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**Summary**

Attached is an Embassy translation of an article concerning the "Hutt River Province" published in a Croatian daily paper "Vecernji list" (double page spread) on 2 May. The article, among other things, presented Mr Zeljko Riha who is allegedly a diplomatic representative of the "Hutt River Province" in Zagreb and who is also the chief inspector of the Province's diplomatic service. Following the article, the Post has forwarded a Third Person Note to the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EU Integration highlighting that the Australian Government does not recognise the "Hutt River Province" legally or in any other way.

text ends

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## A Zagreb born man - a citizen of the Principality of Hutt River

Source: "Vecernji list", 02 May 2010, page 16 and 17

Written by: Vojislav Mazzecco

*The Principality of Hutt River – the state has its own currency, a lifelong monarch, biometric passports and a diplomatic representative in Zagreb*

- The inhabitants of Hutt River separated from Australia 40 years ago because the Government attempted to introduce agricultural quotas which they considered to be unacceptable. There are some 20,000 inhabitants of Hutt River and some 15 Croats among them.

Almost everybody, at least once in a lifetime, wanted to rule his own country where only his own rules would apply and where life would be nicer and more fair. However, just a very small number of people try to turn their dreams into reality, even smaller number of people manage to make their dreams come true.

### The lawyers used a trick

When in 1967 John Lennon established the *Nutopia*, a state without land and borders, where only cosmic laws were supposed to be in force, he had a more prosaic reasons for establishing a state than achieving a universal brotherhood and unity. He tried to avoid deportation for illegal use of drugs so he wanted to proclaim himself an Ambassador in order to gain immunity. *Nutopia* did not live; however, there are some more successful examples of such states. It is a micro nation – the Principality of Hutt River, a small state often referred to as "the second largest nation on the Australian continent". The state has been independent since 21 April 1970 when Leonard George Casley proclaimed separation from Australia and when a bit later, as an elected ruler, he proclaimed himself to be the Prince. Hutt River is today the principality and its ninety-year-old Prince Leonard its lifelong monarch. Hutt River proclaimed independence because the Australian government tried to introduce agricultural quotas which they could not respect. They engaged the lawyers from London who, after searching the Commonwealth's documents, concluded that the province of Hutt River had never been officially proclaimed part of the British Empire. They used this information and separated from Australia – says Zeljko Riha\*, a diplomatic representative of Hutt River in Zagreb. Australia ignored the separation even though it could have solved the problem with a limited police operation and arrest all citizens of the newly established state who stopped paying taxes. However, the separation was not enough for the Prince Leonard and he wanted another formal confirmation of independence for Hutt River and in 1977 he declared a war against Australia!

### Too small to accept anybody

- He did not even think about the war. In fact, the principality does not even have its own army. Australia, according to the Prince's expectations, ignored his declaration of war and a few days later he sent a note on ceasing animosity with Australia. In accordance with the international law, both Australia and Hutt River retained their

borders – says Riha who was born in Zagreb and who became a citizen of Hutt River in 2007. Mr Riha then became one of some thirty thousand citizens of Hutt River who also have citizenship certificates, biometric identification cards and passports. Mr Riha also became their diplomat. There are some 20,000 inhabitants who live in Hutt River. Even though the state grants citizenships, they do not allow immigration – the state is simply too small. Riha visited his second homeland on two occasions only, however, this was enough for Prince Leonard to appoint him as a leading “security man” of his diplomatic offices. Riha was also proclaimed a knight, so the 28-year-old man from Zagreb also uses the title Sir. There are three other citizens of Hutt River who live in Croatia and there are around fifteen people who live in Hutt River, who originate from Croatia.

