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The Skeptic Zone
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00:00:23,230 --> 00:00:09,110
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:32,510 --> 00:00:27,460
yes it's the skeptic Zone episode number

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00:00:35,180 --> 00:00:32,520
184 the 31st of March 2012 Richard

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00:00:37,310 --> 00:00:35,190
Saunders here with you from beautiful

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00:00:39,740 --> 00:00:37,320
southern New South Wales along the

6
00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:39,750
Murray River not so far out of Aubrey

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00:00:43,400 --> 00:00:41,040
I'm here with my good friend and

8
00:00:46,090 --> 00:00:43,410
voiceover man for the skeptic zone Jim

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00:00:48,319 --> 00:00:46,100
Wilshire hi Jim Richard how he who I'm

10
00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:48,329
well because we just had a fabulous

11
00:00:52,790 --> 00:00:51,120
chicken dinner with chips and broccoli

12
00:00:55,369 --> 00:00:52,800
and I was just gorgeous but pretty good

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00:00:57,020 --> 00:00:55,379

Rosen is dangling now we're standing in

14

00:00:59,150 --> 00:00:57,030

your front yard listening to the

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00:01:01,610 --> 00:00:59,160

cockatoo screeching in the background

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00:01:04,399 --> 00:01:01,620

because we're waiting for the imminent

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00:01:07,250 --> 00:01:04,409

arrival and passing overhead of the

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00:01:09,770 --> 00:01:07,260

International Space Station the ISS is

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00:01:13,010 --> 00:01:09,780

on its way it is and where Stan if the

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00:01:15,560 --> 00:01:13,020

sun's just set Jupiter and Venus are

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00:01:17,780 --> 00:01:15,570

bright bright over there towards the

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00:01:20,090 --> 00:01:17,790

horizon the moon sort of not going to

23

00:01:22,910 --> 00:01:20,100

cause too much problem just see the last

24

00:01:26,030 --> 00:01:22,920

glow of the Sun this the sets I'm now

25

00:01:28,039 --> 00:01:26,040

and any minute as we gaze up towards the

26
00:01:31,880 --> 00:01:28,049
heavens which are looking more heavenly

27
00:01:34,100 --> 00:01:31,890
as we gaze more stars pop out I must say

28
00:01:37,249 --> 00:01:34,110
this part of the world where you live

29
00:01:38,899 --> 00:01:37,259
somewhat out of all bree is there's no

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00:01:43,179 --> 00:01:38,909
light pollution absolutely it's

31
00:01:46,219 --> 00:01:43,189
absolutely superb for night viewing

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00:01:49,460 --> 00:01:46,229
starveling stargazing you get the full

33
00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:49,470
experience of the Milky Way and all the

34
00:01:54,620 --> 00:01:53,280
stars brightly lit it's just makes you

35
00:01:56,240 --> 00:01:54,630
realize when you live in the city what

36
00:01:59,090 --> 00:01:56,250
you miss when you come here and of

37
00:02:01,069 --> 00:01:59,100
course the thing that still boggles my

38
00:02:03,620 --> 00:02:01,079

mind is that when you look up and look

39

00:02:06,020 --> 00:02:03,630

at all the stars you're seeing a pattern

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00:02:11,089 --> 00:02:06,030

which has never existed doesn't exist

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00:02:12,760 --> 00:02:11,099

now I never will that's right so so

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00:02:14,200 --> 00:02:12,770

they're astrologers

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00:02:16,990 --> 00:02:14,210

and the reason is of course because

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00:02:19,000 --> 00:02:17,000

they're moving basically randomly in

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00:02:20,860 --> 00:02:19,010

different directions yeah this is a

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00:02:22,540 --> 00:02:20,870

foreign distances what we see is a

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00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:22,550

snapshot from our point of view at this

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00:02:26,980 --> 00:02:25,040

particular moment really well it's a

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00:02:30,820 --> 00:02:26,990

construction I've not even a snapshot

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00:02:33,730 --> 00:02:30,830

it's a construction but where is he is

51
00:02:36,190 --> 00:02:33,740
we're still at any minute now we're

52
00:02:38,590 --> 00:02:36,200
within a minute or two of actually you

53
00:02:41,140 --> 00:02:38,600
keep gazing towards the heavens and how

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00:02:45,100 --> 00:02:41,150
that our listeners know that coming up

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00:02:46,990 --> 00:02:45,110
on the skeptic zone today Maynard good

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00:02:49,630 --> 00:02:47,000
old Maynard interviews a professor of

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:49,640
journalism from bond university mark

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00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:51,200
Pearson who's written a book called

59
00:02:56,740 --> 00:02:54,160
blogging and tweeting without being sued

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00:02:58,720 --> 00:02:56,750
yes so I mean we're all blogging we're

61
00:03:00,520 --> 00:02:58,730
all twittering well some of us are you

62
00:03:02,440 --> 00:03:00,530
want to keep twittering away without

63
00:03:03,850 --> 00:03:02,450

being sued better listen to this

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00:03:05,680 --> 00:03:03,860

interview coming up at the top of the

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00:03:07,360 --> 00:03:05,690

show then after the break we have a

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00:03:10,360 --> 00:03:07,370

report from our friends our very good

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00:03:12,400 --> 00:03:10,370

friends at choice magazine the consumers

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00:03:15,490 --> 00:03:12,410

advocate the watchdog here in Australia

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00:03:18,760 --> 00:03:15,500

they've recently awarded a good man dr.

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00:03:20,260 --> 00:03:18,770

ken harvey with their achievement award

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00:03:22,420 --> 00:03:20,270

from choice magazine which is the

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00:03:24,040 --> 00:03:22,430

opposite to their show keys which they

73

00:03:25,600 --> 00:03:24,050

dish out every year and a couple of

74

00:03:27,940 --> 00:03:25,610

years ago they gave one to the power

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00:03:29,710 --> 00:03:27,950

balance people that's coming up and also

76
00:03:33,640 --> 00:03:29,720
on today's show we have a report from

77
00:03:36,010 --> 00:03:33,650
the launch of soap in albury with our

78
00:03:38,290 --> 00:03:36,020
good friend dr. chrissy wilson that'll

79
00:03:39,880 --> 00:03:38,300
be coming up well Jim a congratulations

80
00:03:41,650 --> 00:03:39,890
on that Ridge by the way is everything

81
00:03:45,520 --> 00:03:41,660
terrific thank you very much good to see

82
00:03:48,699 --> 00:03:45,530
you using soap occasionally thank you

83
00:03:54,070 --> 00:03:48,709
Jim yes yes I was speaking there just

84
00:03:57,040 --> 00:03:54,080
last night thank you Jim now let's gaze

85
00:04:00,370 --> 00:03:57,050
towards the heavens I am I have you are

86
00:04:06,220 --> 00:04:00,380
I'm looking at my watch now and it's it

87
00:04:08,890 --> 00:04:06,230
should be in viewed well now where are

88
00:04:14,199 --> 00:04:08,900

you international space station then

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00:04:15,880 --> 00:04:14,209

decimated ah ah what wait a minute now

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00:04:17,860 --> 00:04:15,890

if we look over towards their gym what's

91

00:04:22,390 --> 00:04:17,870

that above the tree line they're coming

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00:04:26,110 --> 00:04:22,400

now there it is that is it appearing

93

00:04:29,200 --> 00:04:26,120

from the south direction some of the

94

00:04:31,300 --> 00:04:29,210

south east and we can see this moving

95

00:04:33,070 --> 00:04:31,310

light it's moving much faster than a

96

00:04:35,500 --> 00:04:33,080

plane gee that's doing about twenty

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00:04:38,710 --> 00:04:35,510

seven thousand kilometers an hour reckon

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00:04:43,210 --> 00:04:38,720

it's slightly larger than a football

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00:04:47,100 --> 00:04:43,220

field yes ways the equivalent about 450

100

00:04:50,529 --> 00:04:47,110

cars quite extraordinary piece of

101
00:04:53,469 --> 00:04:50,539
contraption that mankind has built weary

102
00:04:56,020 --> 00:04:53,479
hundred and seventy kilometers out into

103
00:04:57,670 --> 00:04:56,030
space we were just briefly looking at

104
00:04:59,350 --> 00:04:57,680
the newspaper because the newspaper

105
00:05:00,640 --> 00:04:59,360
alerted us to the fact that if we came

106
00:05:04,420 --> 00:05:00,650
out at this time we should be able to

107
00:05:06,490 --> 00:05:04,430
see it well it's about a quarter of the

108
00:05:10,240 --> 00:05:06,500
way across the sky now and when we first

109
00:05:13,870 --> 00:05:10,250
glimpsed it it's to be honest not quite

110
00:05:16,420 --> 00:05:13,880
as bright as I did yeah it's about as

111
00:05:18,430 --> 00:05:16,430
blade is very impressive it is it's

112
00:05:20,080 --> 00:05:18,440
about as bright it's a little bit

113
00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:20,090

brighter than a star but not not very

114

00:05:25,600 --> 00:05:22,880

much bigger is it it's supposed to have

115

00:05:28,659 --> 00:05:25,610

six people in it at the moment yeah but

116

00:05:32,260 --> 00:05:28,669

I think I can see two entire football

117

00:05:34,360 --> 00:05:32,270

teams that is a football pitch it's not

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00:05:36,400 --> 00:05:34,370

