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While being in Australia the past 2 years on a WHV, spending most of my time working, I never came along job offers which would have excluded Australians from applying for a position. I have always asked my employers why they choose me instead of citizens - most common answer: They aren't applying! Secondary answer: their work ethics (especially regarding unqualified, mostly easy but physical work) are that bad that they leave the company pretty soon or they have to be replaced after short time.

Also I spent a lot of my time here with Australians, many of them struggling to find jobs, but when I was talking about their struggles it always came to my attention that they are mostly very picky about jobs and also often not knowing about obvious ways to find a job (using Gumtree)

General opinion:

Since most of the backpackers who are coming to Australia are pretty young, they don't bring a lot of money from their countries to spend it here. Most of them coming here, earning money in Australia and spending it in Australia. But if tax increases too much, those backpackers who still decide to come here, will have to work here even longer, which means they "steal" even more jobs from Australians.

I don't see any obvious reason why backpackers should not get taxed. But a flat 32.5 percentage seems too high. As mentioned the average backpacker earnings are much lower than the tax free threshold for residents, it just seems to be a bit arbitrarily to get taxed that high for such a low income.

Why not going for a flat 19%? Or why not regulating it the same easy way as it is for residents, just with a lower free threshold?