



## Appendix 21

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Dear Sir/Madam

#### **Attorney-General v Thompson**

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We act for the Attorney-General of Victoria.

#### **Request to remove defamatory & contemptuous materials**

We request that a website you host, <http://courtsontrial.com/>, be taken down until material that is defamatory or in contempt of court has been removed.

#### **Defamation**

The entirety of the website is dedicated to making defamatory allegations against Justice Osborn and Justice Garde of the Supreme Court of Victoria, including allegations of fraudulent, corrupt and criminal behaviour. We note that the website also makes allegations against numerous other persons.

#### **Contempt of court**

The material on the website also constitutes contempt of court by scandalising the court. It denigrates justices of the court so as to undermine public confidence in the administration of justice.

#### **Liability of internet platform providers**

We note that recent authority indicates that an internet platform provider can be regarded as responsible for material posted by platform users if the provider permits the offending material to remain on its platform after it has been notified of the material's presence and has had a reasonable time within which to act to remove the material: see, for example, *Tamiz v Google Inc* [2013] 1 WLR 2151; *Trkulja v Google Inc LLC (No 5)* [2012] VSC 533.

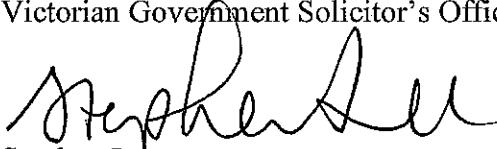
#### **Formal request**

In the circumstances, we request that you take down the offending website as soon as possible.

We await your prompt response.

Yours faithfully

Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Lee', written over the printed name.

Stephen Lee

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