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Kia Ora

This is my late submission on this review.

The AML/CFT regime has destroyed this sole practitioner`s practice.

It is even more tyrannical and out of touch **with the reality of provincial practice at the coalface** than is the NZLS Lawyers Complaints Service with its Auckland City lawyers second guessing and bullying their provincial colleagues.

Your AML/CFT people are unhelpful and, in some cases, nasty bullies.

If Charlotte van Leeuwarden is still part of your team, I pity any other firm that needs to respond to the approach in her 12 December 2018 letter regarding the desktop review of my firm.

The in competencies of those administering this regime are legion.

The cost of dealing with you and your requirements has led me to decline all new clients.

That`s because of the stress [to them] and the cost [to me] of onboarding even existing clients for new matters - especially those I`ve known for most of my 50 years in practice [without any instance of the mischief your regime seeks to address] who don`t have email addresses, passports or driver licences.

It means the Access to Justice (provided for years by provincial and suburban sole practitioners) is no longer available in Kamo.

The attached response from your Anthony Berry shows DIA`s disdain and disinterest in supporting Compliance Officers while building a **regulatory empire that is reducing access to justice** for many

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Invitation for feedback on NZ's Laws to prevent money laundering and the financing of terrorism

7 October 2021

Tēnā koe,

Are our anti-money laundering laws the best they can be?

In July, the Government asked the Ministry of Justice to review our anti-money laundering and financing of terrorism laws. This review allows us to ask ourselves: have we got this right?

The Government wants to know what you think of these laws.

The Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Act 2009 keeps New Zealand safe from money laundering and terrorism financing. By making it harder for criminals to launder money or finance terrorism, we also make profit-motivated crime, like selling drugs or defrauding people, less appealing.

Money laundering affects all of us. It is happening every day across the country. It's estimated that over \$1 billion a year comes from drug dealing and fraud, and can be laundered through New Zealand businesses.

The true cost and impact is many times that figure when you consider crimes that generate "dirty" money and their ripple effect. People who finance terrorism also use these methods to send money to violent causes and to disguise who is providing and receiving the money.

Does the Act cause you problems? Please tell us.

While the anti-money laundering laws are very important, we know that it can make things more difficult to do or cause frustration. We want to hear about people's experience dealing with anti-money laundering laws, such as when buying or selling a house or dealing with their bank.

Has it become harder for you to open or maintain bank accounts, or has it become harder or more expensive to send money to family and friends overseas? This could happen if you do not have easy access to documents that prove who you are, or where you live.

Have we got the balance right about protecting people's privacy? Businesses need to collect a large amount of personal information from their customers, and we want to make sure the Act protects peoples' privacy.

Please tell us what you think of our anti-money laundering laws go to:

www.justice.govt.nz/amlcft-review or email a submission to: aml@justice.govt.nz

We need to hear from you by 3 December 2021.

Thank you.

Please also let us know if you have any questions or need any more information.

Ngā mihi

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