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Dear Sue,

Further to your letter of 30 May and our telephone conversation we acknowledge receipt of the submission of Jon Jovanovic. Paragraph 3 of that letter asserts that due to negligent advice Tasmanian Trustees lost an investment of \$150,000.00.

For the public record we respond as follows:-

- 1. The claim is both false and defamatory. The limited advice provided by us was not followed. We understand that the loss of the funds and liquidation of the Company were due to improprieties of Mr. Jovanovic and his fellow Directors which were later subject to ASIC criminal investigations.
- 2. Mr. Jovanovic lodged a complaint with the Legal Services Commission which we responded to in detail over 12 months ago. We have a Statutory Declaration from the Accountant confirming that the comments by Mr. Jovanovic are false. We confirm that in previous matters Mr. Jovanovic has shown himself to be a compulsive liar.

With due respect to the Committee we do not wish to waste any more time on the rantings of Mr. Jovanovic. If the Committee forms the view that he or any of his allegations are credible we are happy to provide supporting documents and further information if required.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh Barry,

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