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Dear Mr Dowling

MS SHARRI MARKSON

We act for Ms Sharri Markson.

We refer to the publication on the Kangaroo Court of Australia website with the headline, "*Sharri Markson denies sexual relationship with 7 CEO Tim Worner but admits relationship with her boss at News Corp*", accessible through [this link](#). ("Article").

The Article conveys a number of imputations which are utterly false and highly defamatory of our client including that Ms Markson:

- (1) Told a lie in response to questioning regarding a previous relationship;
- (2) had multiple affairs;
- (3) Was responsible for the misuse of News Corp's shareholder funds; and
- (4) Deliberately withheld a story regarding Barnaby Joyce which contributed to her promotions within News Corp.

For the sake of clarity, our client has never had any sexual relationship with Mr Worner whatsoever and has never been engaged in any affair.

Our client was briefly in a relationship with Mr Dore. This was not an affair. There is simply no comparison to be drawn between this scenario and the story our client broke regarding the affair between Barnaby Joyce and Vikki Campion which plainly raised questions of the use of taxpayer funds.

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Your suggestions to the contrary are grossly defamatory.

The Article was published maliciously given that our client informed you, prior to publication of the Article, that the allegations you intended to publish were false.

Accordingly, a significant damages award would be made against you should proceedings be issued in relation to the Article.

Nevertheless, we are instructed that our client will not take further action in relation to the Article if you agree to retract it immediately but in any case before **4pm on Thursday 7 June 2018** and agree in writing not to republish any similar material in future.

In light of the seriousness of the Article, our client's position is very reasonable and we urge you to resolve the matter at this stage.

We look forward to receiving confirmation that the Article has been removed and that you will not publish similar material in future.

Yours faithfully



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