

WRIT

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA
HOBART REGISTRY

No. 435 of 2003

Between

GORDON JAMES CRAVEN

Plaintiff

~ and ~

Hon. M. T. (RENE) HIDDING

First Defendant

**THE EXAMINER NEWSPAPER Pty Ltd
ACN 009 590 998**

Second Defendant

MELANIE ALCOCK

Third Defendant

To: **Hon. M. T. (RENE) HIDDING**, Parliament House, Hobart, Tasmania.

To: **THE EXAMINER NEWSPAPER Pty Ltd**,

71-75 Paterson Street, Launceston, Tasmania.

To: **MELANIE ALCOCK**, C/- THE EXAMINER NEWSPAPER Pty Ltd,

71-75 Paterson Street, Launceston, Tasmania.

ENDORSEMENT OF CLAIM

The plaintiff's claims against the first and second defendants are for damages, aggravated damages and exemplary damages.

The plaintiff's claim against the third defendant is for damages.

All the plaintiff's claims are for defamation and the plaintiff relies on the provisions of the Defamation Act 1957 Tasmania and as necessary, the common law.

The defamatory matters relate to an article published on page 6 of the Examiner Newspaper on 21 November 2002.

The details of all these matters are set out in the Statement of Claim annexed hereto.

The plaintiff also claims costs to be taxed.

Signature of plaintiff:



Filed by: **Gordon Craven - Plaintiff**

[Redacted] **Glenorchy TAS 7010.**

Service of documents to:

[Redacted] **Glenorchy TAS 7010.**

Phone: [Redacted]
Fax: **6273 4458**

The plaintiff's address is, #####, **Glenorchy Tasmania.**

The plaintiff's address for service of documents is,

#####, **GLENORCHY TAS 7010**

Take notice that:

1. If you wish to dispute the plaintiff's claim or any part of it or for any reason wish to take part in this action, you or your practitioner must, within 7 days following the service of this writ on you, lodge a notice of appearance at a Registry of the Supreme Court and serve a sealed copy of the notice on the plaintiff at the address for service of documents.
2. Forms of notice of appearance may be obtained from any Registry of the Court. These are located at Salamanca Place, Hobart, Cameron Street, Launceston and Alexander Street, Burnie.
3. If you fail to lodge and serve a notice of appearance within the time stated, the plaintiff may obtain a judgment without further notice to you.

Filed on the 19th day of August 2003



Registrar / ~~District Registrar~~

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**STATEMENT OF CLAIM
HAS BEEN AMENDED
IT WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE**

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6 — THE EXAMINER, Thursday, November 21, 2002

EXAMINER NEWS

Police may check Web site

By MELANIE ALCOCK

Tasmania Police may be asked to investigate an anti-forestry Web site that is linked to the official Tourism Tasmania Internet address.

The www.discover-tasmania.com.au Web site closely resembles the anti-clearfelling bill board erected by environmentalists at Sydney Airport.

The Web site address is clearly aimed at being almost exactly the same as the official Tourism Tasmania Web site of www.discovertasmania.com.au.

The Web site, which does not identify its designer, shows clearfelled forests, a heavy-laden log truck with a burning forest in the background, and a massive woodchip pile.

The Internet site also asks people to "come and see the use of 1080 in Tasmania", "see Tasmanian old-growth forests being exterminated", and "nappalm fire bombing" of Tasmanian forests.

It is linked to a number of other sites, including the Tasmanian Greens, Tasmanian Conservation

Trust, Planet Ark and the Wilderness Society.

The Web site is also linked to Wilderness Society campaigner Geoff Law's photographic Internet site.

Opposition Leader Rene Hidding was scathing, saying that the Liberals were considering referring the matter to Tasmania Police.

"Apart from being the latest act of Green sabotage of Tasmanian jobs, this material clearly seeks to misrepresent the site as being the official tourism site by the half-smart use of a hyphen," Mr Hidding said.

"It's obviously fraudulent, designed to mislead, lie and cheat. I'm absolutely sure that this has already cost Tasmanians a number of visitors and, if left unchallenged, it will continue to do so."

A Tasmanian Greens spokeswoman said that none of the four Greens MHAs — Peg Putt, Kim Booth, Tim Morris and Nick McKim — had seen or heard of the Web site.

Mr Law was unavailable for comment last night, as was the State Government.