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**Statement from Tim Worner, CEO, Seven West Media on today's Federal Court decision**

Today's decision represents a victory for free speech given that our hard working and award winning news and public affairs team and people at The West Australian and Pacific Magazines were only doing their job in reporting on a matter of wide public interest.

We abhor the notion that it is apparently fine to seize journalists' correspondence, notes or contact lists.

Today's decision in the Federal Court underlines our commitment to the reporting and telling of stories that matter.

I would like to acknowledge Bruce McWilliam and his legal team at Seven West Media, and also Justine Munsie at our legal firm Addisons, for their work, commitment and pursuit on this.

More personally, I am glad any implied mark against Seven has been removed, given at all times we were co-operating with the AFP in providing material. This has now been accepted.

Additionally, a number of staff members were directly affected by what occurred, and we as a company are sorry they were upset in this unreasonable way. We thank them also for their ongoing commitment to Seven.

We are all pleased by the result, although unfortunately it has been a very painful distraction.