the ISS look they're waving to us from

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00:05:38,980 --> 00:05:36,410

the process the bright light it's the

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00:05:42,370 --> 00:05:38,990

bright lights no no it's the iris it it

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00:05:43,750 --> 00:05:42,380

is yes I'm sure if we had a decent pair

122

00:05:46,600 --> 00:05:43,760

of binoculars or telescope right now we

123

00:05:49,060 --> 00:05:46,610

probably make out it some details but it

124

00:05:50,409 --> 00:05:49,070

looks like a bright star just shooting

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00:05:53,440 --> 00:05:50,419

across the sky do you think they're

126
00:05:54,670 --> 00:05:53,450
making n signal service they are I sure

127
00:05:56,170 --> 00:05:54,680
I'm sure they look they listen to the

128
00:05:58,180 --> 00:05:56,180
skeptical zone every week up there they

129
00:06:01,300 --> 00:05:58,190
must hi guys we're looking at you yes

130
00:06:02,800 --> 00:06:01,310
sir when you download this episode or

131
00:06:06,400 --> 00:06:02,810
maybe you upload it when you're in space

132
00:06:08,529 --> 00:06:06,410
after you have to or they'd have to be

133
00:06:12,370 --> 00:06:08,539
on the other side of the planet you know

134
00:06:16,330 --> 00:06:12,380
it's it's roughly now halfway it's

135
00:06:18,150 --> 00:06:16,340
ranked slightly it's perfect it's just

136
00:06:21,330 --> 00:06:18,160
it's doing a u-turn and it

137
00:06:23,250 --> 00:06:21,340
just about to pass in front of Alpha

138
00:06:25,980 --> 00:06:23,260

Centauri well we heard the Southern

139

00:06:28,260 --> 00:06:25,990

Cross it might go behind might go behind

140

00:06:30,480 --> 00:06:28,270

a visionary and for those of you in the

141

00:06:32,460 --> 00:06:30,490

southern hemisphere the two pointers to

142

00:06:35,300 --> 00:06:32,470

the Southern Cross the space station is

143

00:06:39,840 --> 00:06:35,310

just about the past right between them

144

00:06:43,440 --> 00:06:39,850

look at that here it comes G the entire

145

00:06:46,200 --> 00:06:43,450

Traverse of an arc which is probably at

146

00:06:50,280 --> 00:06:46,210

what 20 degrees or so maybe our net ya

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00:06:52,440 --> 00:06:50,290

from the horizon is expected to take

148

00:06:54,450 --> 00:06:52,450

about five minutes and that'd be about

149

00:06:56,670 --> 00:06:54,460

right should that be right about right

150

00:06:57,930 --> 00:06:56,680

so it's just gone through the Southern

151

00:07:00,630 --> 00:06:57,940

Cross well that the pointers of the

152

00:07:03,720 --> 00:07:00,640

Southern Cross now how am I going to be

153

00:07:05,700 --> 00:07:03,730

losing sight soon I think we're going to

154

00:07:09,180 --> 00:07:05,710

lose so it's about to go behind the

155

00:07:11,190 --> 00:07:09,190

power pole oh no what could we do oh

156

00:07:13,200 --> 00:07:11,200

it's step this way a little bit oh it

157

00:07:16,140 --> 00:07:13,210

blinked it blinked there it is take but

158

00:07:19,560 --> 00:07:16,150

there it is it's back again yes that's

159

00:07:22,500 --> 00:07:19,570

company what what did they actually

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00:07:25,350 --> 00:07:22,510

spend putting it together Richard oh I

161

00:07:27,030 --> 00:07:25,360

wouldn't have a lot of money a lot had

162

00:07:29,250 --> 00:07:27,040

not a lot of dog biscuits let's more

163

00:07:33,000 --> 00:07:29,260

than a smidgen it had more than a

164

00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:33,010

smidgen I'm sure it's maybe two tags we

165

00:07:38,490 --> 00:07:36,880

are now it's sort of going to go behind

166

00:07:40,380 --> 00:07:38,500

the bull yeah we gonna lose your behind

167

00:07:43,560 --> 00:07:40,390

some stew the trees in the hill in about

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00:07:45,930 --> 00:07:43,570

a minute or less even less yeah very

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00:07:48,690 --> 00:07:45,940

impressive though and very exciting that

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00:07:53,730 --> 00:07:48,700

it's happening live hmm on this replay

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00:07:55,950 --> 00:07:53,740

of the zone is at whatever particular

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00:07:57,840 --> 00:07:55,960

point in time people are repaying even

173

00:08:02,240 --> 00:07:57,850

in 20 years time that's that's right

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00:08:05,790 --> 00:08:02,250

alive rolling out right now 20 years ago

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00:08:07,890 --> 00:08:05,800

well there it there is a way they ain't

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00:08:10,970 --> 00:08:07,900

goodbye we can still see it but it's

177

00:08:14,640 --> 00:08:10,980

just going behind this tree now yes and

178

00:08:16,920 --> 00:08:14,650

I'll go into the Pacific Ocean headings

179

00:08:20,220 --> 00:08:16,930

are then crashed or it's gone behind the

180

00:08:22,230 --> 00:08:20,230

truth there goes lovely all right quite

181

00:08:24,810 --> 00:08:22,240

Linda that was great well Jim why don't

182

00:08:26,580 --> 00:08:24,820

we run inside have a nice cold bottle of

183

00:08:42,690 --> 00:08:26,590

ginger beer and we'll let our listeners

184

00:08:50,259 --> 00:08:47,100

here's my not spooky action at a

185

00:08:54,740 --> 00:08:52,670

hey I just like getting out there and

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00:08:57,379 --> 00:08:54,750

saying whatever I like about whoever I

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00:08:59,480 --> 00:08:57,389

like whenever I like on Twitter online

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00:09:01,850 --> 00:08:59,490

and Twitter is this amazing thing you

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00:09:03,470 --> 00:09:01,860

know people it's a form of media where

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00:09:05,960 --> 00:09:03,480

you can say whatever you like about

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00:09:08,210 --> 00:09:05,970

anyone you like at any time without any

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00:09:09,619 --> 00:09:08,220

legal recourse well apparently there's

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00:09:11,780 --> 00:09:09,629

someone who thinks is not the case that

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00:09:13,519 --> 00:09:11,790

person's mark Pearson journalist and

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00:09:15,619 --> 00:09:13,529

professor of journalism at bond

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00:09:18,050 --> 00:09:15,629

university so he knows was talking about

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00:09:20,059 --> 00:09:18,060

and co-author of the quite well regarded

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00:09:22,100 --> 00:09:20,069

the journalists guide to media law which

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00:09:23,660 --> 00:09:22,110

I read briefly in the bathroom before I

200

00:09:25,280 --> 00:09:23,670

came here and it was because

201
00:09:26,600 --> 00:09:25,290
correspondent for reporters without

202
00:09:29,030 --> 00:09:26,610
borders and has been published in The

203
00:09:31,249 --> 00:09:29,040
Wall Street Journal so you've been sued

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00:09:33,800 --> 00:09:31,259
many times mark have you well what quite

205
00:09:37,730 --> 00:09:33,810
I had a lawsuit very early in my career

206
00:09:39,199 --> 00:09:37,740
and that taught me a lesson that meant

207
00:09:41,540 --> 00:09:39,209
that I had to go across and research is

208
00:09:43,790 --> 00:09:41,550
this material and basically spent the

209
00:09:45,619 --> 00:09:43,800
last 30 years or so doing that well the

210
00:09:47,990 --> 00:09:45,629
book you've got is called blogging and

211
00:09:49,220 --> 00:09:48,000
tweeting without getting sued and what

212
00:09:51,530 --> 00:09:49,230
you've done well as you've done so good

213
00:09:53,900 --> 00:09:51,540

font work here because as the title gets

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00:09:56,210 --> 00:09:53,910

larger towards the word sued that is the

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00:09:57,980 --> 00:09:56,220

biggest word on the cover and that gets

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00:09:59,569 --> 00:09:57,990

your attention if you're journalist yes

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00:10:02,030 --> 00:09:59,579

well publisher has to take credit for

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00:10:04,429 --> 00:10:02,040

that typography but it certainly does

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00:10:06,980 --> 00:10:04,439

get the message home but not just a

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00:10:09,889 --> 00:10:06,990

journalist's to the ordinary blogger and

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00:10:13,699 --> 00:10:09,899

it's really aimed more at the lay

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00:10:15,290 --> 00:10:13,709

bloggers and twitter who often goes into

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00:10:16,490 --> 00:10:15,300

this business of publishing and they

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00:10:18,740 --> 00:10:16,500

don't realize that it's online

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00:10:21,710 --> 00:10:18,750

