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Sent By Email:
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Kia ora Matthew,

Request to be Interviewed

I have received several reports on your shows yesterday.

1. I would love to come on your show.

As a radio news station I would be keen to appear so we can have a dialogue about the allegations you raised about me yesterday. This as you know is normal for any credible news outlet. I'm sure you fall into that category.

Dale said on the show you were prepared to "debate these discussions anytime, anywhere, any place". **I am honoured to accept your challenge.**

This will allow you to vigorously question me. This will be very informative for your audience. I'd love to have both your brother Mike and you as co-hosts with me as your guest.

Your Independence

I note Tania sits on Radio Waatea's board making her effectively Dale's and your boss. Your brother Mike is the Deputy Chief Executive of MUMA making her his direct boss. Do you think her being your boss compromises your professionalism or the show's journalist integrity?

In addition I was advised today that you are one of the parties suing the former chair of MUMA and Radio Waatea. Is that true? Did you inform your audience? Does that compromise you?

Tania Travel Gift?

This is a minor matter but needs addressing. You promote that Tania paid for my airfare to visit my dying sister as an act of kindness. This is deliberately taken out of context. It was a favour to Tania not to me. My sister was expected to die in the next 24 hours. I organised to drive to see her and stay a few days.

Unfortunately Tania wanted me to attend an important stakeholders meeting the next morning. She asked if I could attend if MUMA paid my airfare down and back by the next morning. The meeting was important so I agreed. There was no generosity on this matter. I drove down the following day anyway so it didn't save me any time or money. To now have this publicly promoted as an act of grace on Tania's part is uninformed.

Cunning Union Plan

You incredulously claim I worked at MUMA so I could build a union in a workplace of less than 100 employees? Workplaces have to be over 200 union members to be viable. As a rule my union does not organise worksites. We help individual workers who have been bullied.

But given you have raised the role of the union at MUMA, we could talk about why MUMA wanted to join my union. workers need a unions on your show? That discussion would be good pivot as a result of the allegations raised yesterday.

Complaints

You spent the last two days claiming I'm a liar after I claimed I had 19 credible and serious complaints. I can confirm I have verified 19 complaints that could have been elevated to personal grievances over the past few months. I didn't want to release them publicly but I would be happy to raise them on your show as an exclusive if you wish. That excludes the two personal grievances Radio Waatea is currently dealing with.

Loan

This is not true. However I believe my commercial relationship with Dame June Jackson would be a great topic for discussion on your show.

My Acceptance

You have made a point of saying I was telling lies. So I hope your invitation to meet me anywhere, anytime and anyplace was not a lie to your audience?

A gruelling from Mike and you on Waatea would be riveting. We could go through all my allegations and I could be held account by you. However in return I will also look forward to holding you and your brother to account.

Please let me know where, time and place? I'll be there.

Nga mihi



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