

**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
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Mr Lachlan Murdoch's lawyer, Mr John Churchill, said today that he had filed a notice of discontinuance in the defamation proceedings against Private Media, publisher of Crikey.

"It is a matter of public record that Crikey admits that there is no truth to the imputations that were made about Mr Murdoch in the article," Mr Churchill said.

"In their latest attempt to change their defence strategy, Crikey has tried to introduce thousands of pages of documents from a defamation case in another jurisdiction, which has now settled.

"In that case, in the US state of Delaware, the trial judge ruled the events of January 6, 2021, in the US Capitol, were not relevant. Further, the plaintiff Dominion Voting Systems made clear it would not argue that Fox News caused the events of January 6, and at no point did it ever argue that Mr Murdoch was personally responsible for the events of January 6. Yet this is what Crikey's article alleged and what Crikey is attempting to argue in Australia.

"Mr Murdoch remains confident that the court would ultimately find in his favour, however he does not wish to further enable Crikey's use of the court to litigate a case from another jurisdiction that has already been settled and facilitate a marketing campaign designed to attract subscribers and boost their profits," Mr Churchill said.