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The Secretary,  
Review of the Taxation of Plantation Forestry  
C/- Department of the Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600

12/7/2005

Dear Sir,

Letter attached which is self explanatory and still, to this day, awaits an answer.

I will never again under any circumstances invest in any agricultural style operation and I regularly tell any one who will listen, do not touch them with a barge poll.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Mr. Michael Carmody,  
Commissioner of Taxation,  
Australian Taxation Office,  
2 Constitution Ave,  
Canberra ACT

25/01/2001

Dear Sir,

Main Camp Tea Tree.

○ Thank you for your letter of 22 December. Sorry I could not reply earlier, threats of being belted if GST bas was not in on time has taken all my spare time plus more.

I am aware of the various investigations going on, all at huge costs to all concerned, keeping solicitors in the manner to which they have become accustomed, keeping bureaucracy in business and doing absolutely nothing to help this country along in development or making it a smart country.

I was introduced to tea tree some 30 years ago when an old Aboriginal woman fixed a bad leg ulcer with some boiled tea tree leaves and dirty rag, something the doctor could not do with his clean antiseptic style pills.

Potential investors must form their own view about the commercial and financial viability of a product" Carmody says. I formed my view about tea tree years before any, as you state, "scheme" was contemplated, exactly as you have said in a recent press article.

I invested hard cold cash into tea tree when I was made aware of it as an investment.

We recommend a financial or other advisor be consulted for such information" Mr. Carmody said.

My first investment was done through my financial advisor together with my accountant, again exactly as you state in the press article. It was passed ok by you.

○ Prior to further investment, I travelled to Lismore and inspected the operation and was more than impressed with the development of the country, planting and water storage dams in place. Because I believed in the product, and I still do I may add, I invested further by way of loans because I did not have ready cash.

I urge these investors to make any decisions to repay or refinance loans from the promoters finance company solely for sound commercial reasons, not for promised tax breaks" Mr. Carmody says.

Again I did as recently suggested by you, it was comparable with other avenues of finance available at the time. Again done through a financial planner and checked by my accountant.

I invested in Budplan because of the stupid laws of this country whereby everything has to have some weirdo do copious experiments to prove the product. The fact that tea tree has been used for 40000 years does not count. I believed it would enhance the tea tree product and get a larger market share.

"Investors should also consider how the investment fits an existing portfolio"

I have property investments, share portfolio investment and tea tree would appear to fit by diversifying, something that all people are told to do as a prudent investment strategy.

Once again exactly as you say in your press article.

Now you say every thing I did was wrong and want to hit me hard in the hip pocket.

Please explain in plain simple English where I went wrong as I am obviously a slow learner. I do all you say I should but I am still wrong!!

You state you are prepared to consider settlement.

I am also prepared to settle. In view of the fact that I have done all reasonable things as per your press statement, please pass all deductions claimed as per tax returns, refund all extra funds I have paid under threat and duress and I would suggest an apology would perhaps be in order. I resent being presented as a liar, fraudster and tax cheat.

I doubt that I would have lasted in business 30 years if I was a liar, cheat, fraudster and tax evader and if I was I would either now be relaxing on an island in the Caribbean or be guest of Her Majesties prison service.

Thank you in anticipation for settlement as above.

Yours faithfully,

Gavin Carpenter

PS. Try tea tree tooth paste, keeps the mouth clean and healthy. Try tea tree soap, keeps BO away and repairs nicks and scratches. Tinnea does not like it. Crotch itch and thrush?? Try tea tree. When the nearest doctor is 200 miles away it is surprising what will work on the body. It has proved itself over 40000 years.