

Response from Lechelle Earl, Editor, The SE Voice:

We believe the stories in question are genuine news stories.

While they have been supplied by the office of our local federal MP, they are of genuine interest to our readers.

Yes we admit those stories were run under a journalist's byline, and perhaps this was an error on our behalf.

We do not believe we are in any way deceiving our readers by publishing press releases as news, as mentioned above they were wins for our community achieved by our local member.

We find the question about deceiving our readers to be insulting.