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**Date:** 1/2/2011  
**To:** Lee-Anne Raymond <leeanneart@iinet.net.au>, Demetrios Vakras <vakras@iinet.net.au>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Demetrious Vakras and Lee-Anne Raymond

Hi,

Please find below letter from iinet's lawyer in response to my letter.

I have also forwarded this to Renee.

Please email me your thoughts once reviewed.

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Tony [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]@herbertgeer.com.au>  
**Date:** 1/3/2011 10:03 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@mediaartslawyers.com>  
**Subject:** Demetrious Vakras and Lee-Anne Raymond

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

As discussed, we act for iiNet.

As you are aware, lawyers acting for Robert Cripps have on several occasions put iiNet on notice of their client's intention to add iiNet to the defamation proceedings instituted by their client against your clients. Mr Cripps has claimed that material posted by your clients on websites hosted by iiNet defames him. His lawyers stated iiNet was publishing the material through hosting the website and if the allegedly defamatory material was not removed, iiNet would be added to the proceedings.

As discussed, iiNet does not wish to be added as a defendant to the proceedings. Having no knowledge of Mr Cripps or the events that transpired between Mr Cripps and your clients beyond the material on your clients' website, it would be extremely difficult for iiNet to defend Mr Cripps' claim. iiNet would in effect be forced to rely upon your clients' ability to defend the proceedings. We do not consider that this is an acceptable position.

iiNet does not object to your clients' website and is happy to host it on the basis that your clients refrain from posting material that may be considered defamatory, particularly in regards to Mr Cripps. We ask that you confirm that your clients agree to this position.

Regards

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