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Senator Hume,

I thought it was appropriate that I update you and the committee on my matter with the ATO.

On Thursday October 11th, I received a very sincere written apology from Independent Second Commissioner Mr Andrew Mills.

As a result we will re engage in discussions with the ATO at their invitation, with an expectation that both parties can agree to a fair and reasonable settlement in the very near future.

While there is still work to be done, I felt it was fair to ensure balanced reporting to your committee **and to acknowledge my appreciation of the actions taken by Independent Second Commissioner Andrew Mills.**

In due course I will table a copy of the apology to you , however the priority now is for me to bring closure and enable both my family and investors to move forward with our lives.

I also would like to acknowledge the involvement of the office of the IGT in helping to bring clarity to many issues relating to my long, ongoing dispute for fair compensation from the ATO. They are proving to be a very effective instrument in the Tax ecosystem.

Clearly the actions by Mr Mills and those of the IGT demonstrate a glimpse of what might be possible with the implementation of a fairer process for disputes and improved efficiencies where compensation is deemed appropriate.

Just to reiterate, we have not finalised our matter, however this event will hopefully be a catalyst to bring closure quickly.

I am optimistic, yet still exercising caution until the matter is finalised..

Kind Regards

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