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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) has taken a stand on principle in respect of the lawsuit instituted on 31 January 2006 by the WJC and Israel Singer against Isi Leibler. ECAJ is the sole peak representative body of the Australian Jewish community embracing all sectors of our Community. Our membership is united on this issue.

We are only concerned with the continuing impact of this litigation on the WJC and world Jewry. We believe that the question must be asked:

"Is it good for the Jews or bad for the Jews?"

and answered :

"Whatever the result of the lawsuit might be, it is unquestionably bad for the Jews and will give succour and strength to our enemies"

I am taking the liberty of writing to you to advise you that the ECAJ has had the benefit of a direct discussion in person with Mr Herbits on 25 May 2006, following which we passed a resolution which is enclosed. We have also written to Mr Herbits to explain our position and that letter dated 29 May 2006 is also enclosed together with a short summary of the reasons for our principled stand. Our stand is based on an objective analysis of the facts as evidenced by the attached documents.

I would urge you to carefully consider those documents and to use your good offices to stop this destructive and counterproductive lawsuit so that the WJC can pursue its objectives without distractions and truly act in the best interests of world Jewry.

Contrary to what you may have been told, the fact that Isi Leibler is a former and outstanding President of the ECAJ is not the factor that motivates us on this matter. Nor are we puppets or Isi Leibler our puppet master as Mr Herbits has suggested in correspondence.

The WJC initiated this lawsuit; the WJC must now, as a matter of urgency, take whatever steps are necessary to stop it.

Yours sincerely,

Grahame J Leonard
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