

**Response from Lachlan Heywood, Executive Editor, Daily Mail Australia:**

Daily Mail Australia will continue to report on and call out social media trolls for their vile behaviour as it sees fit. This was a legitimate story of public interest.

The trolling of public figures is not an issue that should be swept under the carpet and is something the ABC has itself chosen to report on.

In January, the ABC published the comments a vile troll made about retired tennis star turned commentator, Jelena Dokic.

In 2021, another article was published with Leigh Sales 'calling out the trolls'.

Frankly, it is not up to the censors in the ABC communications department to dictate what is news.

If that was the case, Australians would be limited to a very blinkered view of the world.