Submission No 1

INQUIRY INTO OPPORTUNITIES TO CONSOLIDATE TRIBUNALS IN NSW

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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am arguing AGAINST the devolution of the CTIT into a separate "mega-Tribunal".

The whole point of the current system is that the CTTT stands alone as its own Tribunal for the sake of efficiently, speed and effectiveness.

It was create to be a stand-alone body, and an alternative to the Local Court for all manner of Consumer, Vehicle & Tenancy Disputes. It diverts resources away from the already-overloaded Local Court system.

The moment you merge the CTTT into another body, it becomes just another Court and loses its effectiveness.

People will just think "Why would I bother going to the CTTT when I can just go to Local Court?"

I ask that the Inquiry do not merge the CTTT into any other Tribunal.

Please write to me when done:

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Portnoy