*A life without taxes*

**A TAX OASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES, THE PRINCE ALSO INVITES SCIENTISTS**

The Principality of Hutt River is situated in Western Australia and covers the area of 75 square kilometres. It has borders with Australia only. Its twenty thousand inhabitants mostly have Australian citizenship so that they can use the Australian medical services and attend Australian schools and universities. In comparison with other Australians, they enjoy an important privilege – they do not pay taxes. On the other hand, the Australians do not allow their companies to establish their headquarters in the Principality of Hutt River. However, Prince Leonard managed to attract a large number of international companies to Hutt River and he is also planning to create an oasis for scientists in his state. The Principality of Hutt River has recently applied for an observer status at the United Nations.

\* Zeljko Riha was born in Zagreb in 1983. He became a citizen of the Principality of Hutt River in 2007. Soon afterwards he received a knight’s title. In 2009, Zeljko Riha was appointed the chief inspector in the Hutt River’s diplomatic service.

Imaju svoj novac, doživotnog monarha, biometrijski

# Zagrepcanin s domovnicom Hutt Rivera



Stanovnici Hutt Rivera odcijepili su se od Australije prije 40 godina jer im je vlada pokušala nametnuti neprihvatljive poljoprivredne kvote. Ima ih 20.000, među njima 15 Hrvata

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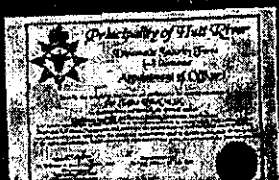
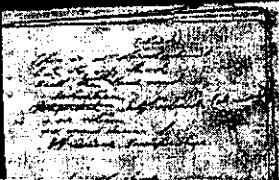
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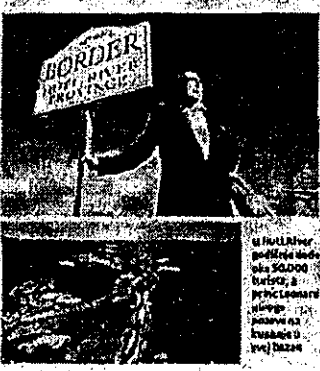
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Hutt Rivera

### Memorica

Kako je prvo kraljica Hutt Rivera,  
a Hutt Rivera kraljica i prvi  
inspektor i diplomata  
Hutt Rivera



**M**no ljudi nisu, kao što se čini, samo jedno ime, već su to ljudi koji su se odvojili od Australije i osnovali Hutt River. Oni su se odvojili od Australije 1976. godine, jer im je vlada pokušala nametnuti neprihvatljive poljoprivredne kvote. Ima ih 20.000, među njima 15 Hrvata.



**Porezna baza za međunarodne tvrtke, princ zove i znanstvenike**

Hutt River je se odvojio od Australije 1976. godine, jer im je vlada pokušala nametnuti neprihvatljive poljoprivredne kvote. Ima ih 20.000, među njima 15 Hrvata.

priglasiti vodećim znanstvenicima i kraljicu imenovali su prvog inspektora i diplomata Hutt Rivera.



# ke putovnice i šefa diplomatske misije u Zagrebu



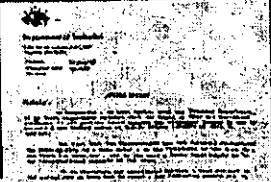
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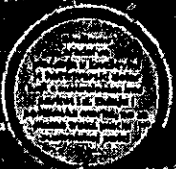
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## Željko Riha bio je u Hutt Riveru samo dvaput i – postao glavni "sigurnjak"

### Princ je 1977. objavio rat Australiji, koja je to jednostavno – ignorirala

londonske odvjetnike koji su, pregledavši dokumente Commonwealtha, zaključili da provincija Hutt River nikada nije službeno postala dijelom britanskog imperija. Iskoristili su to i odcijepili se od Australije – ispričao nam je Željko Riha, voditelj diplomatske misije Hutt Rivera u Zagrebu. Australija je secesiju ignorirala iako je sve mogla

riješiti ograničenom policijskom akcijom i bez problema uhititi sve građane novostvorene države koji su prestali plaćati poreze. No, odcjepljenje princu Leonardu nije bilo dovoljno, želio je još jednu formalnu potvrdu samostalnosti Hutt Rivera, pa je 1977. Australiji objavio rat!