publishing that they're doing without

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00:10:23,929 --> 00:10:21,720

understanding the centuries of laws and

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00:10:26,120 --> 00:10:23,939

the hundreds of wars across different

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00:10:28,189 --> 00:10:26,130

jurisdictions that apply to them mamiya

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00:10:30,259 --> 00:10:28,199

mark pearson as a mob I'm always telling

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00:10:32,240 --> 00:10:30,269

the people around me don't mistake me

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00:10:34,069 --> 00:10:32,250

for journalists because I don't wish to

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00:10:36,620 --> 00:10:34,079

be taken seriously I'm not that kind of

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00:10:37,850 --> 00:10:36,630

person but whether you're taking

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00:10:40,850 --> 00:10:37,860

seriously or not is in the eye the

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00:10:42,679 --> 00:10:40,860

beholder isn't it well it is and people

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00:10:45,590 --> 00:10:42,689

need to realize that what they're

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00:10:48,439 --> 00:10:45,600

tweeting or posting to their Facebook

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00:10:50,329 --> 00:10:48,449

pages or writing in their blog can

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00:10:52,809 --> 00:10:50,339

actually have consequences for those

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00:10:55,160 --> 00:10:52,819

that they are writing about and

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00:10:56,509 --> 00:10:55,170

particularly the area of deformation

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00:10:59,629 --> 00:10:56,519

which is a law that's been around for

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00:11:02,900 --> 00:10:59,639

centuries was really only of concern to

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00:11:03,639 --> 00:11:02,910

media outlets until this social media

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00:11:06,670 --> 00:11:03,649

rebel

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00:11:09,460 --> 00:11:06,680

and now people are ordinary citizens are

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00:11:10,809 --> 00:11:09,470

getting sued because other people don't

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00:11:12,369 --> 00:11:10,819

like what they've been saying about them

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00:11:13,689 --> 00:11:12,379

look and one of the things you've got to

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00:11:15,970 --> 00:11:13,699

realize straight away is that you've got

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00:11:17,710 --> 00:11:15,980

a worldwide jurisdiction to look after

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00:11:20,319 --> 00:11:17,720

whenever you say something potentially

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00:11:23,470 --> 00:11:20,329

about anyone so how can anyone cover

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00:11:25,809 --> 00:11:23,480

that well well I found a lot of

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00:11:27,730 --> 00:11:25,819

difficulty myself in fact it's it's

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00:11:31,269 --> 00:11:27,740

impossible even in a small book like

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00:11:33,489 --> 00:11:31,279

that to go into detail into the various

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00:11:35,650 --> 00:11:33,499

laws that control publishing throughout

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00:11:37,689 --> 00:11:35,660

the world so all I've been able to do is

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00:11:39,609 --> 00:11:37,699

scratch the surface and give people an

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00:11:41,590 --> 00:11:39,619

idea of some of the basic principles

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00:11:43,840 --> 00:11:41,600

behind it I think the main thing with

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00:11:46,749 --> 00:11:43,850

the ordinary bloggers or social media

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00:11:49,269 --> 00:11:46,759

user is to know when the alarm bells are

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00:11:52,269 --> 00:11:49,279

ringing so that they they can sort of

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00:11:55,900 --> 00:11:52,279

hold back and not rush to to press that

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00:11:57,910 --> 00:11:55,910

publish button and be to know when to

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00:11:59,829 --> 00:11:57,920

seek legal advice though that's the most

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00:12:02,230 --> 00:11:59,839

important thing and it's better to be

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00:12:04,900 --> 00:12:02,240

getting such advice before the event

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00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:04,910

rather than when you've received the the

272

00:12:08,590 --> 00:12:06,800

deformation route let's go through a

273

00:12:10,299 --> 00:12:08,600

couple of statements here that I might

274

00:12:12,100 --> 00:12:10,309

put on a tweet or you might read or

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00:12:14,949 --> 00:12:12,110

something like that if you Twitter or

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00:12:17,290 --> 00:12:14,959

wrote it publicly my boss is an idiot

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00:12:19,329 --> 00:12:17,300

now is that defamatory or because we

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00:12:20,769 --> 00:12:19,339

don't know who my boss is or whether my

279

00:12:22,689 --> 00:12:20,779

boss is a particular person I could have

280

00:12:24,369 --> 00:12:22,699

a couple it could be you know my spouse

281

00:12:26,530 --> 00:12:24,379

is that something that would be

282

00:12:28,059 --> 00:12:26,540

defamatory well on the face of it it

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00:12:30,939 --> 00:12:28,069

certainly is defamatory and not just

284

00:12:32,139 --> 00:12:30,949

your boss but someone else who can show

285

00:12:34,360 --> 00:12:32,149

that people thought you were talking

286

00:12:37,749 --> 00:12:34,370

about them so maybe if you have two or

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00:12:39,780 --> 00:12:37,759

three bosses then the other the others

288

00:12:43,809 --> 00:12:39,790

that you didn't even intend to defame

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00:12:46,480 --> 00:12:43,819

may may well take action against you so

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00:12:49,239 --> 00:12:46,490

on the face of it without further

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00:12:51,069 --> 00:12:49,249

explanation there could be a defense

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00:12:52,689 --> 00:12:51,079

that's available to you but that's

293

00:12:55,179 --> 00:12:52,699

that's what you'd need to really

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00:12:57,100 --> 00:12:55,189

research before pressing that button

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00:12:58,569 --> 00:12:57,110

that'll be interesting in court then

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00:13:01,059 --> 00:12:58,579

because you'd have to then prove that

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00:13:03,369 --> 00:13:01,069

the saddles person was or wasn't it an

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00:13:05,410 --> 00:13:03,379

idiot you then have to like that would

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00:13:08,169 --> 00:13:05,420

be there any case it's come up that this

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00:13:11,769 --> 00:13:08,179

is cuttin clear is that yes um in fact

301
00:13:15,039 --> 00:13:11,779
well the former RSL leader in Victoria

302
00:13:17,470 --> 00:13:15,049
Bruce Ruxton uh actually used that

303
00:13:19,840 --> 00:13:17,480
expression about a former politician

304
00:13:21,759 --> 00:13:19,850
and that case went all the way to a high

305
00:13:25,180 --> 00:13:21,769
court where he had written that this

306
00:13:27,759 --> 00:13:25,190
politician was an idiot luckily in that

307
00:13:29,740 --> 00:13:27,769
case the High Court held that he was

308
00:13:32,050 --> 00:13:29,750
expressing a political opinion which

309
00:13:33,550 --> 00:13:32,060
which they felt was actually protected

310
00:13:36,220 --> 00:13:33,560
under a very special constitutional

311
00:13:38,490 --> 00:13:36,230
defense but all rights to technical I

312
00:13:40,870 --> 00:13:38,500
certainly wouldn't be relying on that

313
00:13:44,379 --> 00:13:40,880

unless you had some very good legal

314

00:13:47,800 --> 00:13:44,389

advice and and a real really good

315

00:13:49,120 --> 00:13:47,810

bankroll of legal resources available to

316

00:13:52,300 --> 00:13:49,130

you all rights they probably couldn't

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00:13:53,949 --> 00:13:52,310

save Maynard sucks well you know may

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00:13:56,170 --> 00:13:53,959

know that may well be true that's true

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00:13:58,810 --> 00:13:56,180

they say his work is shonky and below

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00:14:00,879 --> 00:13:58,820

par frankly he sucks I go well fair cop

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00:14:02,710 --> 00:14:00,889

really truth is a defense after all yeah

322

00:14:04,840 --> 00:14:02,720

there is a defense called honest opinion

323

00:14:07,930 --> 00:14:04,850

or fair comment which allows you to come

324

00:14:11,379 --> 00:14:07,940

to a negative conclusion about somebody

325

00:14:12,850 --> 00:14:11,389

in your opinion based on provable facts

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00:14:15,790 --> 00:14:12,860

along the way so in other words you've

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00:14:18,340 --> 00:14:15,800

got to build up an argument on provable

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00:14:20,079 --> 00:14:18,350

facts to demonstrate that your opinion

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00:14:23,110 --> 00:14:20,089

might be an extreme opinion about

330

00:14:25,329 --> 00:14:23,120

someone is is justifiable I always think

331

00:14:28,059 --> 00:14:25,339

humor should be a defense like if I said

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00:14:31,480 --> 00:14:28,069

that Julia Gillard is really a man it's

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00:14:33,790 --> 00:14:31,490

obviously a third statement and she's a

334

00:14:36,970 --> 00:14:33,800

public figure could I go to court for

335

00:14:38,400 --> 00:14:36,980

that well indeed you could or you could

336

00:14:40,449 --> 00:14:38,410

be sued over such a statement

337

00:14:43,180 --> 00:14:40,459

unfortunately the courts don't always

338

00:14:45,519 --> 00:14:43,190

have as good a sense of humor as we

339

00:14:47,019 --> 00:14:45,529

might hope and I don't think they had

340

00:14:48,850 --> 00:14:47,029

any sense of humor I don't think I was

341

00:14:51,610 --> 00:14:48,860

in a judge I've never seen a judge at a

342

00:14:53,410 --> 00:14:51,620

stand-up comedy gig alright the law

343

00:14:55,420 --> 00:14:53,420

doesn't specifically in Australia at

344

00:14:58,660 --> 00:14:55,430

least it doesn't specifically protects a

345

00:15:02,379 --> 00:14:58,670

tire and so it's one thing to be you

346

00:15:04,689 --> 00:15:02,389

know in a community situation but it's

347

00:15:06,550 --> 00:15:04,699

another to actually be being satirical

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00:15:08,439 --> 00:15:06,560

