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1 July 2004

Hon Bronwyn Bishop MHR
Chairperson - Standing Committee
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CANBERRA ACT

Dear Ms Bishop

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anit-Avoidance and other Measures) Bill 2004

Please find enclosed a copy of our letter dated 28 June 2004 addressed to our local Liberal member of Parliament the Honorable David Hawker MHR, the content of which is self explanatory.

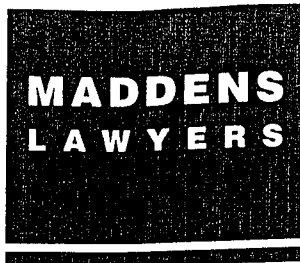
We strongly urge you to oppose this draconian legislation.

Yours faithfully

Robert Cole

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28 June 2004

Hon David Hawker MHR
190 Gray Street
HAMILTON VIC 3300

Dear David

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-Avoidance and other Measures) Bill 2004

We are told that you have recently had a discussion with our partner Mr James Nicol with respect to the above subject.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Law Institute of Victoria's Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs with respect to this subject.

We feel very strongly that the proposed legislation is unfair to the vast majority of your constituents and supporters including professionals, small business proprietors and farmers. The use of family discretionary trusts is widespread amongst this group for the purposes of legitimate asset protection and/or estate planning.

The very substance of the proposed legislation strikes at the heart of totally legitimate legal measures which have been acceptable to the wider community for hundreds of years.

We strongly urge you to oppose this draconian legislation.

Yours faithfully

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