

**COPY FOR THE ATTENTION OF:**  
31st July 2003 The General Manager,  
Launceston Examiner Newspaper Pty Ltd  
and Melanie Alcock. reporter.  
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**AND BY: HAND DELIVERY**

Dear Sir,

**RE: DEFAMATION OF ME PUBLISHED IN THE LAUNCESTON EXAMINER 21/11/02**

I refer to a my letter to you dated 20th June 2003 and your reply dated 26th June 2003.

I further refer to my email to you dated 5th May 2003 copied to the Launceston Examiner which remains unanswered on both accounts.

By virtue of these 2 correspondence to you informing you that you had caused to be published allegations of or concerning myself that I was (inter alia) obviously, a liar, a cheat and a fraudster, you have had ample time to address this matter which you appear to allude to being some sort of mistake.

Further, you have stated that you refuse to "discuss" the matter because of my intention to "go down the legal path". Your statement of my intention is in error as I did not convey to you that such an intention was inevitable. Your refusal to "discuss" the matter is preposterous and is evidence of your aggravation of the matter.

**TAKE NOTICE**

As, by your conduct you have given me no alternative option, the matter is to be filed in the Supreme Court of Tasmania. I anticipate this will happen before the end of August 2003. The Launceston Examiner Newspaper Pty Ltd and Melanie Alcock reporter, are to be joined with you as defendants.

You may wish to note that a retraction and apology has not been requested from the Launceston Examiner Newspaper Pty Ltd and Melanie Alcock as any retraction or apology by them would be hollow without your authority and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon Craven.

C.c. Launceston Examiner Newspaper Pty Ltd  
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