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Yours sincerely,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 February 2020 1:19 PM **To:** Jo Miller; Caryn Ellis; Helen Oram

**Subject:** RE: UN right about 'human rights' housing crisis, but wrong about the solution |

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Hi all,

Please see the Mayor's comments on this:

https://twitter.com/Campbell Barry/status/1232097310202421248?s=20.

Cheers, Jarred

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Cc: Rebecca Stevenson < rebecca.stevenson@stuff.co.nz >

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We acknowledge your concern that the Eric Crampton comment is provocative.

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Mr Crampton's reference to the Nuremberg Defence, while confronting, was intended to draw attention to an important issue and encourage a wider conversation.

We had no reason to doubt the genuineness of the opinions Mr Crampton expressed and therefore we stand by the column.

Kind regards,

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Hi

Mr Crampton clearly hasn't apprised himself of the facts but likes to sensationalise.

The facts are that we weren't saying Voss couldn't have the house. We were saying he needed to apply for a building consent so we could make sure it was safe and a resource consent re effects.

And, of course, he took us to court, not the other around.

Crampton is here and is going to speak around 10am.

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Karen Thomas < Karen. Thomas @solgm.org.nz >

Date: 25/02/20 9:03 AM (GMT+12:00)

To: Jo Miller «Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz», Caryn Ellis «Caryn.Ellis@huttcity.govt.nz»,

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Morena Jo,

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Jo, you are the employer of the staff at Hutt City and are certainly in the best position to defend them. It's a different matter of course to consider whether the policy that Helen was implementing needs reviewing and that's probably something that you should consider along with your elected Council. You would need to weigh up the backing of the Environment Court on the one hand with the current debate around the housing shortage and the causes of it.

Finally I would say this - conflict is the essence of what "sells" stories in our media - there might be things that you need to say to Dr Crampton so chose your medium in order to get maximum benefit for the points you want to make, while minimising fallout on Hutt City.

Ngā mihi nui Karen Thomas CMInstD Chief Executive

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You have right on your side H You ok with me fighting this?

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This cannot go unchallenged.

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> > Hi all,

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#### Dear All

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From: Jo Miller

Sent:Tuesday, 25 February 2020 3:45 PMTo:Roeland van den Bergh; Eric JanssenCc:Rebecca Stevenson; Caryn Ellis

**Subject:** Re: UN right about 'human rights' housing crisis, but wrong about the solution |

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#### Dear All

Thank you for getting back to me Roeland.

Whilst I acknowledge your response, I'm unhappy with it. Whilst Mr Crampton's opinion may be honestly held, that doesn't mean that it isn't crass and grossly unfair to a public servant who has no way to defend herself in response to this attack. It's also factually incorrect and I have advised my employee of this. There may be defamation issues for her and she is consulting with her advisers.

Nobody here has denied anyone a house . Rather a public servant going about the normal course of her daily duties has simply required an individual to gain the relevant legal consents in accordance with the laws of the land . The individual then took the council to court and my employee , again on the course of her duties , explained the council's position .

The article you have published and for

which you are responsible has an illogical argument that demonstrates a limited understanding of the issues. It seems to be suggesting that tiny house builders have some form of exemption from obtaining a building or resource consent, even though every other member of the public must comply with these regulatory issues (it is not clear how that would work).

On that analysis, occupants, visitors and neighbours to these buildings would be subject to potentially substandard building safety standards (eg. fire and sanitation). These factors would potentially equally raise human rights issues that have not been considered.

The article then goes on to suggest that my employee who cannot defend herself is a human rights violator and equates her actions as a public servant applying the laws of the land, as public servants do every day, to those of a Nazi war criminal.

However honestly held this opinion is , and in my view it is nonsense , it's not ok to publish this without right of redress . It has caused significant distress here .

Eric , please treat my original email to you and this email as a formal complaint to Stuff and The Dominion Post to be dealt with within your formal complaints mechanisms please .

Thank you.

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On 25/02/2020, at 2:22 PM, Roeland van den Bergh <roeland.vandenbergh@stuff.co.nz> wrote:

Dear Jo,

We acknowledge your concern that the Eric Crampton comment is provocative.

The column is, however, Mr Crampton's honestly held opinion and clearly marked as 'opinion'.

The column reflects his frustration at the lack of progress in resolving New Zealand's housing shortage crisis and, in his opinion, the part that local councils and the judiciary play in that.

Mr Crampton's reference to the Nuremberg Defence, while confronting, was intended to draw attention to an important issue and encourage a wider conversation.

We had no reason to doubt the genuineness of the opinions Mr Crampton expressed and therefore we stand by the column.

Kind regards,

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