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Mr. Rene Hidding,  
Parliament House,  
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AND BY: MAIL

Dear Sir,

I refer to a newspaper article published on page 6 of the Launceston Examiner on 21 November 2002 bearing the headline "**Police may check web site**", the reporter being Melanie Alcock.

In that article you made disparaging and defamatory statements about my website Discover Tasmania and therefore its author and publisher, being myself.

The defamatory statements included the words, *misrepresent, fraudulent, mislead, lie* and *cheat* and were all imputed to a description of my website and therefore myself.

Your statements are extraordinary and most serious and are all entirely false and without basis.

Your statements are clearly intrinsically injurious and calculated to cause damage, loathing and embarrassment and further I find your conduct of causing the belief of a Police complaint against myself to be a further extraordinary, unjustified and ██████████ calculation to cause distress and fear to myself and my family.

Until recently I was under the belief that your statements were made under Parliamentary privilege, however on my checking of Hansard, it seems my belief was incorrect.

In light of my recent discovery where it now appears that you have no privilege to your insulting and ██████████ statements, I require you to:

1. immediately undertake in writing to desist from making any further defamatory or disparaging statements regarding my website and myself;
2. cause to be published a retraction and apology in appropriate form that includes print and internet media to my self regarding each and every disparaging and defamatory statement you are responsible for;

3. provide to myself, a copy of the retraction and apology prior to publication for my prior approval;
4. provide to myself, proof of publication of the retraction and apology.

**TAKE NOTICE**

Unless you agree to each of the above; or  
show cause why you are not legally responsible for your conduct;  
by the time and date of, **5pm Friday 27th June 2003**, proceedings against you will likely be  
commenced in the Supreme Court of Tasmania without further notice.

Those proceedings will include claims for damages, exemplary damages and costs.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon Craven.