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“Simpler Super Reforms Set To Reshape The Super Industry ”

With the Simpler Super reforms set to take effect from 1 July 2007, residents are warned to stand up and act now or they could miss out on lucrative tax savings. Lack of attention to correct estate planning and superannuation fund management could lead to paying excessive or unnecessary tax according to Cameron Reed leading Superannuation and SMSF Specialist Advisor of IPS Superannuation Pty Ltd.

Mr Reed stated with the constant changes in legislation taxpayers need to ensure that their Accountants, Lawyers and Financial Advisors undertaking the essential role of estate planning and fund management are fully versed on the complex superannuation laws and legislative changes. They must also ensure they possess the specialised expertise and qualification in providing superannuation advice.

Mr Reed says “whether using Self Managed Superannuation Funds or Retail Industry Funds there are still lucrative tax savings to be had under the new laws though warning residents that they only have until 30 June 2007 to implement these changes to receive the best possible benefits”.

Some of the biggest wins from the Simpler Super Reforms are:

- * Opportunities for retirees, business owners and people approaching retirement to boost their superannuation balances and reduce their tax bill to zero.
- * Recent changes to superannuation rules by the Howard Government have created some super opportunities for retirees, business owners and people approaching retirement to boost their superannuation balances and reduce their tax bill to zero
- * Until 1 July 2007 up to \$1 million can be contributed into superannuation as undeducted or 'post-tax' contributions, whereas post 1 July the limit will be only \$150,000 per annum or \$450,000 over any three year period
- * Double or even triple deductions available prior to 1 July 2007 provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to boost your superannuation balance and provide a tax free income for people over 60
- * Superannuation splitting can be used to access higher levels of tax free income, and in combination with salary sacrifice agreements can reduce family tax bills virtually to zero - especially great for small business owners
- * Now is the perfect opportunity to look at restructuring your investments to more fully incorporate superannuation, i.e. there are opportunities to transfers shares, managed funds and commercial properties into superannuation - and minimise your capital gains tax at the same time
- * Paying off non-deductible debt may no longer be the best way to achieve long term wealth
- * If you already have a Self Managed Superannuation Fund now is the time you need to put your fund to work for you and ensure it can take advantage of the changes to superannuation.
- * Take control of your own investments and get the support you need when you need it!

For information on how you could reduce your tax bill and capitalise on the benefits offered under the new Super Reform IPS is offering a 1 hour no obligation free consultation. To arrange your appointment contact Jenna Campbell of IPS Superannuation Pty Ltd.

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