

Murray Committee enquiry

Subject: Summary of submission that will be expanded.

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1. Banking:

Lack of competition among the 5 big institutions.

Banks do not compete in any of their activities with other banks and therefore are making excessive profits.

Banks are secretive and opaque in their activities.

Banks should not only report to shareholders (i.e. be private companies) but also to other stake holders (e.g. depositors, borrowers other interest groups).

2. Consumers

Today Consumers have little choice in choosing banking facilities based on costs benefits. Where are all the cooperatives gone?

3.Regulation

3.1 Tax favoured Funds such as superannuation funds should not invest in shares of companies. My stock market experiences over 40 years have shown that these securities are much to volatile and dangerous for the average citizen to keep as capital .

3.2 Financial advisors should be giving their advice free, if at all. It is not an industry. Fund investment is a choice between company shares, government bonds and cash. Fund holders need to know little more that would come from the mouth of an expert.

3.3 Such funds should have government guarantees up to certain limits to prevent excessive losses to savers and pensioners.

4. Technology

Banks are far behind in developing technologically advanced solutions to their activities.

5. Forward looking trends

To be developed.