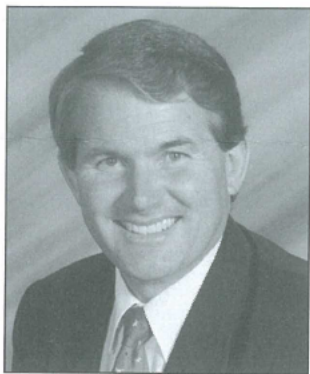


## **INQUIRY INTO LAND VALUATION SYSTEM**

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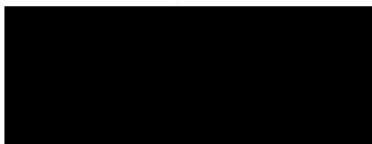
  
Dear Mr Kean,

I wish to bring to the Committee's attention a concern in relation to Land Tax which has been raised with me by numerous constituents. Currently the onus of proof is on the landholder to identify their land tax liability, rather than the Office of State Revenue. Landholders are mostly unaware that their land value has exceeded the threshold, especially if they've not paid land tax before. Landholders are often unaware of their land tax liability for several years and then receive a payment notice from OSR for 4 or more years of land tax payable within 3 months. Such a payment demand can be financially crippling and unfair, particularly for retirees.

It should be noted that the prices that properties have sold for are rarely publicly available, making it difficult for landholders to estimate the probability of land tax being applied to their landholding. The Valuer General should be responsible for notifying landholders of their liability to pay land tax within a reasonable time.

I would appreciate the Committee's consideration of this issue. The onus in relation to land tax liability should move from the landowner to the OSR. I have received numerous representations on this issue over the years and I believe the situation should be corrected. Your assistance in bringing this about will ensure fairness for landholders.

Yours faithfully



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