

WHISTLEBLOWER FALLS FOUL OF A-G HULLS



Victorian A-G Robert Hulls wanted to implement "Whistleblower" legislation when Labor won power — now he wants to jail leading "whistleblower" on police and judicial corruption, Raymond Hoser.

The Victorian Parliament has recently passed the Racial and Religious Intolerance Bill in the Lower House and in the Upper House on June 14, which is a complete and diabolical act to suppress "freedom of speech and expression". However, the circumstances surrounding the case of A-G Robert Hulls charging whistleblower Raymond Hoser not only show this suppression being used already, but it appears it is being used and abused. To our knowledge, there has not been a case of somebody being jailed for publishing the 'TRUTH', and for A-G Hulls to attempt to do this on the basis of that truth exposing judicial corruption as a basis for a "contempt of court" charge, makes a total mockery of the "justice system".

A media release put out by author Ray Hoser has been ignored by the major media in Melbourne, even though they have been guilty of plagiarising some of Hoser's books in articles they have presented. The following comments inside quotation marks are extracted directly from the media release:

"In an Australian first and in a step reminiscent of Stalinist Russia, Victoria's Attorney-General Rob Hulls has instructed his government to initiate proceedings against Australia's leading corruption author Raymond Hoser with a view to having him imprisoned.

"Hulls has just issued writs against Hoser and his publishing company Kotabi over their 2 year-old books Victoria Police Corruption 1 and 2, (which between them total 1,536 pages).

"These books were best-sellers before Hulls ordered them off the bookshelves last year in all Australian states (a year after publication).

"Now, two years after publication and with total sales over 10,000 copies, Hulls has again instructed his lawyers to sue Hoser and his publisher for 'contempt'.

"The charge of 'contempt' alleges that Hoser and publisher have 'scandalised' the Victorian courts.

"The same allegation was pursued unsuccessfully against Hoser in a related defamation action in April 2000, when Justice Bill Gillard ruled the application as improper and awarded costs in Hoser's favour.

"Several months later, Hoser signed off on an agreement not to pursue these costs on the basis that all actions against him would be dropped. Now, six months later, Hulls has broken the agreement and initiated fresh legal action against Hoser and his publisher.

"If the case is successful, Hoser will once again be jailed for doing nothing more

than telling the truth."

From the above comments it would appear that A-G Hulls with his actions has a distinct chance of creating a situation which is likely to scandalise the office of the A-G and tarnish even further the perception that politicians are not honest and cannot be trusted (T/S editor).

"The same thing happened to Hoser in 1997 when he was improperly convicted of perjury.

"In relation to that matter, the main prosecution witness John Connell later admitted that he'd deliberately lied to have Hoser jailed. Hoser has yet to receive compensation for the four months he spent behind bars.

"The new Hulls writ cites various statements in Hoser's books about Magistrates and judges as potentially scandalising the courts. Hoser notes that the statements referred to have long been on the public record, and in the main are derived from the government's own official transcripts.

"Furthermore, late last year the Hulls side conceded that the relevant sections of the books (as cited in this latest writ) were totally true and correct.

"Hoser's lawyer Alex Tees, also notes that an important part of the British legal system is that the courts should be open to public scrutiny and comment. This same view was upheld in an unsuccessful contempt action against Trevor Torney (known as Torney ex parte) in the High Court last year and other similar cases.

Hoser fined and jailed and to effectively close-down Kotabi Publishing, who up until now have been regarded as one of Australia's leading independent publishers. This initial court hearing was a directions hearing for setting of lodging of documents and setting of a hearing date sometime in July for a date to be set to determine if and when a date will be set for trial.

"Hoser and his publisher note that this latest case is yet another attempt to unlawfully ban a pair of important corruption books — all the more significant as large chunks of information from within the books have since been re-reported in the mainstream papers as well as other books including "Underbelly 4" by Silvester and Rule and "No Justice" by Bowles.

"The irony is that here in Victoria, Bank Robbers and drug pushers are allowed to roam free, while the government is plying it's vast resources into having a man jailed for doing nothing more than documenting the truth."

An updated media release from Raymond Hoser is worded as follows (Hoser's words are inside "" quotation marks again).

"Author Raymond Hoser facing jail for telling truth — update May 30 2 PM "Herald-Sun and Age newspapers refuse to report major news story.

