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HRH Prince Leonard replies to the media reported, 2017 ATO court action

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An apology is being demanded from the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia; the Minister of Taxation of Australia and the Commissioner of Taxation of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for:

- False persecution.
- Implementing a form of torture to cause stress, by issuing demands for tax from Myself, HRH Prince Leonard, whom the ATO, in and by their own reasoning, recognize as the Sovereign of the Principality of Hutt River.

In the early 1970's I, Leonard Casley, arranged with the ATO, at My request, a basis of understanding on tax issues, given the fact that the Casley family lands had Seceded from Western Australia.

Some few years later, I went to the ATO and gave them a cheque for payment of an amount which I considered I owed them. The ATO replied shortly after, that I in fact did not owe the sum, though they will hold it in lieu of any moneys I may otherwise owe. Following this, a very big bill was calculated by the ATO against LG & SJ Casley.

My accountant at this time took issue with the ATO, the result being that:-

- Businesses of Hutt River Province were excluded from business of:
LG & SJ Casley under an ATO ruling.

Following this result and definitive ruling, I and My late wife, Princess Shirley disposed of all of Our other business activities within the Commonwealth of Australia and operated the Hutt River Province (as it was more commonly known at that time) under the ATO exemption ruling.

This has progressed now for some 46+ years, in fact from the date of the Secession, April 21 1970.

No authority has ever ruled or declared that the Secession was unlawful.

In fact, all records of the Australian government we are aware of (and there are "many") state "*Leonard George Casley, in his various activities, has not committed any offence deemed against Australian laws.*"

The law principle applicable is: - "*If an action is not unlawful, then it is lawful.*"

Also, another law principle states: - "*If a major action is not unlawful, then any minor offence arising out of the major action is also, not an offence in law.*"

Prince Leonard has no contract with the ATO.

The Australian Government appear to be trying to evade a large claim which was established by Myself in 1970 through Sir Douglas Kendrew, then Governor of Western Australia. A claim laid down by the Casley's on January 01 1970 for AU\$52 Million value in land, with interest accruing at 7% P.A. I have been pushing for settlement of this claim of late as I believe a 46+ years of waiting for a settlement of the claim is far too long; but as the claim also involves the British Government, all involved are trying to shed the liability applying.

It would appear that the Australian Government is determined to evade the application of the valid laws of Australia, which are relative to the case.

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