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Sent: Tuesday, 24 May 2005 11:46 AM

To: Economics, Committee (SEN)

Subject: Senate Enquiry into Self Assessment & Shortfall Interest Charge

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to inform you that I have been affected by the unfairness of the self assessment system of taxation. The ATO has imposed tax, penalties and GIC of 12 -13 % on investments made many years ago that were accepted by the Taxation Office at the time the investment was made. It has taken the ATO years to reach their position in relation to the tax deductibility and meanwhile I have unknowingly incurred tax, penalties and a very high rate of interest that has kept escalating.

It is extremely unfair for me to be issued with huge tax bills for investments done many years ago when the Tax Office was accepting them and to then change their position many years later. I recommend that the amendments to the law ensure that any time an ATO position is changed that it is only applied prospectively from the date of the announcement and not from up to four years earlier under the current self assessment system.

I am now being forced to settle with the Taxation Office without any clause allowing for the possibility of a more favorable offer being made by the ATO in future.

I trust you will see to it that the legislative amendments will give us a much fairer tax system.

Regards,

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