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Statement from Craig Kelly, United Australia Party:

**What is the current state of these proceedings?**

A "Concerns Notice" (the first step required in commencing proceedings under Australian Defamation Law) has formally been issued.

**Has a statement of claim been filed?**

A subsequent Statement of Claim cannot be filed with the Court until after a 28 day period has lapsed following the issuing of a Concerns Notice, but no later than 1 year after the publication of the defamatory material in question.

**Do you intend to continue with your legal action against them? And, if so, when?**

The next step will be the subject of their response to the Concerns Notice issued. However, I would note that I've had a gutful of this rubbish and I'm drawing a line in the sand. The paper is complete junk, it draws conclusions without evidence and fails to give a single example of the alleged "misinformation". The authors' comments completely overstep the mark, not only making the false assertion that I'd spread misinformation (as everything I've ever posted has been backed by evidence, expert opinion and/or published science) but the author's comments go further, asserting that I'd intentionally spread 'disinformation' knowing it to be false - an assertion made without a shred of evidence.