

Comment from Justin Quill, partner with law firm Thomson Geer:

Frankly, I don't think Lehrmann has a good case. First, the media generally reported Higgins' allegations as that – allegations. Second, if he brought action against the media or Higgins, he would have to give evidence and subject himself and his story to cross examination which he was able to avoid in the criminal matter. Third, the case against him would not have to be proved beyond reasonable doubt because the civil standard is lower.

Lehrmann suing would be a case of a man going back in to the lion's den to retrieve his hat!

It's possible that Lehrmann wants people to think he is going to sue so as to ensure media reporting in the future is more favourable to him.