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The Secretary
The Committee
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Dear Mr Bell,

My apologies for the delay in responding to your letter dated 6th June, as I was awaiting advice from my legal counsel with a view to future legal action. Please be advised that I do not wish to attend any further committee meetings, as it is my view that any outcome of these kangaroo courts would be a forgone conclusion.

Legal opinion has again confirmed that the committee has continually denied my rights under the Constitution (Part III 14.(2) to a Special General Meeting of members, namely:

“Upon receipt of a notice from a member under clause (1) the secretary shall notify the committee which shall convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice [of the members intention to appeal]”

The committee has also denied my rights as set out in the Members Handbook dated 1 July 2007, Page 6:

“A member has the right to expect: Access to a grievance procedure...”

The Committee has refused external mediation by the Community Justice Centre, who have advised me by letter that:

“...We have been in touch with both the Secretary and the President of the Shoalhaven Community Radio who advised that they do not wish to mediate...”

Contrary to Katherine Keene/Horsley's statements at my last meeting with the committee that Florence Jones is a fair and objective mediator, legal opinion confirms my view that this is impossible due to Ms Jones close friendship with the President, Katherine Keene/Horsley and Ms Jones previously stated alliance with the decisions of the committee.

And I take offence at the statement in your letter to me dated 20th June 2011, that you have " *tried in every way to be conciliatory ..*".

How, may I ask ? By refusing my rights under the Constitution to a special general meeting of all members ? By refusing external mediation ? Your statement is in fact **blatantly untrue**.

In fact, it was I who made the offer to end this farce. I believe that the station would be better served by a committee who devote all their time and attention to business matters (given the extremely precarious financial situation), instead of vengeance against certain members. Which is why, at my last meeting with the committee, I offered to accept a 3 month program suspension, take no further action and voluntarily have nothing further to do with Shoalhaven Community Radio until the next AGM, on the condition that the committee reduce their charge to one agreed item.

You chose not to accept my offer, not to be "conciliatory", and then extended my suspension from 3 months to 12 months....which just conveniently happens to include the next Annual General Meeting - in every way but name only, a gag order.

It is my opinion that anyone who opposes Katherine Keene/Horsley (President) and Rob Bell (Secretary) and the current committee running Shoalhaven Community Radio, can expect to be treated as I have been, i.e. denied their rights under the Constitution and then subjected to a smear campaign as carried out in the Newsletters composed by Katherine Keene/Horsley. And by the way, the Constitution clearly states that any newsletter should be run by a committee. The Shoalhaven Community Radio newsletter is composed by one person only, namely Katherine Keene/Horsley and she has used it as a tool of propaganda to inform members of only one side of the debate while at the same time libelling and besmirching the names of anyone who has the 'gall' to oppose her. On this basis, it should be renamed the "Katherine Keene/Horsley Blog".

But what is most blatantly obvious to anyone who can read, is that the Committee uses parts of the Constitution when it suits you while at the same time conveniently ignoring other areas of the Constitution when it conflicts with your agenda. I have pointed this out to you on several occasions, and to date I've still received no sane response to my charge. Instead, you continue to abuse your

own Constitution in your illogical persecution of me and anyone else who opposes you. In fact, other members who are sympathetic to my views have also been suspended or disciplined over laughably trivial incidents.

And I was astounded to hear that the committee has actively involved sponsors - local businesses - in what should be an internal dispute only. Libelling members and involving external factions has set a dangerous precedent that has opened a Pandora's Box.

In light of the continuing unprofessional conduct of the committee, and your outrageous treatment and printed condemnation of members who choose to disagree with you, I believe there is no justice to be had from the existing committee and therefore no point to any further meetings with you.

However, be assured I will pursue other avenues in my search for justice and recovery of monies still owed to me.

Oh, and I'd just like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on achieving your stated aim of returning Shoalhaven FM to what it was 15 or 20 years ago. You've certainly done this !

It took 20 years of hard work and dedication by many members to build the station into a viable and sustainable operation it was a mere 12 months ago, respected by the community in general. It's taken you just six months to destroy that... a sad state of affairs indeed.



Richard Stiegler