

## Fwd: THE AGE still breaching ethics

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**From:** <[earl@arcticexplorer.com](mailto:earl@arcticexplorer.com)>  
**Subject:** THE AGE still breaching ethics  
**Date:** 13 April 2017 at 12:21:12 pm AEST  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

A very serious issue has arisen at THE AGE, as the email below will explain. Two journalists, under the sway of a US cyberstalker, have badly breached journalist ethics. They have also tried to bring you into the matter, which I hope I have now quashed. I thought you needed to know what was going on, as a matter of courtesy.

Wishing you well (I'm on writing sabbatical in country NSW)

Earl

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Alex Lavelle  
Editor THE AGE  
Melbourne

I am writing to protest at what I believe is totally unacceptable and unprofessional bullying and deceitful behaviour by at least two of your employees. Personally, I am outraged at being treated in such a totally disrespectful way by journalists acting as if they worked for News of the World. I can assure you that I would not waste my time or yours unless this was not an extremely serious matter.

First, I will introduce myself.

My name is Earl de Blonville.  
I am an Australian citizen and a Melbourne resident.  
I have a background in scientific and adventure expeditions. and am a respected executive leadership consultant. My clients have included Australia Post Corporate, WHO, PWC, Trust Company, Western Mining, Victorian Govt, etc.  
I have served Victoria as Director of the Tall Ships spectacular that officially opened Australia's Bicentenary. I led a regional Chamber of Commerce and created initiatives that helped restore its regional economy.  
I am known as a pioneer in sea kayaking, making the first circumnavigation of Tasmania and northerly crossing of Bass Strait.  
I launched and led Australia's first Arctic expedition, with Advisors Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, Sir John Holland and Prof Barry Jones, etc.  
PM Bob Hawke provided solid endorsement. Our patron was HRH The Prince of Wales. Our chief UK advisor was Lord Shackleton.  
My documentary film was released internationally (Discovery, BBC, CBC, ABC, etc) and my critically acclaimed book has been republished.  
I have raised money for medical research, helped scores of young people, and have positively contributed to society.

I am now the founding Director of the Oceanic Research Institute (ORI) which is dedicated to maritime climate research.  
Our work is planned to complement other Australian climate research, working in regions not covered by Australian operators.  
ORI is currently planning two climate research expeditions to the coast of East Greenland, in conjunction with NASA & LAB, Spain.

Second, I will introduce my situation.

For almost four years I have been under attack by a pathologically obsessive and malevolent troll, whom I've never met.

The troll is an American citizen and is infamous for his cyberstalking over many years of a number of respected explorers worldwide.

He has attacked many people online and directly and been banned and removed from several online forums for threats and harassment.

He uses many false identities to stalk and harass people, and has had a solid case made against him by Police in the US.

His agenda is to destroy my personal and professional reputation and to prevent me from pursuing my career.

He has falsely posed as a journalist in order to approach my clients, sponsors, colleagues, family, etc.

Trolls, stalkers and psychopaths do this kind of thing for the sick pleasure of causing pain to others.

He has recently issued a death threat and the Victorian Police are investigating.

I have lodged a criminal complaint under the Crimes Act 1958 Sect 21A - Stalking

The probable outcome of this case will be extradition to face trial and a possible jail term.

The troll knows this and appears terrified that his extensive criminal activity is catching up with him.

It is my informed opinion that he will say and do absolutely anything to avoid prosecution.

Third, I will introduce you to a major problem that you must solve.

What I am about to tell you may seem unbelievable. However, this is real you must engage without bias.

To begin with, this troll has already succeed in grooming two young Danish journo interns to publish a story in a major daily.

This story was biased and libelous, full of false material with the whole operation apparently dictated by this masterly persuasive troll.

I believe that this troll has now successfully recruited at least two AGE reporters to help him smear my good name. My belief is that he seeks to create the ironic perception that he himself is a victim, and do it before his case comes to trial.

It is in his interests to damage my credibility as a reliable witness, and two of your staff appear to have agreed to help him do this.

I have good reason to believe that these two AGE staff intend to publish an attack piece on me, with its contents dictated by this troll.

One of these AGE reporters has already used lies and deceit in his attempt to get information from me, thus breaching AGE and journalist ethics.

The other has bullied and harassed me, demanding I answer a series of trap questions that can only have come from this troll and his defamatory website.

It is very clear to me these AGE reporters have at least a strong negative bias and almost certainly have an agenda to damage my good reputation.

What cannot be denied is that they are pursuing this story in the full knowledge that they are representing the position of a man who faces criminal proceedings.

They are also pursuing this attack on me despite having been provided with a significant amount of publicly available evidence on the criminal reputation of this troll.

It is clear to me that your AGE journalists have ignored all this evidence in what looks to me a case of cognitive dissonance: they refuse to accept the truth despite the evidence.

Your AGE journalists have been advised many times in writing that the Police do not want this story published as it will potentially jeopardise their criminal investigation.

It would also jeopardise my right to natural justice, further damage my personal and professional reputation and attempt to undermine my credibility as a witness in this case.

Last, I will leave you with important questions needing immediate answers

Why is THE AGE, a respected, informed and balanced national paper that I have always respected, engaging in smear to support the proven false claims of a known international cyberstalker?

Why would THE AGE deliberately engage in character assassination of a respected Australian citizen and long term victim of criminal activity on behalf of a known cyberstalking troll facing criminal investigation?

Why would THE AGE deliberately prejudice a criminal case by engaging in biased - even vindictive - reporting based on false and misleading information that demonstrably has no merit?

Yes, while this must seem utterly absurd and improbable, it's actually happening in your Melbourne office, and you need to act today. I am happy to provide you with full details.

Please be advised I have already sent detailed information and an official request to your CEO, Greg Hyward, and Chairman, Nick Falloon, and to the journalists concerned, apparently to no avail.

I have tried every way I reasonably could to help Fairfax fix this extremely serious problem, but apparently neither the Chairman or the CEO takes this seriously or cares in any way about it.

In my view Fairfax have been given every reasonable opportunity to take responsibility for this, and fix it, and yet has failed to do so.

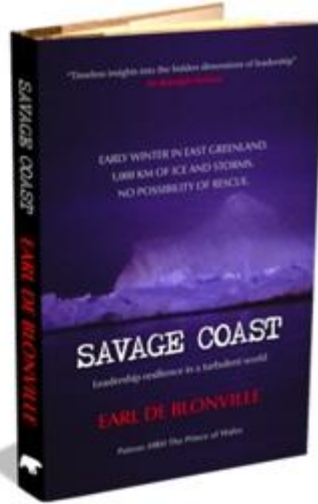
I reserve all my rights, including the rights to my story, and all my legal remedies in this case.

Earl de Blonville

Copies of this request for action are being sent independently under separate cover to:

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