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Author's intentions always were pure

FIRST I would like to thank Andrew Stoner Member for Oxley and leader of the NSW Nationals and Leslie Williams, The Nationals candidate for the seat of Port Macquarie, for their invaluable help in helping me launch my book Without Due Care - first in NSW Parliament house Sydney and second in the Hastings.

Nothing was too much for them and I am grateful for this.

Second, I would like to address some untrue and hurtful rumours circulating locally about my "motives" in writing the story of my husband's hospital treatment and subsequent death.

The insinuation that I wrote my book to make a lot of money is not only highly offensive it is a lie.

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they will win.
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I will never recover the financial outlay I chose to spend in the three-and-a-half year fight for justice culminating in Without Due Care.

I have given away more copies of the book than I have sold, so important do I consider the story it tells.

The thoughtless gossip that I am suing anybody, or will ever is a lie. In suing, once settlement is reached one must agree to a confidentiality clause meaning I would never be able to expose what was done to Don, also the three year window is up.

The suggestion that I wrote Without Due Care to make myself feel better as some sort of "psycho babble therapy" is ludicrous.

Having to edit and re edit dozens of times was not therapy, considering the nature of what was written.

And lastly the cruel inference that my husband Don would not approve of my writing about his suffering shows lack of insight into his personality.

His ethic was always to do the right thing because it was the right thing to do - something I have tried to live up to. I have total

family support in what I have done. What drives some people to such small-minded and ill-informed gossip?

Thankfully they are a minority and I am grateful for the amazing support from my community.

Those who assume they know the truth could read my book, available in the library and become informed rather than remain ignorant as to my motives.

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