

MEDIA RELEASE

Acting Commissioner of Consumer Affairs

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COMMISSIONER WARNS OF THE CONTINUING MISLEADING PRACTICES OF CRAIG WOTTON AND TSC2000 EUROPE LTD

The business and pyramid scheme marketing activities in the NT of TSC2000 Europe Ltd and its representative Mr Craig Wotton continue to raise significant concerns.

The Acting Commissioner of Consumer Affairs Gary Clements issued a statement on 27 April 2009 regarding the activities of TSC2000 Europe Ltd and Craig Wotton in the Northern Territory.

“At that time I indicated the company and Mr Wotton were being investigated by my office for possible breaches of the pyramid selling provisions of the *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act*,” Mr Clements said.

“On 29 May 2009 Mr Wotton wrote to Darwin members of the scheme promoted by TSC2000 Europe Ltd advising them my office had completed its investigation and suggesting my office had formed the view that the scheme promoted by the company was legitimate.

“Each claim is simply untrue.

“My investigation is continuing I presently consider it very likely that I will be commencing legal proceedings in the Northern Territory Supreme Court alleging the scheme promoted by TSC2000 Europe Ltd is a pyramid selling scheme and that the manner in which it is being promoted by Mr Wotton and others is misleading and deceptive.

“I have written to Mr. Wotton advising him of this and asking that he advise recipients of his 29 May 2009 letter of its many inaccuracies.

“I caution anyone dealing with Mr Wotton or TSC2000 Europe Ltd that they may also be in breach of the Act as a participant of an alleged pyramid selling scheme.”

It is illegal in the NT to participate in an illegal pyramid selling scheme or to induce a person to participate. Individuals face fines of up to \$55,000 and corporations face fines of up to \$275,000 under the Act.

Anyone with enquiries about TSC2000 Europe Ltd or similar schemes should contact Consumer Affairs on 1800 019 319.