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The Secretary  
The Committee  
Shoalhaven Community Radio  
PO Box 884  
NOWRA NSW 2541

Dear Mr Bell,

**Re: Suspension of Tully Gwyer**

In the middle of composing a response to the committee's letter of 20<sup>th</sup> June I have just received your letter dated 5 July 2011. Here's my response.

The committee has imposed 3, count them, three, censures on me for matters that do not warrant censures. To quote from your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> July:

1. *That Tully Gwyer be given a first Censure for not informing the Program Committee that she would not be broadcasting her Pump It program of June 4<sup>th</sup>;*
2. *That Tully Gwyer be given a second Censure for not returning her office key, despite being officially asked numerous times;*
3. *That Tully Gwyer not use this office key to enter the office, and return the key forthwith.*

*Resolution: That Tully Gwyer.....have her membership suspended for a period of three months and will not be permitted to go on air from this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 until Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, or enter the premises of the Radio Station.*

Item 1. is rather harsh, don't you think. It doesn't seem to warrant such drastic action as a censure, unless of course you have a hidden agenda.

The second censure is for a key that has already been returned. Let me repeat. **I no longer have a key to the office.** I returned it many months ago because I didn't need it. I have advised various office admin staff of this during their multiple phone calls to me requesting return of same. You cannot lay the blame at my door if the office administration cant keep track of their keys or has lost it.

And the third censure makes no sense – it doesn't refer to any act by me, it's a directive from the committee, so how can a directive qualify as a censure ??

Regarding your resolution to suspend me from air and from the station premises for three months. How handy for the committee that both Richard and I are excluded from the station until well after the next Annual General Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Your letter then quotes from the Constitution under 'Discipline of members'. Well, let me quote the Constitution also, under **Right of appeal of disciplined member, Part III, 14.(2)**

**“ 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...”**

Okay. I invoke my right to appeal as set out above. **I do not wish to appeal via any committee meeting** because I believe any appeal to the committee is a sham, intended for appearance sake only because the outcome is a forgone conclusion. You continually denied Richard Stiegler his right under the Constitution to appeal to the members and I believe my right of appeal will also be denied.

In your treatment of me to date, you have refused mediation by the Community Justice Centre (I hold their letter in my hand). My question is: **why**? If your goal is conciliation, then **why**? If you've done nothing wrong, if you've got nothing to hide: again, **why**?

It would appear you have made it your mission to get rid of any members who don't conform to your agenda, starting with Richard Stiegler. Because of my support of Richard and other members, you have now targeted me.

George Orwell once wrote a book called *Animal Farm*. For those of you who aren't familiar with it, the story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of power and those who abuse it. A group of farm animals eject the evil farmer and take over the farm. They declare their first new law to be '*all animals are equal*'. Over time, as one faction (the pigs) begin to take over, this becomes corrupted to read "*all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others*'.

As far as I'm concerned, the Committee is now operating under Orwellian rule. The first rule being that

**all members of Shoalhaven Community Radio are equal, but some members are more equal than others.**

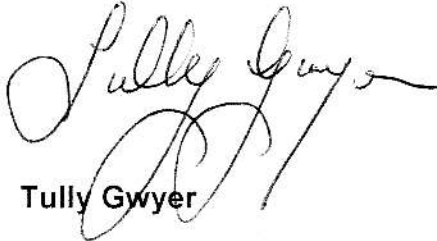
Members who are supporters of the current regime (read: committee) are privileged. In fact, some don't even have to pay their membership fees - while others are denied membership renewal on bogus charges (read: Harold Ellison); the privileged are given the prime on-air spots while others are made to either come in late at night or pre-record (read: Kath Keene replacing Jock McDougall, Rob Bell replacing me); some can talk on air for as long as they want (read: Rob Bell and the youth program) while others are told they have to play 10 minutes of music for every 5 minutes of talk (read: any show that Tully does). I'd be intrigued to know, so tell me....how do you do a Top 10 countdown without talking for 10 minutes? Or for that matter, a science talk show containing twice as much music as actual science?

I am not surprised by your treatment of me. Considering your shabby treatment of Richard Stiegler, I was actually expecting it.

I might not have a radio show to do, but I'm sure I can find something to keep me occupied. After all, everyone has the right to a full and factual account of the real story.... don't they?

In conclusion, I have to say I am truly disgusted by your questionable conduct, your lack of professionalism, your rampant abuse of the very constitution you claim to uphold, and your shameful treatment of those who don't agree with you. What I originally took up as a rewarding hobby I now turn away from as an entity robbed of its true intent and starved for air...in every sense of the word.

The radio station would be better served by a committee dedicated to ensuring it achieves its true potential instead of wasting its limited resources victimizing its members



Tully Gwyer

**Note: 1.Re return of building key. I will be in front of the Nowra Post Office at 10am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. I will hand over the key to a committee member on receipt of the \$15 cash I paid for it.**