

**8 March 2011**

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Re: The Trustee for The ABC Family Trust, ABN 123 456 789

#### Reasons for Objection

- The taxpayer voluntarily disclosed and lodged all outstanding Business Activity Statements and outstanding Income Taxation Returns
- The taxpayer is currently under considerable financial difficulty having been forced to close the business in June 2010 with losses of approximately \$200,000
- In the period 1/7/2005 to 31/12/2006 that has been excluded by the ATO the taxpayer invested significant capital in starting the business and as such a large refund of GST was due
- It is assumed that the ATO received all GST paid by the taxpayer therefore reimbursement of the GST component withheld will mean the ATO remains revenue neutral
- The taxpayer failed to keep up with his reporting requirements as he was simply out of his depth and did not / could not pay for assistance
  - o The taxpayer lodged an activity statement when he first began business and was due a GST refund however did not collect it
  - o The taxpayer continued to inject working capital in the business until he exhausted all sources of money
- The taxpayer and his wife are both undergoing formal retraining to re-enter the workforce, Client A as a Registered Nurse and Client B as an Health Care Worker
- The taxpayer was unaware of the time limit to lodge activity statements within 4 years of the end of the tax period