



Public Statement

Tuesday, August 27

On Friday August 23, two representatives of Stockland Trust Group contacted myself and threatened legal action over the contents of the Sandon Point Website. The Sandon Point website was created to highlight many of the issues and concerns the local community have with the proposed development at Sandon Point, between Bulli and Thirroul, in NSW.

[More details of these issues are available on the website.]

Since the initial representation made to myself, Nick Duncan, Stockland Residential Estates Manager, has made a number of comments and claims regarding the content of the website. One claim is that the website suggests people take the 'fight' to his home and involve his family, including young children, and that this 'is disgraceful and beyond contempt.' (Illawarra Mercury, August 26)

Whilst I am not responsible for the content of the website, I find these allegations to be false, misleading, contemptuous and reprehensible. Neither myself, nor anyone involved in the creation of the website, or those who contribute to the content of the website have ever made any such suggestions and no such material has ever appeared on the website.

Given the personal involvement of Nick Duncan, other employees of Stockland Trust Group, its subsidiaries, J K Williams, Martin Morris & Jones, and a number of other companies/individuals involved in cultural genocide, environmental destruction and community bastardry at Sandon Point, the hypocrisy of these claims is evident.

Further comments by Nick Duncan regarding 'the violence that occurs at the protests' are also misleading. The only violence that has occurred during demonstrations at Sandon Point have been undertaken by persons in the employ, either directly or indirectly, of Stockland Trust Group, its subsidiaries, or associates in the proposed development. Photographic evidence of a number of incidences have appeared the Illawarra Mercury and the Daily Telegraph, and no action has yet been undertaken despite community requests. The Community picket has also been fire-bombed on two occasions.

Based on the false and misleading nature of allegations levelled at the website, and the insinuations on myself, I call on Nick Duncan to personally and publicly apologise for misrepresenting my character. Further, I call on the Illawarra Mercury to publish this information and provide a retraction for printing these unsubstantiated and false claims.

The Sandon Point website can be viewed at www.sandon-point.org.au

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Regards

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