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The Rule of Law Institute of Australia (RoLIA) has commented on the issuing by the ATO of Departure Prohibition Orders (DPOs). RoLIA Vice President Malcolm Stewart said the only authority that should be permitted to make orders restraining a person's liberty in this way was a judge of a Supreme Court of a State or judge of the Federal Court of Australia. It is a fundamental principle of Rule of Law that a person's liberty is not interfered with in any way except by Court Order, he said.

RoLIA considers it was wrong of the Federal Government to give the ATO such a substantial power. In RoLIA's view, whichever party forms Government, the power of the ATO to issue a DPO should be referred to the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Source: RoLIA media release, 30 August 2010