



# 2011 Residents' Association Inc.

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Dear Lawrence,

Thank you for your email dated 23 October 2017 offering to make amends -- for publishing an incorrect statement (in *City Hub*, 18 October 2017 [online edition] and 19 October 2017 [print edition]) regarding the 2011 Residents Association, namely it was reported that the 2011 Residents Association told "**City Hub they were disgruntled about not being consulted by council in the first place**" -- by researching, writing and publishing in a forthcoming edition any topic of our choosing.

Our members at a meeting on 6 November resolved to **reject your offer**. Below are the primary reasons for our decision:

- The fact still remains that the Association was incorrectly quoted and the proposed article would not correct the record.
- *City Hub* is avoiding the fact that they did knowingly publish inaccurate information about the Association.
- It is accepted practice that a newspaper will publish a correction where a false or incorrect statement has been made.
- Limited editorial space does not appear to be a relevant argument for being unable to print a correction, given the offer to print another article of our choosing.
- The argument for not being able to print a correction is not substantiated with a clear rationale.

It is noted that the online edition has been corrected by removing not just the offending phrase but by removing all references to the 2011 Residents Association Inc.

Alex Eugene wrote on 21 October 2017: "***I will look elsewhere in future for article comments. Your association's views are not required.***"

Our members felt statements sought from our Association by your newspaper had given some credibility in the eyes of reasonable readers to the false statements made about our views.

Such false statements have a tendency to fuel community divisiveness and as such are counterproductive to creating a society of inclusiveness and mutual benefit.

Alex Eugene has on a previous occasion made an incorrect report concerning the 2011 Residents Association prior to the article of 18/19 October 2017. In an article dated 12 July 2017, also dealing with the lockouts, she wrote:

*“The 2011 Residents Group want the lockout bans extended to more areas. But the government has no such plans”*

That statement is false. The 2011 Residents Association does not have such a policy. The information unfairly portrayed us in a negative light.

From information provided to us by the Media Entertainment Arts Alliance (MEAA), Alex Eugene is not a member of MEAA and neither *City Hub* nor the Altmedia Group are constituent bodies of the Australian Press Council.

The importance of honest, accurate reporting is critical to informing people of the realities of the world in which they live. **We ask that in future publications you take care to do this.**

Yours faithfully,

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