

Re: Submission 11 April 2013

The impact of federal court fee increases since 2010 on access to justice in Australia, with particular reference to:

Terms of Reference

- (a) the impact of federal court fee increases on low-income and ordinary Australians and operators of small businesses;
- (c) how increases in court fees, and other reform to the courts and justice system, can act as a barrier to accessing justice;
- (g) other relevant matters.

To the Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

Dear Secretary,

The Attorney General cannot investigate my complaint.

When the court defined the quantum of debt to the bank it failed to consider that the quantum of debt may be incorrect. But after ITSA and the trustee and the Attorney General have investigated the matter, no one has considered the independent evidence from my Chartered Accountant that the quantum was incorrect.

Changes to the Federal Court Act, and the increase in fees prohibit me from returning to court. Legal representation prohibits vexatious people from court appearances because they may be responsible for the vexatious person's costs. Without the opportunity to return to the court the bank concerned has the opportunity to profit from its false information to the court which would normally be by any other standard a criminal fraud. Consequently, the court has locked out a viable case that has not been investigated from the point of view of a false debt.

Please will your committee consider changes to the Federal Court Act to allow persons in situations like mine to be able to arbitrate as a right in the same way as mediations before the court.

Please accept the above as my submission to your inquiry.