rules look like when the Government introduces legislation.

Provisional tax for Year End 31 March 2024

Just a quick reminder that some taxpayers have provisional tax payments due 15 January 2024. We are issuing the reminder notices in the next day or so. Please check your email for these. Don't let them hide in your junk mail.

Office Closed of Christmas Break

We will close the office on Friday 22 December and reopen on Monday 15 January 2024. If you have any urgent queries over the holiday period, please email paul@singletonmercer.co.nz

We wish everyone a great Christmas break and safe travels.

We now have a computer system that allows us to produce newsletters. We will therefore send more regular correspondence. Please let us know if you do not want to receive our updates and we will remove you from the mailing list.