



## Making tax disputes simpler and fairer for all

Dormer Stanhope, a boutique law firm that specialises in tax disputes, will present evidence at a public hearing on Wednesday in Canberra.

The hearing is part of an inquiry on tax disputes by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue.

The firm's submission addresses the following key issues:

- the Commissioner's information gathering powers
- garnishee orders
- departure prohibition orders
- the burden of proof on the taxpayer to disprove fraud or evasion
- narrow grounds for judicial review of ATO decisions.

The Committee will also meet with a private individual, Mr Wayne Graham, to discuss his experience being involved in a dispute with the ATO.

Committee Chair John Alexander MP said:

"These witnesses will provide the Committee with their experiences being involved in tax disputes in the ATO as an individual and as a representative of clients involved in litigation."

"Their evidence will assist the Committee in making recommendations for a simpler and fairer tax dispute resolution process."

The Committee will then travel to Brisbane for a public hearing on 16 October 2014.

Wednesday 1 October 2014

Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

4:10pm Dormer Stanhope (teleconference)

4:40pm Mr Wayne Graham (private individual)

The hearing will be broadcast live at: [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live)

**For media comment:** please contact Committee Chair, Mr John Alexander OAM MP, on (02) 6277 4804.

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