

**Response from Chris Dore, Editor-in-Chief, The Australian:**

I wouldn't characterise the performance as bullying, but it certainly was a ludicrously odd reaction to a feature originally published in The Sunday Times.

As far as we can make out, the High Commission made no effort to directly contact us; I never received the letter, although the Twitter post was drawn to my attention.

I have no intention of responding to what is essentially a Twitter post, but generally I welcome conventional approaches from the subjects of any of our stories to discuss issues that might arise from our reporting.

I don't have a problem with robust exchanges of opinion about our journalism. I would encourage it actually. It's a shame we don't have more mature conversations in the media; debate these days tends to get very personal and therefore unproductive.

In relation to India specifically, I am not aware of any previous exchanges of this kind.