

Tuesday, 31 October 2023

T.H.B. Hamilton

By email: TBC

Dear Mr Hamilton,

LETTER OF DEMAND

1. We represent Julian Batchelor.
2. On 28 September 2023 you were interviewed by Paul Brennan, this interview was broadcast online on the Reality Check Radio platform (**the Interview**).
3. In the Interview, in reference to a presentation that Mr Batchelor had given, you stated:

BN: ... It's about attacking. It's a direct attack on Māori. It's unfettered in how ... I saw one of the slides there saying that Māori are arming themselves. They're the enemy and stuff like that...

PB: Who's saying that, Bill?

BN: Julian Batchelor. It's a slide from one of his presentations.
4. Your statement was untrue. Mr Batchelor has never delivered a presentation using slides that claim "Māori are arming themselves".
5. The Interview was broadcast to a wide audience. There is no doubt that your false statement about Mr Batchelor lowers his standing in the mind of right-thinking members of society generally.

Demand as to Retraction and Costs

6. We ask that you issue a reasonable statement by way of retraction.

7. The detail of this statement is to be agreed but would be words to the effect of:

On 28 September 2023 I gave in interview to Radio Check Radio, in which I made some statements about Julian Batchelor. This article contained damaging and untrue statements about Mr Batchelor. I withdraw the statements I made and apologise to Mr Batchelor.

8. As part of this settlement, we also ask for a contribution of \$500 to Mr Batchelor's legal costs incurred to date.
9. We are confident that Mr Batchelor will be successful in pursuing legal proceedings if that is necessary.
10. We ask that retraction and costs be agreed to by 10 November 2023.

Yours faithfully
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