about someone and saying things that

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00:15:10,629 --> 00:15:08,449

appear truthful but they're really

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00:15:12,129 --> 00:15:10,639

tongue-in-cheek judges have shown

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00:15:14,350 --> 00:15:12,139

traditionally they don't have much of a

352

00:15:16,480 --> 00:15:14,360

sense of humor there and they have to

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00:15:18,819 --> 00:15:16,490

basically guess what the ordinary

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00:15:21,579 --> 00:15:18,829

reasonable person would think about that

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00:15:23,410 --> 00:15:21,589

was a classic case where some very

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00:15:26,199 --> 00:15:23,420

satirical comments were made about the

357

00:15:28,870 --> 00:15:26,209

former politician Pauline Hanson in

358

00:15:31,360 --> 00:15:28,880

Queensland in the form of a recording

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00:15:35,440 --> 00:15:31,370

that was being played on the ABCs triple

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00:15:37,420 --> 00:15:35,450

day by a satirist and Pauline Hanson

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00:15:39,040 --> 00:15:37,430

went to the Queensland up went to the

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00:15:40,210 --> 00:15:39,050

court of appeal in Queensland and it

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00:15:42,760 --> 00:15:40,220

doesn't said that that was hilarious

364

00:15:45,610 --> 00:15:42,770

that track yes you remember if other

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00:15:48,070 --> 00:15:45,620

porn to put the port the Pauline pants

366

00:15:49,780 --> 00:15:48,080

down track yes yeah that's still subject

367

00:15:51,640 --> 00:15:49,790

as I understand it's still subject to an

368

00:15:54,460 --> 00:15:51,650

injunction which stops that being

369

00:15:57,160 --> 00:15:54,470

broadcast because the court held that it

370

00:15:59,200 --> 00:15:57,170

was defamatory and didn't hold didn't

371

00:16:01,900 --> 00:15:59,210

share that satirist sense of humor and

372

00:16:03,280 --> 00:16:01,910

what about retweeting is a good chap

373

00:16:05,890 --> 00:16:03,290

you've got in your book about hosting

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00:16:08,380 --> 00:16:05,900

the words of others now if the if a

375

00:16:09,820 --> 00:16:08,390

newspaper quotes someone or reruns a

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00:16:11,620 --> 00:16:09,830

story from another newspaper they're

377

00:16:14,500 --> 00:16:11,630

equally liable as in this country is

378

00:16:16,840 --> 00:16:14,510

that the case with a retweet well that's

379

00:16:19,810 --> 00:16:16,850

yet to be determined by the courts and

380

00:16:22,150 --> 00:16:19,820

the thing is when you retweet something

381

00:16:23,890 --> 00:16:22,160

if it is defamatory if it's highly

382

00:16:26,200 --> 00:16:23,900

defamatory of someone else you know and

383

00:16:28,269 --> 00:16:26,210

and you've got 140 characters in Twitter

384

00:16:31,120 --> 00:16:28,279

to play with so you could say something

385

00:16:32,740 --> 00:16:31,130

very very nasty we know a few words in

386

00:16:35,320 --> 00:16:32,750

the language that we might say about

387

00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:35,330

somebody that is particularly scathing

388

00:16:41,110 --> 00:16:38,480

and highly defamatory or a retweet with

389

00:16:43,930 --> 00:16:41,120

those words would you would be

390

00:16:45,610 --> 00:16:43,940

republishing them so basically by

391

00:16:47,680 --> 00:16:45,620

retweeting even though you might say you

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00:16:50,949 --> 00:16:47,690

don't endorse with retweets if those

393

00:16:53,829 --> 00:16:50,959

bear words are so defamatory of somebody

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00:16:55,930 --> 00:16:53,839

else then you have republish them and if

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00:16:57,699 --> 00:16:55,940

you're an easier target to find for the

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00:17:00,880 --> 00:16:57,709

person that has been defamed if you're a

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00:17:03,220 --> 00:17:00,890

