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**Senator CHERRY** (Queensland) (11.18 pm)—I would like to note for the record that the Democrats will support this amendment. We do so because we think a review of superannuation taxation would be a meritorious thing and something the government should seriously consider. I note for the record, though, that there already has been a review of superannuation taxation by the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation, which made some marvellous recommendations that I commend to Senator Murphy. Those recommendations deal with many of the issues he has dealt with. I also point out that the government has a very poor record in accepting recommendations of taxation reviews. As you would remember, the Trebeck fuel taxation inquiry review was junked on budget night last year, and the recommendations of the review of taxation on housing by the Productivity Commission were junked by the government only yesterday. So I do not hold much hope that this review, even if it ever came to pass, would actually result in much change.

Question negatived.