



Apology

Stuart Littlemore and *Media Watch*

In the November issue of *Communications Update* we published an article referring to Mr Littlemore QC, the writer and presenter of the ABC TV program *Media Watch*.

That article contained defamatory imputations against Mr Littlemore and the *Media Watch* program which should not have been published. They were false.

The Communications Law Centre Limited, which published the article, and Helen Mills and Gil Appleton, who wrote it, unreservedly apologise to Mr Littlemore for the hurt and distress the article has caused him.

The defamatory imputations conveyed by the article are unconditionally withdrawn.

Helen Mills and Gil Appleton acknowledge that they did not verify any of the essential facts in the article before it was published, and they express their personal regret to Mr Littlemore.

Further, we accept that the criticisms of Mr Littlemore and *Media Watch* in the article which were based on a false assertion are therefore without foundation, and apologise without reservation for any imputation which may arise which reflects adversely on the integrity or professionalism of Mr Littlemore, the *Media Watch* program, or staff.

The Communications Law Centre has, at Mr Littlemore's request, made a donation to the Sydney Youth Orchestra in full settlement of his rights arising from the defamation we published.

Signed

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