The Herald-Sun, Melbourne's major newspaper has apparently black-banned reporting on the actions by A-G Rob Hulls to jail Hoser for printing the truth in his corruption books (Victoria Police Corruption 1 and 2).

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"However, in a complete repudiation of the Westminster tradition, Hulls is now seeking to gag all public debate in relation to the courts.

"This latest attempt at censorship comes in the immediate wake of the resignation of Hulls' personal friend and colleague, County Court Judge Robert Kent, who was recently convicted of tax charges. Hoser notes that the delays on Hulls' part in terminating Kent's employment by the court, 'scandalised' the court far more than all that appears in Hoser's books. (Kent ended up resigning on 24 May following a series of newspaper editorials calling on him to do so).

"Perhaps Hulls himself should be charged with scandalising the court."

The first round in the battle was at the Melbourne Supreme Court on Wednesday (30 May 2001), when Hulls' taxpayer funded legal team applied to the court to have

"According to chief Police reporter Peter Mickleborough, Hoser is entitled to be jailed because he "has written unfavourable comments about the Herald-Sun". Mickleborough went on to say that he didn't want his paper's readers to know about the case as freedom of speech matters were "not of interest to them".

"We beg to differ!" "At the Age, they are similarly pleased to see Hoser jailed because about a year ago he successfully sued them and won \$10,000 after they plagiarised material from one of his ground-breaking books. It seems that they haven't yet got over that!

"Of course the 'hacks' at both papers fail to realise that if a precedent is set for author Raymond Hoser to be jailed for telling the truth, other authors and publishers, including themselves could be similarly jailed and/or bankrupted for doing the same thing

— reporting the truth.

"Just yesterday, Rob Hulls' personal media director Mr Joel Dean told a Canberra based journalist that Hoser would be litigated and liquidated because his books had undermined public confidence in the legal system.

"On the front page of today's papers is the leaked story of how Dean's superior, Rob Hulls had allegedly improperly plotted to remove the former Chief Magistrate Michael Adams. John Fergusson of the Herald-Sun reported that his own investigation into the Adams affair had also revealed a bitter Parliament House confrontation between Mr Adams and Mr Hulls about six months before the former chief magistrate was forced to resign.

"Mr Adams has accused Mr Hulls of telling him at the meeting he would never have appointed him as chief magistrate as well as branding him 'a disgrace'.

"Furthermore Mr. Adams said that he was amazed when he was confronted by Mr Hulls in a Parliament House office in April 2000, in front of one of the Attorney-General's staff.

"Mr Adams claims Mr Hulls called him a 'disgrace' and attacked him in the meeting for being too close to former Liberal Attorney-General Jan Wade.

"These actions by Hulls himself have done far more to destabilise and scandalise the legal system in Victoria than any books published by Raymond Hoser.

"It appears that Hulls is now pursuing a witch-hunt or personal vendetta against Raymond Hoser in his campaign to liquidate and jail him.

"Today in the Supreme Court, Hulls' lawyer the pugnacious Stephen Lee of the VGS tabled a series of documents stating that Hulls wanted Hoser to be bankrupted, jailed and put out of circulation by the State Government, because he was regarded as their enemy.

"Justice Barry Beach confirmed that Hulls would probably get what he wants.

"This is no surprise as the judge who will hear the case is in fact one of Hulls junior employees and therefore unlikely to side against their superior officer.

(Employees usually do what their bosses ask of them.)"

(How can a Judge make such a comment before the case has been heard? T/S Ed.)

"In other words it appears that Hoser is facing a Kangaroo Court of the first degree."

"It's not so much that Hoser's books are undermining public confidence in the legal system, so much as these belated attempts to forcibly silence Hoser and ban his books that put the legal system into disrepute.

"In yet another move reminiscent of Hitler's Nazi regime, Hulls' side indicated that they sought an order making it illegal for people to possess Hoser books and that people who did not hand in their copies of Victoria Police Corruption to the authorities would face the penalties including jail if caught with a copy.

"As a final note, when Joel Dean was asked by another person about the fact that jailing Hoser and seizing his assets may leave his wife alone and on the street with a 2 year old toddler and a week old baby, he allegedly retorted "I don't give a s.t — I hope that they die there!"

"When asked if these were also the same views as Rob Hulls, he said "Yes. That's what he wants as well".

Copies of the earlier media release on this landmark case and the writ and other key documents can be seen online at:

<http://www.smuggled.com/VGS1.htm> by following the relevant links.



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