#### Premali da ikoga prime

– Nije mu ni na pamet palo ratovati. Uostalom, kneževina ni nema vojsku. Australija je, kako je princ i očekivao, ignorirala objavu rata, a onim je nakon nekoliko dana poslao obavijest o prekldu neprijateljstva. Prema međunarodnom pravu i Australija i Hutt River su nakon toga zadržali svoje granice – kaže Riha, rođeni Zagrepčanin, koji je državljanstvo Hutt Rivera

dobio 2007. i tako postao jedan od tridesetak tisuća vlasnika njihove domovnice, biometrijske osobne iskaznice i putovnice, a ubrzo je postao i njihov diplomat. U samoj državi živi oko 20.000 stanovnika. Iako dodjeljuju državljanstva ne dopuštaju useljivanje – država je jednostavno premala. Riha je u svojoj drugoj domovini bio samo dvaput, no to je princu Leonardu bilo dovoljno da ga imenuje glavnim "sigurnjakom" svojim diplomatskih predstavništava, a imenovao ga je i vitezom, pa se 28-godišnji Zagrepčanin kiti i titulom Sir.

U Hrvatskoj osim njega živi još troje državljana Kneževine Hutt River, a na njezinu teritoriju petnaestak je ljudi porijeklom iz Hrvatske.

**Title:** "Principality of Hutt River" - continuing international misrepresentations  
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Posts should note that Administrative Circular P0958 of 23 April 2009 - "Principality of Hutt River" and other purported "sessionist principalities" has been issued to replace P0044.

2. This has become necessary because we understand that representatives of the so-called "Principality of Hutt River" (also known as the "Hutt River Province"), the best known example of these purported secessionist principalities, including the self styled HRH Prince Leonard, Sovereign of the Principality of Hutt River (Leonard George Casley) remain active, seeking to gain recognition, status and privileges from local authorities, often using documents purporting to be passports and making other unrecognised claims, often for commercial purposes, relating to sovereignty of the "Hutt River Province" or the "Principality of Hutt River".

3. Periodically, the Department provides advice to embassies in Canberra in relation to approaches from entities such as the "Hutt River Province", underlining that it has no special status and no separate sovereignty and remains subject to the Australian Constitution and the laws of Australia. Should posts become aware of activities of this kind in their host country and non-resident countries of accreditation, they should draw the position of the Australian Government to the attention of relevant authorities.

4. We have seen recent claims that the "Principality of Hutt River" might have established so-called "full diplomatic relations" with several African countries and also claims that Hutt River travel documents have been stamped at isolated land border crossings in South America and elsewhere.s 22 1(a)(ii)

Cleared in consultation with EXB and ADL.

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**Title:** A/C P0958 "Principality of Hutt River" and other purported "secessionist principalities"  
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Following is the text of Administrative Circular P0958 dated 3 April 2009 entitled "'Principality of Hutt River" and other purported "secessionist principalities"."

**BEGINS**

This circular replaces P0044 and contains updated information.

Posts and state offices may, from time to time, receive enquiries regarding the status of purported secessionist principalities in Australia. The best known example is the "Principality of Hutt River". Others include "The Principality of Snake Hill" and "Ponderosa". None of these purported principalities is recognised by the Australian Government.

2. On occasion, "representatives" of these "principalities" have contacted the Australian Government and other governments to seek recognition, including recognition of travel documents which purport to be "passports". Further, some of these "principalities", notably "Hutt River", have been associated with schemes offering "royal" titles, "diplomatic" or "consular" appointments, "legal tender coins" and "international business companies" purportedly incorporated or registered in the "principality". Many of these schemes have been promoted through a range of websites, both in Australia and overseas.

