Response from Lisa Muxworthy, Editor-in-Chief, News.com.au:

News.com.au has a long and strident history of exposing abuse against women such as the Let Her Speak campaign championing Grace Tame and other victims of crime and, more recently, our Justice Shouldn't Hurt editorial series which led to legislative change for children involved in sexual abuse matters.

We believe a clear public interest exists in reporting the issue of vile social media trolls and the damage they cause regardless of whether victims are public figures or not.

Choosing to not report on this issue or to ignore it sets a poor precedent that could help ensure appropriate action to address these actions fails to occur in future.