



(Incorporating Children's Media Watch)

**Our Vision: a media Environment in NZ that is safe for all: free of gratuitous sex, violence and offensive language. So parents can trust what their children see.**

## EDITORIAL:

**THE EMPLOYMENT COURT IN NZ HAS HEARD SOME RATHER SHAMING EVIDENCE FROM MICROBIOLOGIST DR SIOUXIE WILES ABOUT THE ON-LINE ABUSE TO WHICH SHE WAS SUBJECT FOR HER MEDIA COMMENTARY DURING THE COVID19 PANDEMIC**

The court was told that Wiles had her home address and contact details leaked online and was compared to Adolf Hitler, a Satanist, excrement, an evil narcissist, a cockroach and a psychopath.



She had also been threatened with hanging, rape, long jail terms, sexual violation and execution, her lawyer Catherine Stewart told the court. Her examples of harassment were born out by other Auckland University academics including Professor Sean Hendy and Professor Rod Jackson

They are not the only people who have been subjected to this kind of Hate Speech.



**International Rugby ref Wayne Barnes, has given up his on field role** because of what he told the BBC (Stuff 9/11/23). In an interview, Barnes said threats towards his family crossed a line and that Hate Speech abuse is getting

worse. "When people make threats against your wife and kids, they should be held to account and punished," Barnes said.

All Black coach Ian Foster did not join the pile-on, saying "At the end of the day... we've got to have a perspective about this," "It's a tough game to referee, there's a lot of pressure on.

"Wayne's a quality person and has been a quality referee for a long, long time"

Barnes is also a Barrister, so he knows about on-line Hate Speech, which crosses a "legal line" but of course in NZ, there isn't one.



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## QUIPS & QUOTES

**"We're trying to get the weather to improve"** Dan Corbett, TVNZ weather man

**"They're quintessential good bastards, who get out of warm beds on stormy nights and go and look for strangers"** Bill Day on Search and Rescue crews



**"I'm not religious ...but there's a sense that he's just over the horizon and the love that somebody like that leaves behind...that's for safe-keeping."** Footrot Flats Creator Murray Ball's son Mason on his deceased dad's legacy

**"Its vital not to equate Hamas with all Palestinians or Muslims. Its imperative not to equate Israel's military response with all Israelis or Jews"** Paul Hunt, Chief Human Rights Commissioner

**"Unless you've walked a mile in another person's shoes, you probably shouldn't comment on what they do right or wrong "** Stuff columnist Ben Kepes on Letters to the Editor

**"Her life is a reminder that no matter who we are, our legacies are best measured not in awards or accolades, but in the lives we touch"** Michelle Obama on the passing of fellow First Lady Rosalind Carter)



**WINSTON PETERS** has, as usual captured headlines off more worthy subjects than the one he has chosen, by his attack on Public Media, namely NZ ON AIR, TVNZ and RNZ, at the end of the first cabinet meeting of the 54th Parliament. (Tuesday 29-11)

However, he has drawn attention to an important gap in the current Government's programme, the overhaul of Media Regulation dumped by the Hipkins administration, which has left those agencies with a 30 year old and no-longer-fit-for-purpose oversight regime.

This means New Zealanders STILL have no protection against Hate Speech and On-Line abuse, and way behind the rest of the world in heading off the Global Cowboys like those specialising in excessive violence and, the objectification of women. Their profit-at-any-price incursions have pulled audiences away from responsible media and rendered them unprofitable.

**MR LUXON PROJECTS AN IMAGE OF A FAMILY MAN AND SO WE AWAIT EVIDENCE THAT HE STANDS FOR DECENCY, RESPECT FOR THE YOUNG AND THE VULNERABLE, AND PROTECTION OF CORNERSTONE VALUES.**



No-one has called out Hate Speech so sternly in NZ as former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who led an international protest against on line abuse, alongside

French President Macron, labelled 'The Christchurch Call'.

*Perceived around the world as a popular and effective leader, she was apparently driven from office because, in part, there were no legislative curbs on it. This is a disgrace but its not on the shoulders of the key board warriors, but on successive governments, which have effectively licenced Hate Speech by failing to curb it..*

*This demonstrates an ignorance of what the public of NZ actually think.*

*A report produced by Netsafe earlier this year shows that nearly 80% of those who use social media don't trust it*

*CEO Brent Carey says it has become a hub for misinformation. (Scoop.co.nz, May 2023May 2023), and in the just released report of the Broadcasting Standards Authority, which doesn't allow 80% of public complaints, nevertheless declares that their powers need an urgent upgrade to deal with Internet harm, including bullying, stalking, exploitation and death threats.*

**OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES IN PLACE TO LIMIT OR BAN HATE SPEECH ON LINE BUT IN NZ ITS FREE FOR ALL, A WILD WEST, AND TWO OF THE PARTIES FORMING THE NEW NZ GOVERNMENT OPPOSE ANY SUCH RESTRICTION. WORSE STILL, ELEMENTS OF OUR LOCAL MEDIA APPARENTLY SIDE WITH THE GLOBAL COWBOYS, BECAUSE THEY CLAIM THAT LEGAL CURBS ON INTERNET ABUSE RESTRICT FREEDOM OF SPEECH.**

**SO IN NZ, THREATENING TO KILL PEOPLE IS FREEDOM OF SPEECH?**



# REVIEW!!!

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