perhaps wolfy ER or you're easily more

398

00:17:05,410 --> 00:17:03,230

easily identified as the person that's

399

00:17:09,189 --> 00:17:05,420

republished them then they might go for

400

00:17:11,110 --> 00:17:09,199

you rather than the original tweeter who

401
00:17:12,819 --> 00:17:11,120
may have a bit a legal team may have a

402
00:17:16,000 --> 00:17:12,829
better legal team or may not be as

403
00:17:19,650 --> 00:17:16,010
easily found because they may have used

404
00:17:22,179 --> 00:17:19,660
various devices anonymity or whatever to

405
00:17:24,880 --> 00:17:22,189
escape identification now what

406
00:17:26,679 --> 00:17:24,890
high-profile test cases have we had for

407
00:17:30,280 --> 00:17:26,689
blogging I imagine there's been a few

408
00:17:32,440 --> 00:17:30,290
and Twitter in Australia we've had we've

409
00:17:34,750 --> 00:17:32,450
had a few most of them have a work their

410
00:17:36,750 --> 00:17:34,760
way all the way through the courts we

411
00:17:40,510 --> 00:17:36,760
had one where a West Australian

412
00:17:43,750 --> 00:17:40,520
businessman was defamed fairly badly on

413
00:17:45,250 --> 00:17:43,760

on basically an online bulletin board

414

00:17:47,170 --> 00:17:45,260

about the company

415

00:17:49,720 --> 00:17:47,180

in the operations and his own

416

00:17:53,560 --> 00:17:49,730

performance and that was done by an

417

00:17:56,350 --> 00:17:53,570

anonymous commentator but his lawyers

418

00:17:59,920 --> 00:17:56,360

got on the job and managed to do various

419

00:18:01,810 --> 00:17:59,930

searches and through IP Internet

420

00:18:05,020 --> 00:18:01,820

Protocol numbers and so on they managed

421

00:18:06,880 --> 00:18:05,030

to identify who this person was and he

422

00:18:09,190 --> 00:18:06,890

finished up having to pay about forty

423

00:18:11,980 --> 00:18:09,200

thousand dollars in defamation payments

424

00:18:15,160 --> 00:18:11,990

okay that's a pretty penny yes we also

425

00:18:18,370 --> 00:18:15,170

recently had that like a hardy case

426

00:18:20,920 --> 00:18:18,380

where where apparently she's had to

427

00:18:24,960 --> 00:18:20,930

settle out of court over wrongly

428

00:18:27,880 --> 00:18:24,970

accusing someone of being online stalker

429

00:18:29,650 --> 00:18:27,890

we've had various ones where they've

430

00:18:31,810 --> 00:18:29,660

been very serious threats of defamation

431

00:18:34,540 --> 00:18:31,820

action the editor-in-chief of the

432

00:18:37,120 --> 00:18:34,550

Australian newspaper threatened a

433

00:18:40,390 --> 00:18:37,130

journalism academic who had been

434

00:18:44,110 --> 00:18:40,400

tweeting a conference almost 18 months

435

00:18:46,870 --> 00:18:44,120

ago now and she had quoted a former

436

00:18:48,730 --> 00:18:46,880

reporter saying certain things and the

437

00:18:51,880 --> 00:18:48,740

editor-in-chief of the Australian wrote

438

00:18:54,490 --> 00:18:51,890

a very serious legal letter threatening

439

00:18:56,980 --> 00:18:54,500

defamation action movie ended that

440

00:19:00,490 --> 00:18:56,990

didn't unfold the action wasn't pursued

441

00:19:02,200 --> 00:19:00,500

but nevertheless it sent a very scary

442

00:19:03,760 --> 00:19:02,210

message to that particular academic

443

00:19:05,680 --> 00:19:03,770

because that's where it can get really

444

00:19:07,600 --> 00:19:05,690

up that's rub seen some of the nastiest

445

00:19:10,240 --> 00:19:07,610

stuff is when people are blogging a live

446

00:19:11,890 --> 00:19:10,250

event it's almost like they just want to

447

00:19:13,150 --> 00:19:11,900

heckle you it's like that they want to

448

00:19:14,410 --> 00:19:13,160

score points on you for the sake of

449

00:19:16,180 --> 00:19:14,420

scoring points because they're in the

450

00:19:18,010 --> 00:19:16,190

room and they can say stuff you can't

451
00:19:20,680 --> 00:19:18,020
see yeah I think it's a very dangerous

452
00:19:23,710 --> 00:19:20,690
practice having what's called a live

453
00:19:25,930 --> 00:19:23,720
Twitter feed why would you do that you

454
00:19:28,930 --> 00:19:25,940
just asking for trouble in the very

455
00:19:30,670 --> 00:19:28,940
conference whip where the audience can

456
00:19:32,710 --> 00:19:30,680
see the twitter feed there are so many

457
00:19:35,530 --> 00:19:32,720
dynamics that come into play I've been

458
00:19:37,840 --> 00:19:35,540
in conferences where this happens and it

459
00:19:38,740 --> 00:19:37,850
really is a distraction in some ways and

460
00:19:41,770 --> 00:19:38,750
the people who are in the audience

461
00:19:43,270 --> 00:19:41,780
tweeting start to take on you know the

462
00:19:45,550 --> 00:19:43,280
role of the people that are meant to be

463
00:19:48,250 --> 00:19:45,560

running the show of the panelists or the

464

00:19:50,140 --> 00:19:48,260

author speaker and quite often it's a

465

00:19:52,300 --> 00:19:50,150

distraction and quite often it's a very

466

00:19:54,280 --> 00:19:52,310

negative force in the room I do just

467

00:19:55,690 --> 00:19:54,290

like the tweets on Q&A one of the

468

00:19:57,640 --> 00:19:55,700

reasons I don't watch the show is

469

00:19:59,139 --> 00:19:57,650

because that it there's people just

470

00:20:02,259 --> 00:19:59,149

saying stuff and they're just saying

471

00:20:03,369 --> 00:20:02,269

to be funny which is okay but it comes

472

00:20:05,289 --> 00:20:03,379

up the bottom there and it can often

473

00:20:06,999 --> 00:20:05,299

distract from what's the argument that's

474

00:20:08,769 --> 00:20:07,009

going to the rather you know arrow died

475

00:20:10,329 --> 00:20:08,779

argument that's going on on the screen

476
00:20:12,099 --> 00:20:10,339
gets distracted by something completely

477
00:20:14,469 --> 00:20:12,109
frivolous but then again maybe that's

478
00:20:17,169 --> 00:20:14,479
why people like it yeah might I disagree

479
00:20:18,639 --> 00:20:17,179
with you there oh I think they ring the

480
00:20:20,289 --> 00:20:18,649
bell ring the bell without a fight you

481
00:20:22,479 --> 00:20:20,299
disagree you think that make that makes

482
00:20:24,879 --> 00:20:22,489
the show you reckon I enjoy the QA

483
00:20:26,859 --> 00:20:24,889
twitter feed and there is so important

484
00:20:28,930 --> 00:20:26,869
differences there what I was talking

485
00:20:31,690 --> 00:20:28,940
about was basically a twitter feed going

486
00:20:34,089 --> 00:20:31,700
on during a conference which is

487
00:20:36,310 --> 00:20:34,099
basically are moderated whereas at least

488
00:20:39,009 --> 00:20:36,320

the QA one is moderated there's someone

489

00:20:41,529 --> 00:20:39,019

at the ABC sifting through hundreds

490

00:20:43,419 --> 00:20:41,539

perhaps thousands of tweets going on as

491

00:20:45,369 --> 00:20:43,429

that program is being broadcast

492

00:20:47,320 --> 00:20:45,379

selecting the ones they see as most

493

00:20:49,719 --> 00:20:47,330

pertinent so you have basically a

494

00:20:51,729 --> 00:20:49,729

separate and entertainment channel going

495

00:20:54,159 --> 00:20:51,739

on in the bottom half of the screen see

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00:20:57,759 --> 00:20:54,169

Ill would debate your use of the word

497

00:20:59,529 --> 00:20:57,769

pertinent well we're talking about

498

00:21:01,359 --> 00:20:59,539

settle our earlier and some of them

499

00:21:03,279 --> 00:21:01,369

clearly fall into that category Matt

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00:21:05,289 --> 00:21:03,289

that's true and also it is Mark Scott's

501
00:21:06,579 --> 00:21:05,299
one of his favorite shows so I I don't

502
00:21:08,409 --> 00:21:06,589
think you'll ever see a problem with it

503
00:21:12,249 --> 00:21:08,419
and to his credit is one of these are

504
00:21:14,979 --> 00:21:12,259
very active Twitter user and not just in

505
00:21:16,930 --> 00:21:14,989
promoting the abcs programming but he

506
00:21:18,849 --> 00:21:16,940
often has some very insightful comments

507
00:21:20,379 --> 00:21:18,859
see yeah I've got to say who is your

508
00:21:21,669 --> 00:21:20,389
most favorite you said you like Mark

509
00:21:22,899 --> 00:21:21,679
Scott there and he's probably one of the

510
00:21:24,849 --> 00:21:22,909
guys it's in the middle of what's going

511
00:21:27,489 --> 00:21:24,859
on is that who's your favorite Twitter

512
00:21:30,609 --> 00:21:27,499
person Australia more well in Australia

513
00:21:32,799 --> 00:21:30,619

yep the the thing is I don't use Twitter

514

00:21:35,589 --> 00:21:32,809

much in that way main I use it as a

515

00:21:37,869 --> 00:21:35,599

professional research tool so my

516

00:21:39,940 --> 00:21:37,879

favorite tweets we call them twitter

517

00:21:41,619 --> 00:21:39,950

friends are actually people that would

518

00:21:43,359 --> 00:21:41,629

be quite boring probably to your

519

00:21:45,609 --> 00:21:43,369

audience because they are tweeting on

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00:21:47,829 --> 00:21:45,619

media law issues which are in social

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00:21:52,289 --> 00:21:47,839

media law which is my area of expertise

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00:21:56,200 --> 00:21:52,299

I don't use Twitter as a as a social

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00:21:58,419 --> 00:21:56,210

private vehicle i use my facebook page

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00:22:01,269 --> 00:21:58,429

for that so i've got a very clear

525

00:22:03,190 --> 00:22:01,279

division between the two and so i

526

00:22:05,409 --> 00:22:03,200

wouldn't dare to mention a favourite

527

00:22:07,209 --> 00:22:05,419

Tweep in my area of media law because

528

00:22:09,610 --> 00:22:07,219

i'd be upsetting to many of the others

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00:22:11,620 --> 00:22:09,620

who i follow

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00:22:14,020 --> 00:22:11,630

I think that's that's very telling mark

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00:22:15,160 --> 00:22:14,030

Pearson like here are the journalists

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00:22:18,910 --> 00:22:15,170

professor of journals with bond

533

00:22:21,430 --> 00:22:18,920

university and you don't use twitter in

534

00:22:23,560 --> 00:22:21,440

a way like it yet you're very very

535

00:22:26,710 --> 00:22:23,570

careful with it and I think that is a

536

00:22:29,260 --> 00:22:26,720

warning to the rest of us well it may

537

00:22:30,340 --> 00:22:29,270

well be it's a people do these things in

538

00:22:33,700 --> 00:22:30,350

their own way and make their own

539

00:22:36,070 --> 00:22:33,710

decisions I've actually found it all a

540

00:22:38,380 --> 00:22:36,080

little confusing early on in me in

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00:22:39,790 --> 00:22:38,390

Twitter with people sort of on the one

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00:22:41,560 --> 00:22:39,800

hand sometimes saying their coffee

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00:22:43,030 --> 00:22:41,570

heading coffee or a nice meal or

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00:22:44,980 --> 00:22:43,040

chatting with friends and on the other

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00:22:47,320 --> 00:22:44,990

hand saying something quite significant

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00:22:49,450 --> 00:22:47,330

that I find useful for my work so I

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00:22:53,410 --> 00:22:49,460

decided very early on to maintain

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00:22:56,620 --> 00:22:53,420

separate guys it's journal or guys as my

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00:22:59,260 --> 00:22:56,630

Twitter account and or hand or as it's

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00:23:02,740 --> 00:22:59,270

called in Twitter and only tweet on

551
00:23:05,169 --> 00:23:02,750
media law press freedom social media law

552
00:23:07,600 --> 00:23:05,179
those sorts of topics and one of the

553
00:23:09,100 --> 00:23:07,610
questions I want to ask you in regard to

554
00:23:10,330 --> 00:23:09,110
the Australian skeptics is one of the

555
00:23:12,430 --> 00:23:10,340
ongoing there's a lot of on-going

556
00:23:14,140 --> 00:23:12,440
debates between the Australian

557
00:23:15,669 --> 00:23:14,150
vaccination network and this try and

558
00:23:17,140 --> 00:23:15,679
skeptics or the strand skeptics all

559
00:23:19,360 --> 00:23:17,150
these people and I've seen a lot of very

560
00:23:21,700 --> 00:23:19,370
heated debate going back and forth and

561
00:23:24,490 --> 00:23:21,710
at times I've thought oh that's a bit

562
00:23:27,580 --> 00:23:24,500
much from from both sides it is there an

563
00:23:28,810 --> 00:23:27,590

easy is there a quick way to to avoid

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00:23:30,100 --> 00:23:28,820

getting yourself in trouble and you're

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00:23:31,690 --> 00:23:30,110

getting this back and forth kind of

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00:23:33,400 --> 00:23:31,700

debate well I've got to make it clear

567

00:23:35,830 --> 00:23:33,410

that I'm not a lawyer so I can't give

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00:23:37,960 --> 00:23:35,840

legal advice yeah that's right here he

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00:23:41,380 --> 00:23:37,970

only plays one on TV occasionally people

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00:23:43,810 --> 00:23:41,390

is not a real lawyer but as a journalist

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00:23:46,090 --> 00:23:43,820

