

Damian Trehwella

From: Damian Trehwella
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2017 2:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Critical situation, GR
Importance: High

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Dearest GR –

It's such an awful situation that the STC and Daily Telegraph have jointly brought about – utterly diabolical.

I sincerely hope you are holding up ok – it's a storm full of a lot of bullshit that will pass.

I write as unfortunately we are being swept up and almost smashed in the storm. Whilst matters to do with the STC are entirely unrelated to us we are fast becoming collateral damage as a result of our association and the timing.

Our entire activities are being overshadowed by the STC/DT matter and our awards next week are in serious jeopardy (stakeholders of all sorts are piling on massive pressure – as they don't know what the facts of the matter are because STC/DT have stirred up so much).

We need to request extremely respectfully that you step aside until this matter resolves (it is not a resignation merely as 'step-aside' so STC/DT issue does not further affect AACTA).

If we could achieve that – with the statement coming from you, our awards next week would have a chance of survival.

I've drafted the following potential message from you – completely aimed to frame things in the genuinely Presidential and statesmen like manner that I've observed all of your actions in the long time I've known you.

Draft GR statement:

While my reputation is being challenged, it is unreasonable that my professional colleagues should suffer similarly.

Therefore I have decided that given the current situation, I should step aside as President of AACTA until these matters are resolved.

I have already expressed my support for a safe workplace environment, and I deny these allegations, but I believe that the decision to make a clean break while investigations continue is the correct one.

We unfortunately need to make a statement such as this by tomorrow at latest. I can explain to you at length but essentially all our foundations are crumbling due to the close association the STC/DT has to our AACTA Screen Week which starts on Sunday.

Please call me as helpful to discuss as we urgently need to achieve something to this effect.

Very best,
DT

Damian Trehwella
Chief Executive Officer



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Rush v Nationwide News Pty Ltd
FILE NO: NSD 2179 OF 2017
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