

David Jones                      Kristy Fraser-Kirk

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Statement from Kristy Fraser-Kirk re Sunday Telegraph story.

“Concerning the Sunday Telegraph article regarding my employment history, I have always believed that it is the right of all women to feel safe in the workplace – we shouldn’t have to ask for that respect.

Since my case, I have had many messages of support from women who say they wished they had spoken up when similar things had happened to them. I am very grateful for all the support from these wonderful women.

I realised that by my taking this public stand, I would be subject to attack and smear. I am prepared to take that if this vital issue can be brought to light, talked about and entrenched cultures changed for the better.

As I have already said, I am asking the Court to award punitive damages against David Jones, not because of what was done to me, but because of the entrenched culture over time that allowed it to happen, a culture that failed to protect me and other women. All punitive damages, if awarded, will go to a charity assisting persons in the area of sexual harassment and bullying.

As to selling my story to the media, numerous media have offered to buy my story for an exclusive. All of those media, including the Sunday Telegraph, have been politely told that I am not asking for money for my story.

Finally, I want to thank all of those who are being so supportive on this vital issue and I want to reassure them that I will not be deterred by smear and innuendo. In fact it makes me stronger and convinces me that I am doing the right thing.

ENDS

Kristy is not available at this time for interview.

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