I would suggest p if people stick to the

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00:23:47,860 --> 00:23:46,100

topic often in sport we have the

573

00:23:50,830 --> 00:23:47,870

expression about playing the ball

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00:23:53,260 --> 00:23:50,840

rolling the man and if people stick to

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00:23:54,940 --> 00:23:53,270

the ball basically the topic that is

576
00:23:57,549 --> 00:23:54,950
being debated in the public arena

577
00:24:00,400 --> 00:23:57,559
they're going to be pretty safe it's

578
00:24:02,830 --> 00:24:00,410
when they venture into personal

579
00:24:05,830 --> 00:24:02,840
characteristics they personalize their

580
00:24:08,530 --> 00:24:05,840
attack they bring in material from left

581
00:24:10,680 --> 00:24:08,540
field that they can't prove so if

582
00:24:14,049 --> 00:24:10,690
skeptics are talking about an issue like

583
00:24:16,120 --> 00:24:14,059
vaccinations and they are talking about

584
00:24:18,280 --> 00:24:16,130
the data that's involved and and they're

585
00:24:20,169 --> 00:24:18,290
engaging in debate and perhaps very

586
00:24:22,409 --> 00:24:20,179
heated debate with the individuals from

587
00:24:23,759 --> 00:24:22,419
from a different viewpoint there

588
00:24:25,289 --> 00:24:23,769

they're going to be pretty safe but as

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00:24:27,720 --> 00:24:25,299

soon as they start talking about that

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00:24:31,259 --> 00:24:27,730

individual and their private life for

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00:24:33,840 --> 00:24:31,269

that's alleging that they've you know

592

00:24:36,330 --> 00:24:33,850

misused finances or they're negligent in

593

00:24:37,859 --> 00:24:36,340

their work these sorts of things then

594

00:24:40,200 --> 00:24:37,869

that's when they're going to be on shaky

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00:24:42,450 --> 00:24:40,210

ground now shaky ground you can find

596

00:24:44,399 --> 00:24:42,460

yourself on pretty easily is the case in

597

00:24:46,529 --> 00:24:44,409

your book of paul chambers in the UK

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00:24:48,180 --> 00:24:46,539

where he ran foul of the terror laws

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00:24:50,009 --> 00:24:48,190

there i imagine we have similar ones

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00:24:51,570 --> 00:24:50,019

here in australia but basically he was

601
00:24:53,580 --> 00:24:51,580
just making a joke because it was late

602
00:24:55,680 --> 00:24:53,590
for a flight or the airport was snowed

603
00:24:56,879 --> 00:24:55,690
in and he said arm get that isn't fixed

604
00:24:59,820 --> 00:24:56,889
within a week I'm going to blow up the

605
00:25:01,799 --> 00:24:59,830
airport and I most people would take

606
00:25:03,029 --> 00:25:01,809
that at face value and not think that he

607
00:25:05,279 --> 00:25:03,039
was going to blow up the airport there's

608
00:25:06,869 --> 00:25:05,289
a joke yes well like I said earlier the

609
00:25:09,029 --> 00:25:06,879
authorities don't always have the same

610
00:25:12,899 --> 00:25:09,039
sense of humor and we we live in an

611
00:25:15,739 --> 00:25:12,909
international era of of high national

612
00:25:18,299 --> 00:25:15,749
security counterterrorism operations and

613
00:25:20,460 --> 00:25:18,309

if there's one thing I'd suggest to all

614

00:25:23,399 --> 00:25:20,470

of your listeners is don't never joke

615

00:25:25,289 --> 00:25:23,409

about those sorts of things and and what

616

00:25:27,590 --> 00:25:25,299

he did he made that mistake the

617

00:25:31,289 --> 00:25:27,600

authorities took it seriously because

618

00:25:33,269 --> 00:25:31,299

when someone says is threatening to blow

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00:25:35,039 --> 00:25:33,279

up an airport that there's not

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00:25:39,619 --> 00:25:35,049

necessarily a hundred percent chance

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00:25:43,259 --> 00:25:39,629

it's a joke so he was suddenly arrested

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00:25:44,549 --> 00:25:43,269

charged he was in awful legal trouble I

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00:25:47,279 --> 00:25:44,559

understand he's gone through an appeal

624

00:25:50,580 --> 00:25:47,289

process since then and but nevertheless

625

00:25:53,279 --> 00:25:50,590

he faced all sorts of legal costs and

626

00:25:55,440 --> 00:25:53,289

consequences that was just for the

627

00:25:56,940 --> 00:25:55,450

moment and you know at the time just

628

00:25:59,220 --> 00:25:56,950

seemed to be a funny little joke he was

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00:26:01,470 --> 00:25:59,230

sharing with his Twitter followers but

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00:26:03,330 --> 00:26:01,480

to a judge wouldn't it seem that if you

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00:26:05,460 --> 00:26:03,340

were actually going to blow up an

632

00:26:07,169 --> 00:26:05,470

airport you would not tweet to people

633

00:26:09,330 --> 00:26:07,179

that you're going to blow up an airport

634

00:26:11,340 --> 00:26:09,340

yes I think the courts and the

635

00:26:13,590 --> 00:26:11,350

authorities would have sent a very clear

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00:26:15,629 --> 00:26:13,600

message to the community that this isn't

637

00:26:20,009 --> 00:26:15,639

something that is meant to be joked

638

00:26:22,379 --> 00:26:20,019

about and also how I mean from it from

639

00:26:24,720 --> 00:26:22,389

their point of view I suppose they don't

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00:26:26,460 --> 00:26:24,730

want their time taken up with people

641

00:26:28,409 --> 00:26:26,470

joking about these things when there's

642

00:26:31,589 --> 00:26:28,419

the real battle to be fought there

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00:26:33,419 --> 00:26:31,599

against uh actual terrorists who have

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00:26:35,470 --> 00:26:33,429

such plans and one of the real

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00:26:37,540 --> 00:26:35,480

situations we find on

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00:26:39,250 --> 00:26:37,550

Twitter and with blogs as well is people

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00:26:41,770 --> 00:26:39,260

impersonating other people one of my

648

00:26:42,850 --> 00:26:41,780

favorite tweets that one of my favorite

649

00:26:45,400 --> 00:26:42,860

Twitter accounts in Australia is the

650

00:26:47,560 --> 00:26:45,410

fake Paul Keating it can be pretty ribe

651
00:26:49,210 --> 00:26:47,570
all the time much as Paul himself could

652
00:26:51,910 --> 00:26:49,220
be and it does make some interesting

653
00:26:53,650 --> 00:26:51,920
political points but when you give your

654
00:26:55,720 --> 00:26:53,660
fake Julia Gillard there you got fake

655
00:26:58,810 --> 00:26:55,730
everybody now I know there's a law in

656
00:27:01,030 --> 00:26:58,820
Arkansas's that was passed in 2009

657
00:27:03,250 --> 00:27:01,040
against a specific thing but is there a

658
00:27:05,140 --> 00:27:03,260
problem with impersonating other people

659
00:27:06,790 --> 00:27:05,150
as there is in real life well it

660
00:27:09,510 --> 00:27:06,800
certainly can be a lot of these things

661
00:27:12,880 --> 00:27:09,520
are taken as purely satirical and and

662
00:27:16,480 --> 00:27:12,890
the even the real people for whom the

663
00:27:18,700 --> 00:27:16,490

fake account has been set up take it as

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00:27:20,500 --> 00:27:18,710

a joke and understand that most of the

665

00:27:23,710 --> 00:27:20,510

people reading it would never even think

666

00:27:26,740 --> 00:27:23,720

it was really them writing it so the

667

00:27:29,500 --> 00:27:26,750

thing with these fake identities is that

668

00:27:31,870 --> 00:27:29,510

normally in the descriptor on the the

669

00:27:33,790 --> 00:27:31,880

person's gravatar they are their hand or

670

00:27:37,360 --> 00:27:33,800

for the account it does say that they

671

00:27:39,040 --> 00:27:37,370

are not the real person who you get into

672

00:27:41,320 --> 00:27:39,050

trouble if you are actually genuinely

673

00:27:43,450 --> 00:27:41,330

pretending to be that person basically

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00:27:46,690 --> 00:27:43,460

