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## **PHR Vs ATO**

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By: HRH Prince Graeme, Sovereign Principality of Hutt River

### **RE: Court of Appeal case Casley v Deputy Commissioner of Taxation**

On September 14<sup>th</sup> the Supreme Court of Western Australia - Court of Appeal accepted our Appellant's Case for filing. This was our second attempt to do so as the first was deemed by the court as 'not succinct' enough and we also needed to include a 'tabular summary'.

The formatting issues are now behind us and we can concentrate on the legal battle itself (we hope).

On September 18 we were however advised by the Registrar's Notice to attend the Court of Appeal before 2 Judges at the Supreme Court of Western Australia, Stirling Gardens on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 11:30 AM.

At this hearing we are apparently required to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed pursuant of the rule 43 (2) (g) (i). This rule states that the appeal will be dismissed if there is not a good chance of it being successful. It is interesting to note that we have not, to date, been advised of any return response to our application by the ATO and this was, we were advised, deemed to be the next step once our application was accepted into the Court of Appeal?

It seems that once again, nothing is as it may seem, so we are still requiring lots of financial support, as the fight goes on so the costs continue to climb, as well as the messages of support that roll in to us in our department's emails which are all very much appreciated.

Our legal team can also do with some strong support or even leadership. With Prince Leonard's age and emphysema health issues it is difficult for him to represent himself at the court appearances as he has always done in the past and even he has had to admit that age

does slow down the mind even though it may not blunt it and this brings a lot of pressure to bear on our staff, who are not legal clerks but still insist on going the extra mile in order that we get the best of submissions into the court. Our staff now have work well underway to not only take the appeal into the court but to also fight whatever this appearance before 2 judges is about, to “prove the worth of our appeal” and the validity and importance of the new evidence we wish to submit to the court.

Whilst the current case is against the Australian Taxation Office, it is about jurisdiction and not whatever amount of money the ATO likes to make up as owing.

The amount of the debt claimed to be owed, as obviously ridiculous as it appears, is something we strongly reject arguing about but instead stick to the invalid attempt of a foreign power to try and bring financial pressure to bear on another nation, by making false claims of debts owing.

**END RELEASE!**



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