

PUBLIC WARNING NOTICE**FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF NORTHERN TERRITORY CONSUMER AFFAIRS****Issued under section 223 of the Australian Consumer Law**

The Commissioner of Consumer Affairs is issuing a public warning notice to caution consumers not to deal with **Colin Richard Thompson trading as Esoteric Mind Specialist and The Addiction Doctor (ABN 27 120 308 204)**.

Mr Thompson promotes himself as a mind communicator and through website advertising and a range of promotional materials claims he can cure a wide range of ailments and addictions by 'taking away the cause' of the illness or addiction by communicating with a person's sub conscious mind. Mr Thompson, who has no medical knowledge or qualifications, is unable to provide credible and reliable evidence to support the claims made.

The Commissioner is warning the public about the alleged conduct as he:

1. has reasonable grounds to suspect that the conduct may constitute breaches of the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) including;
 - misleading or deceptive conduct in contravention of section 18;
 - false or misleading representations that services are of a particular standard, quality, value or grade in contravention of section 29 (1)(b) ;
 - misleading conduct that is liable to mislead the public as to the nature, the characteristics, the suitability for their purpose or the quantity of any services in contravention of section 34.
2. is satisfied that one or more persons has suffered, or is likely to suffer detriment as a result of the alleged conduct; and
3. is satisfied that it is in the public interest to issue a public warning notice.

If anyone has any concerns about their dealings with Colin Thompson trading as Esoteric Mind Specialist and The Addiction Doctor they should contact Consumer Affairs on 1800 019 319 or email consumer@nt.gov.au.



GARY CLEMENTS

Commissioner of Consumer Affairs

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