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**OPEN RESPONSE: To the Australian Commissioner of Taxation**  
FROM: HRH Prince Graeme, Sovereign of the Principality of Hutt River ('PHR')

**Referencing your Notices of Determination of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 & 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019, as published in *The West Australian* newspaper relating to the estate of our former Sovereign and Prince, Leonard George Casley (27<sup>th</sup> August 1925 - 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019).**

Thank you for publicly acknowledging and confirming, by way of your Notices of Determination, that the Principality of Hutt river:

- Is an independent sovereign state; and
- Is not part of the estate of the late Prince, Leonard George Casley.

However, we do wish to inform you that you are incorrect in assuming that our former Sovereign's estate has not been and/or is not being administered. As Prince Leonard was a resident citizen of the PHR at the time of his death with no income derived in and/or assets held in Australia:-

- All matters relating to his estate have been and/or are being dealt with within the borders of the Principality of Hutt River.
- The fact that the governments of the State of Western Australia and the Australian Federal Government refuse to accept the fact of the secession after almost 50 years, and/or amend their records accordingly to reflect the secession (separation) of the lands of the PHR from the State of Western Australia on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1970, is not the fault of the deceased.

We acknowledge that you have an Australian court backed claim of an alleged debt for the deceased dating back to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017:

However; in the 16 months following his failed bid to appeal the decision up until the time of his death on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019:

- You made no attempt to collect on the alleged debt, and
- You made no request for the lodgement of any returns for the five years (being the years ended 30 June 2014-2018) following the period covering the 8 years of the alleged claim.

These actions (or inactions) we perceive to be in line with your having determined on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 that the late Prince Leonard George Casley was not running an enterprise and whereupon you cancelled both the ABN and GST registrations you had issued of your own volition some 17 months earlier in order to make your case that an alleged debt was owed.

Whilst the Court may have chosen to believe the Australian Deputy Commissioner of Taxation over our late Prince Leonard, and ignored the accused's protestations that the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation was himself allegedly committing an act of fraud, that does not in itself make the decision correct.

You now choose to conduct your communications through the public forum rather than direct contact which seems to be your penchant to surreptitiously fulfil your desired outcome, which has led to this reply.

Yours sincerely

  
*HRH Prince Graeme*  
**Sovereign**  
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