impersonating someone else and that

675

00:27:49,390 --> 00:27:46,700

breaches both the rules of Facebook and

676
00:27:51,070 --> 00:27:49,400
Twitter and so they can actually suspend

677
00:27:53,200 --> 00:27:51,080
your account if someone complains about

678
00:27:56,080 --> 00:27:53,210
that but it also might break a whole

679
00:27:58,150 --> 00:27:56,090
range of rules in within the country

680
00:27:59,770 --> 00:27:58,160
that you're operating to do with

681
00:28:01,990 --> 00:27:59,780
people's will in the u.s. it's often

682
00:28:03,700 --> 00:28:02,000
called personality rights and and

683
00:28:05,560 --> 00:28:03,710
they're saying within Australian

684
00:28:08,500 --> 00:28:05,570
copyright law there are moral rights

685
00:28:12,340 --> 00:28:08,510
where people have entitlement to

686
00:28:16,360 --> 00:28:12,350
represent material works words under

687
00:28:18,070 --> 00:28:16,370
their own guys because and even have

688
00:28:21,040 --> 00:28:18,080

right to take action against those

689

00:28:22,930 --> 00:28:21,050

falsely using their identity and two

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00:28:25,030 --> 00:28:22,940

last questions which get to the core of

691

00:28:26,980 --> 00:28:25,040

the matter what is the first step you

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00:28:30,100 --> 00:28:26,990

should take if you feel you've been

693

00:28:32,470 --> 00:28:30,110

wronged well the first thing you would

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00:28:34,210 --> 00:28:32,480

do would be to take legal advice to find

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00:28:36,820 --> 00:28:34,220

out whether you actually have been

696

00:28:38,260 --> 00:28:36,830

wronged but as so you shouldn't go to

697

00:28:40,090 --> 00:28:38,270

the person themselves and say look I'd

698

00:28:41,770 --> 00:28:40,100

like an apology you shouldn't do what I

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00:28:43,570 --> 00:28:41,780

was gonna say that as a free expression

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00:28:46,030 --> 00:28:43,580

advocate I think these things can

701
00:28:47,470 --> 00:28:46,040
normally be resolved without lawyers

702
00:28:49,720 --> 00:28:47,480
being involved so

703
00:28:52,390 --> 00:28:49,730
my first step would be to complain to

704
00:28:54,580 --> 00:28:52,400
whoever it is that said it ask them to

705
00:28:57,850 --> 00:28:54,590
apologize ask them to issue a correction

706
00:29:00,400 --> 00:28:57,860
and and if they're not willing to do

707
00:29:02,890 --> 00:29:00,410
that then perhaps to consider some legal

708
00:29:06,130 --> 00:29:02,900
advice to to pursue the matter further

709
00:29:08,260 --> 00:29:06,140
and what should you do when you're the

710
00:29:10,180 --> 00:29:08,270
one you think I've stuffed up or you've

711
00:29:11,500 --> 00:29:10,190
received a complaint well if you've

712
00:29:14,530 --> 00:29:11,510
received a complaint and there's any

713
00:29:17,620 --> 00:29:14,540

threat of legal action whatsoever I'd be

714

00:29:19,690 --> 00:29:17,630

getting legal advice instantly if it's

715

00:29:22,210 --> 00:29:19,700

not a threat of legal advice then I

716

00:29:23,830 --> 00:29:22,220

would be also engaging in you know some

717

00:29:26,260 --> 00:29:23,840

sort of alternative dispute resolution

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00:29:28,180 --> 00:29:26,270

with the person involved to try to us

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00:29:29,980 --> 00:29:28,190

wage them so that they don't take that

720

00:29:31,720 --> 00:29:29,990

step it's interesting you write in your

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00:29:34,180 --> 00:29:31,730

book that the first thing you might want

722

00:29:35,830 --> 00:29:34,190

to do is apologize but maybe not that's

723

00:29:37,810 --> 00:29:35,840

not what you should do first of all you

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00:29:40,780 --> 00:29:37,820

write in your book yes well the trouble

725

00:29:45,420 --> 00:29:40,790

with apologies and corrections Andrew no

726

00:29:48,580 --> 00:29:45,430

retractions is that and the legal advice

727

00:29:50,830 --> 00:29:48,590

is really necessary before you do these

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00:29:54,040 --> 00:29:50,840

sorts of things because sometimes it can

729

00:29:56,230 --> 00:29:54,050

ruin a legal defense to have done so so

730

00:29:58,030 --> 00:29:56,240

for example a defense that it was your

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00:30:00,190 --> 00:29:58,040

honest opinion or your fair comment

732

00:30:01,720 --> 00:30:00,200

where you were criticizing someone if

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00:30:03,880 --> 00:30:01,730

you've retracted that and said you

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00:30:05,890 --> 00:30:03,890

didn't really mean to say it in some

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00:30:08,800 --> 00:30:05,900

places you'd lose the defense because

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00:30:11,110 --> 00:30:08,810

how can you have an honest opinion if

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00:30:12,370 --> 00:30:11,120

you didn't mean to say it so we're

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00:30:16,000 --> 00:30:12,380

starting to get a little bit technical

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00:30:18,550 --> 00:30:16,010

legally here so all I'm saying is you

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00:30:21,130 --> 00:30:18,560

know an apology like I'm sorry this made

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00:30:22,480 --> 00:30:21,140

you upset rather than I'm sorry I was

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00:30:24,220 --> 00:30:22,490

wrong I didn't mean to say it

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00:30:26,140 --> 00:30:24,230

particularly if you didn't if you

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00:30:28,720 --> 00:30:26,150

actually didn't mean to say it you might

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00:30:30,520 --> 00:30:28,730

be on better ground but in Australian

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00:30:33,370 --> 00:30:30,530

under Australian law there's some very

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00:30:36,310 --> 00:30:33,380

very technical and strict requirements

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00:30:38,080 --> 00:30:36,320

of offers of amends and apologies and so

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00:30:40,750 --> 00:30:38,090

they really need to be negotiated

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00:30:42,640 --> 00:30:40,760

through a lawyer look mark Pearson from

751
00:30:45,100 --> 00:30:42,650
bond university professor of journalism

752
00:30:48,400 --> 00:30:45,110
and what is the one thing your students

753
00:30:50,710 --> 00:30:48,410
ask you the most often ask me whether

754
00:30:52,540 --> 00:30:50,720
they are really publishers when they're

755
00:30:54,580 --> 00:30:52,550
using social media they just can't

756
00:30:56,230 --> 00:30:54,590
believe it and I can't believe that

757
00:30:58,360 --> 00:30:56,240
their work is might be going to six

758
00:31:01,060 --> 00:30:58,370
hundred or more jurisdictions throughout

759
00:31:03,190 --> 00:31:01,070
the world so it takes a lot for them

760
00:31:05,560 --> 00:31:03,200
understand that just the smallest tweet

761
00:31:09,129 --> 00:31:05,570
can actually be a publication with legal

762
00:31:11,680 --> 00:31:09,139
consequences and the quick answer to is

763
00:31:13,629 --> 00:31:11,690

it am a bit worried about this is to

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00:31:14,950 --> 00:31:13,639

maybe take some time don't do it

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00:31:16,960 --> 00:31:14,960

instantly if you got if you're reacting

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00:31:20,289 --> 00:31:16,970

to something take time before you tweet

767

00:31:22,090 --> 00:31:20,299

don't react sleep on it uh well Twitter

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00:31:24,159 --> 00:31:22,100

is an instant medium and it's really

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00:31:27,460 --> 00:31:24,169

cool to be seen to be right on top of it

770

00:31:29,200 --> 00:31:27,470

topic getting it wrong or doing damage

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00:31:31,960 --> 00:31:29,210

to somebody else in a whole range of

772

00:31:34,389 --> 00:31:31,970

ways is far too great a risk to take sit

773

00:31:35,860 --> 00:31:34,399

back take a deep breath don't have a cup

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00:31:39,970 --> 00:31:35,870

of coffee think about what you really

775

00:31:41,889 --> 00:31:39,980

want to write and and only then after

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00:31:44,320 --> 00:31:41,899

calming down a little bite you write

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00:31:45,820 --> 00:31:44,330

something a little more tempered Mike

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00:31:48,009 --> 00:31:45,830

Pearson author of blogging and tweeting

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00:31:49,539 --> 00:31:48,019

without getting sued I'm actually

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00:31:51,700 --> 00:31:49,549

reading the font because it gets bigger

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00:31:53,169 --> 00:31:51,710

they're a very useful book and hopefully

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00:31:54,970 --> 00:31:53,179

it'll avoid someone ending up in court

783

00:32:10,119 --> 00:31:54,980

in the near future thank you Mark Thank

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00:32:15,919 --> 00:32:13,460

hi this is Carrie papi i am ross

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00:32:19,279 --> 00:32:15,929

Fletcher okay Ross hey we're from a

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00:32:21,259 --> 00:32:19,289

podcast called oh no roster kerry we

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00:32:22,849 --> 00:32:21,269

find out what happens when you show up

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00:32:25,190 --> 00:32:22,859

and ask questions we've hung out with

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00:32:27,769 --> 00:32:25,200

the caballes the Mormons we've gone and

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00:32:30,169 --> 00:32:27,779

gotten ear candle gone to the Sikhs we

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00:32:31,820 --> 00:32:30,179

show up so you don't have to so find out

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00:32:33,919 --> 00:32:31,830

where we're going next we'll even have

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00:32:36,349 --> 00:32:33,929

special episodes where we have famous

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00:32:38,330 --> 00:32:36,359

guests like Brian Dalton from mr. deity

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00:32:40,369 --> 00:32:38,340

you heard that awesome theme music he

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00:32:44,539 --> 00:32:40,379

wrote that you should come visit us at

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00:32:47,719 --> 00:32:44,549