3. The Australian Government's position is that these "principalities" have no separate sovereignty and remain subject to the Australian Constitution and the laws of Australia. As such, the purported "passports", "royal" titles, "appointments", "currency", and "international business companies" have no legal validity.

4. Should a post or state office encounter a situation in which individuals purporting to be "representatives" of such entities seek to gain recognition, status or privileges from local authorities, the post or state office should promptly notify the local authorities of the Australian Government's position, and raise the matter with DFAT Canberra (Administrative and Domestic Law Section, Domestic Legal Branch; copied to Corporate Planning Section, Executive, Planning and Evaluation Branch).

5. Below is a form of text which posts and state offices may draw upon in response to enquiries regarding the "Principality of Hutt River". This text could be modified to

deal with other purported "secessionist principalities". Any further enquiries should be directed to DFAT Canberra (ADL/DLB, copied to CPN/EXB).

Suggested text begins

The Australian Government does not recognise the "Principality of Hutt River", legally or in any other way.

The area of land which is described as the "Principality of Hutt River" is a privately-owned wheat-growing property on the Hutt River, north of Geraldton in the State of Western Australia. It has no special status. It has no separate sovereignty and remains subject to the Australian Constitution and the laws of Australia.

Following from its policy of not recognising the "Principality of Hutt River", the Australian Government does not recognise the "royal" titles nor titles of office, such as "Head of State", "Stateminister" and "Minister for Foreign Affairs" assumed by the family owning the property. Nor does the Australian Government recognise the use of terms such as "consulates" and "principality" in relation to the "Principality of Hutt River". Documents purporting to be "passports" issued by the "Hutt River Province" are not recognised as valid travel documents by the Australian Government. Any arrangements involving "Principality of Hutt River" international business companies, or other associated dealings, have no legal basis.

Suggested text ends

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**ENDS**

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#### A. Overview

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#### B. Issues Management

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4. We responded quickly to reports of a "Principality of Hutt River Embassy" in Dubai issuing passports for a large fee. We informed local authorities that Australia, like other countries, did not recognise Hutt River as a sovereign entity. Dubai police arrested two French nationals and a Pakistani for fraud. We released a press statement as soon as we heard the "Embassy" was operating, and placed it in a prominent position on our embassy website. When the case came to trial we received positive coverage of our swift response.

#### C. Major Activities

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*Promoting Australian Culture*

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**Summary**

Three people arrested in January (AB611046L) on fraud charges related to setting up a Hutt River Embassy in Dubai were granted bail on 25 March. The "Ambassador", an Iranian with French nationality, has claimed diplomatic immunity. The main local English-language newspaper today carried an article about the court hearing, and a prominent piece on Australia's refusal to recognise Hutt River, drawing on a press release we issued in October 2007 which is still on our embassy website. The article is available on-line at [www.gulfnews.com/nation/Police\\_and\\_The\\_Courts/10200349.html](http://www.gulfnews.com/nation/Police_and_The_Courts/10200349.html). We have received no further media enquiries.

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**Title:** UAE : Hutt River Province  
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**Cc:** RR : Dubai  
**From:** Abu Dhabi  
**From File:**  
**References:** AB610996L, AB60778H, CE3622H  
**Response:** Routine, Information Only

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**Summary**

Further to reftels, the Consul-General in Dubai has been advised by Ambassadors 47 F(1) from the MFA's Dubai Office, that Dubai Police raided the so-called Hutt River Province Consulate in Dubai on 8 January.s 47 F(1) said the Police had made a number of arrests, including the "Consul", who we understand is of Iranian descent with a valid French passport. The Dubai authorities intended to prosecute those involved for fraud.s 47 F(1) said he would continue to monitor the progress of the case, which the MFA were taking very seriously.

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Further to reftel, we have formally advised the MFA via TPN that the Australian Government does not recognise the "Hutt River Province" and used the wording outlined in Administrative Circular P0044. We have also issued an Embassy Media Release and updated the Embassy website.

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