

2 October 2020

The Proper Officer
PR 4 THE PPL Pty Limited

and

Tom Tanuki

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Dear Sirs,

**Our Client: Lauren Southern
Concerns Notice**

1. We act for Lauren Southern.
2. This is a concerns notice for the purposes of the *Defamation Act 2005* (NSW) and its counterparts in the other states and territories of Australia.

Online Article published on 1 October 2020

3. We understand that the online publication “True Crime News Weekly” contained at the website truecrimenewsweekly.com (**Website**) is owned and operated by PR 4 THE PPL Pty Limited.
4. On 1 October 2020, an article was published about our client on the Website, authored by Tom Tanuki containing the heading “*THE FAR RIGHT FEMBOT FILES! Leaked Border Force notes raise more questions about what the f*ck Lauren Southern is doing in Australia & her supposed announcement “quitting” White Supremacy*” (**Article**)

Defamatory Comments

5. The Article makes a number of serious representations about Ms Southern. In particular, it gives rise to imputations to the following effect:
 - a. Ms Southern was a white supremacist who “quit” white supremacy;

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- b. Ms Southern holds antisemitic views and, for years, worked with Martin Sellner who promotes Neo-nazism;
 - c. Ms Southern is racist towards indigenous cultures;
 - d. Ms Southern entered Australia under false pretences and then applied for another form of residency, in order to remain in Australia;
 - e. Ms Southern attended a mission to block ships looking for migrants stranded at sea;
 - f. Ms Southern promoted the same conspiracy theory that motivated a mass killing in Christchurch, New Zealand; and
 - g. Ms Southern is violent.
6. Each of these imputations is defamatory of our client, and are malicious, spiteful and completely false. Our client reserves her rights to refine these imputations in due course.
7. We are instructed that the Article has been maliciously published, in an apparent effort to promote your own agenda, and with a clear intent to do harm to our client in circumstances where there are no legal or factual grounds to otherwise truthfully complain.
8. Specifically, we are instructed that:
- a. Ms Southern does not promote any form of racial supremacy, and has in fact actively condemned such a notion. She never made an announcement “quitting white supremacy”;
 - b. Ms Southern has never worked with Mr Sneller (for years or otherwise) in a way that promoted antisemitic views. As can be seen from a cursory review of Mr Sellner’s work, he in fact condemns Nazism and associations he had with it in his youth. Our client does not condone any form of antisemitism or Neo-nazism. To assert otherwise is disingenuous. The filming which was done with Mr Sellner related to protests against illegal immigration;
 - c. Ms Southern has never made any disparaging comments against indigenous Australians;
 - d. Ms Southern has never promoted a “conspiracy theory” that has been, in any way, linked to the Christchurch massacre. The video to which the Article refers (which, as correctly stated, is now offline) referred to issues associated with lack of cultural assimilation and over-burdened welfare states, in an effort to promote cultural diversity. To have this associated with the Christchurch massacre is abhorrent; and
 - e. The sea mission referred to in the Article was to bring awareness to illegal human trafficking (something that is prominent in our client’s work), not to block efforts to find stranded migrants at sea; and
 - f. Ms Southern is not violent, and has never been charged or convicted for any act of violence.

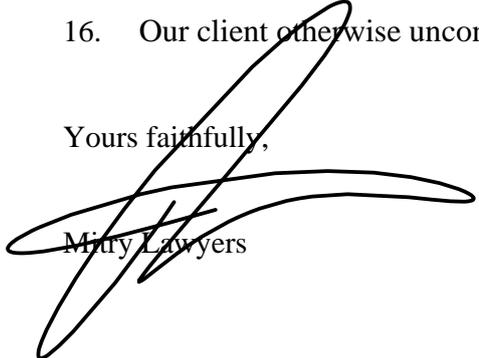
Ms Southern’s Visa details

9. The Article states that “True Crime News Weekly” has received “explosive case notes” leaked from the Department of Home Affairs in relation to Ms Southern’s visa status in Australia;
10. The disclosure of Ms Southern’s personal information in relation to her visa status in Australia constitutes a flagrant breach of our client’s rights, including perpetuating what appears to be an unlawful disclosure of private information by a private department.
11. It not only is used to promote a false and malicious theory, but by revealing private information, potentially endangers our client and her family.

Requirement

12. In the circumstances, we are instructed to demand that within **48 hours**, that you:
 - a. Remove the Article and all social media posts you have made in relation to it;
 - b. Undertake in writing that you will not republish the Article, or make any further publication that repeats the contents of the Article.
13. We are further instructed to require that, within **28 days**, you submit to us a draft of a clear and unqualified apology and retraction addressed to Ms Southern in relation to the Article, which (once approved) is to be published on the Website in an equally prominent position to the Article for an uninterrupted period of 28 days.
14. In the absence of a satisfactory reply from you within the time referred to, our instructions are to commence proceedings against you for defamation.
15. In the meantime, we will monitor your conduct. We reserve our client’s rights to seek aggravated damages, including on the basis of your conduct from this point onwards, including a refusal to comply with the requirements of this letter.
16. Our client otherwise unconditionally reserves her rights.

Yours faithfully,



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