



don't write off debt... collectIT

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Welcome to **collectIT**'s first newsletter for 2008. Already we are into March and feel that the year is charging by.

It's been a fabulous summer so what's new?

We are really pleased with the number of businesses that have been achieving success's using **collectIT** to follow up their bad debts.

- * **subscribers who have collected old debts (more than 2 years old)**
- * **business owners who no longer waste mental energy on slow payers because they know they've got a system that works**
- * **automation about being reminded to follow up slow payers makes a huge difference to the speed of collection**
- * **businesses who have taken debts back from collection agencies after months and collected them themselves within a month using collectIT**

These are only some of the fabulous stories we have been hearing so if you haven't tried the **collectIT** solution for your slow payers - give it a go!

Disputes Tribunal Filing Fee

We were asked recently if the disputes tribunal filing fee was claimable as part of your debt. The answer is that while filing fees are awarded in the district court, surprisingly they are not in the disputes tribunal. We are not sure why this is as there seems no reason (if your claim is successful) that you should not get your filing fee added to your disputes tribunal order.

If you lodge your claim in the district court and then it is transferred to the disputes tribunal because a defence has been raised by the debtor, you are entitled to have the district court filing fee added to the amount of your claim by the disputes tribunal (if your claim is successful).

Construction Contracts Act 2002

As promised, this is now loaded onto the website and is available to subscribers. An essential for anyone working in the construction industry, it contains a step by step guide and all the template forms required. You can now use this part of the **collectIT** site to collect unpaid debts and resolve any disputes that may arise as well as enforcing any orders through the courts to ensure you receive your money owed.

CollectIT is now a registered trademark

collectIT received notification in January 2008 from its patent attorneys (James and Wells) that **collectIT**'s trademark procedure in New Zealand is complete and fully registered.

This is a complex process which has taken the best part of a year. It can be held up with objectives and the like from the Intellectual Property Office of NZ and the general public so we are grateful to Ceri Wells of James and Wells for his expertise and assistance.

CollectIT has applied to be trademarked in Australia and this process is now well underway.

Feedback from Subscribers

Over the next few months Melanie will be contacting all subscribers to discuss with them their use of the **collectIT** system.

This is a perfect opportunity to discuss your use of the **collectIT** system, what has worked for you and any suggestions you have for improvement. Melanie looks forward to talking to each of you.

until next time

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