Oh No podcast.com or facebook.com slash

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00:32:51,589 --> 00:32:47,729

on rack what the hell's on a cross Oh in

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00:32:59,539 --> 00:32:51,599

RAC Oh Oh No Ross and Carrie that's our

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00:33:01,729 --> 00:32:59,549

show that's a smart come join us choice

801
00:33:04,129 --> 00:33:01,739
exists to unlock the power of consumers

802
00:33:06,229 --> 00:33:04,139
and we do that by providing expert

803
00:33:08,419 --> 00:33:06,239
information advice and support to our

804
00:33:10,789 --> 00:33:08,429
members and where necessary we will

805
00:33:12,440 --> 00:33:10,799
intervene in markets to campaign for the

806
00:33:14,149 --> 00:33:12,450
consumer interest as well maybe one

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00:33:16,700 --> 00:33:14,159
hundred percent of our income is derived

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00:33:18,320 --> 00:33:16,710
from our members and that allows us to

809
00:33:20,320 --> 00:33:18,330
be able to speak out without fear or

810
00:33:22,639 --> 00:33:20,330
favor we are one hundred percent

811
00:33:24,589 --> 00:33:22,649
independent in what we say and in what

812
00:33:26,509 --> 00:33:24,599
we do twice a year we hold awards

813
00:33:28,339 --> 00:33:26,519

firstly the sean keys which showcased

814

00:33:31,549 --> 00:33:28,349

the very worst products and services in

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00:33:33,349 --> 00:33:31,559

australia but secondly and today you

816

00:33:34,700 --> 00:33:33,359

will see the choice award some of the

817

00:33:36,859 --> 00:33:34,710

very best products and services

818

00:33:40,609 --> 00:33:36,869

available and they are truly exceptional

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00:33:43,159 --> 00:33:40,619

to pass the choice test dr. ken harvey

820

00:33:46,190 --> 00:33:43,169

is one of australia's leading experts in

821

00:33:48,680 --> 00:33:46,200

public health he's a fierce champion for

822

00:33:51,080 --> 00:33:48,690

the rights of consumers in particular

823

00:33:53,659 --> 00:33:51,090

around dodgy health products that are

824

00:33:56,239 --> 00:33:53,669

more spin than cure so it will covers no

825

00:33:59,299 --> 00:33:56,249

surprise that ken is our consumer

826
00:34:01,219 --> 00:33:59,309
champion for 2012 let's hear from Ken in

827
00:34:03,529 --> 00:34:01,229
his own words that the work that was

828
00:34:03,990 --> 00:34:03,539
done other work that he continues to do

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00:34:09,300 --> 00:34:04,000
on

830
00:34:11,100 --> 00:34:09,310
was late seventies I was involved with a

831
00:34:13,169 --> 00:34:11,110
World Health Organization on ethical

832
00:34:15,090 --> 00:34:13,179
criteria of the medicinal drug promotion

833
00:34:17,010 --> 00:34:15,100
and ethical promotion is part of

834
00:34:19,200 --> 00:34:17,020
national drug policies and World Health

835
00:34:23,190 --> 00:34:19,210
Organization drug policies and so I've

836
00:34:25,680 --> 00:34:23,200
always had an interest in bed and if IC

837
00:34:28,200 --> 00:34:25,690
promotion that I think is not in accord

838
00:34:30,530 --> 00:34:28,210

with ethical criteria and there's a

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00:34:33,270 --> 00:34:30,540

variety of codes of conduct and

840

00:34:35,070 --> 00:34:33,280

therapeutic goods advertising codes then

841

00:34:37,500 --> 00:34:35,080

I send in complaints are on the grounds

842

00:34:39,869 --> 00:34:37,510

that someone should do it and hence my

843

00:34:42,300 --> 00:34:39,879

reputation as a serial complainant which

844

00:34:44,129 --> 00:34:42,310

I think I'm quite proud of actually just

845

00:34:45,720 --> 00:34:44,139

early this year I succeeded in getting a

846

00:34:49,200 --> 00:34:45,730

forty thousand dollar fine out of the

847

00:34:51,149 --> 00:34:49,210

company for inappropriately promoting a

848

00:34:52,950 --> 00:34:51,159

prescription drug to general public

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00:34:55,560 --> 00:34:52,960

unethical promotion no matter whether

850

00:34:59,220 --> 00:34:55,570

it's directed to doctors or consumers is

851

00:35:01,140 --> 00:34:59,230

basically trying to get irresponsible

852

00:35:03,600 --> 00:35:01,150

prescribing or consumption habits of

853

00:35:06,060 --> 00:35:03,610

drugs it's trying to delude either the

854

00:35:10,930 --> 00:35:06,070

doctors or consumers that a product's

855

00:35:14,650 --> 00:35:13,059

the principles of a system and good I

856

00:35:16,540 --> 00:35:14,660

mean there is a good therapeutic with

857

00:35:19,660 --> 00:35:16,550

advertising code based on the World

858

00:35:21,760 --> 00:35:19,670

Health ethical criteria there's a good

859

00:35:22,930 --> 00:35:21,770

independent complaint resolution panel

860

00:35:25,510 --> 00:35:22,940

which I think produces good

861

00:35:27,130 --> 00:35:25,520

determinations albeit they're overloaded

862

00:35:30,760 --> 00:35:27,140

the problem is complaint resolution

863

00:35:34,300 --> 00:35:30,770

panels got no power if they can and they

864

00:35:35,980 --> 00:35:34,310

do send non-compliance to the

865

00:35:38,230 --> 00:35:35,990

Therapeutic Goods Administration which

866

00:35:42,010 --> 00:35:38,240

ultimately is the final regulator the

867

00:35:45,040 --> 00:35:42,020

TGA then could Institute criminal

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00:35:47,260 --> 00:35:45,050

proceedings in practice they have never

869

00:35:51,040 --> 00:35:47,270

ever done so the teacher is a paper

870

00:35:54,520 --> 00:35:51,050

tiger and that most people most sponsors

871

00:35:56,620 --> 00:35:54,530

can get away with unethical advertising

872

00:35:58,420 --> 00:35:56,630

so clearly if you have a system with no

873

00:35:59,920 --> 00:35:58,430

penalties the Cowboys are going to take

874

00:36:04,880 --> 00:35:59,930

advantage of it and that's what's

875

00:36:10,730 --> 00:36:08,150

there's been a succession of weight loss

876
00:36:14,090 --> 00:36:10,740
complementary medicines that have been

877
00:36:16,190 --> 00:36:14,100
scams basically advertised out of all

878
00:36:17,780 --> 00:36:16,200
proportion to their efficacy and the

879
00:36:19,940 --> 00:36:17,790
census things are classic I mean it was

880
00:36:23,600 --> 00:36:19,950
said to be the largest world clinical

881
00:36:26,990 --> 00:36:23,610
trial wonderful claims you'd lose weight

882
00:36:29,600 --> 00:36:27,000
while you sleep for example the trial

883
00:36:31,700 --> 00:36:29,610
was fabricated and never existed and it

884
00:36:34,040 --> 00:36:31,710
was just a reflection of really relax

885
00:36:37,070 --> 00:36:34,050
Atia the Australian system again I don't

886
00:36:38,900 --> 00:36:37,080
believe the TGA takes these these

887
00:36:40,610 --> 00:36:38,910
concerns seriously enough it's a scandal

888
00:36:42,260 --> 00:36:40,620

but the government doesn't seem to want

889

00:36:44,330 --> 00:36:42,270

to do much about it I say I used to

890

00:36:45,980 --> 00:36:44,340

treat patients now I treat governments

891

00:36:47,930 --> 00:36:45,990

they're not sicker and a lot harder to

892

00:36:50,390 --> 00:36:47,940

treat but someone's got to do it p'tee

893

00:36:51,680 --> 00:36:50,400

GA needs civil penalties rather than

894

00:36:54,190 --> 00:36:51,690

criminal penalties it can be easily

895

00:36:56,510 --> 00:36:54,200

applied and which will bite and hurt

896

00:36:58,010 --> 00:36:56,520

they haven't got those at the moment and

897

00:37:02,990 --> 00:36:58,020

again the complaint resolution panel

898

00:37:04,640 --> 00:37:03,000

needs and also I had encourage people if

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00:37:07,010 --> 00:37:04,650

they think that something on television

900

00:37:08,930 --> 00:37:07,020

doesn't look right for claims seem to be

901
00:37:12,620 --> 00:37:08,940
too good to be true they probably are

902
00:37:13,970 --> 00:37:12,630
too good to be true and the complaint

903
00:37:16,070 --> 00:37:13,980
resolution panel can be found on a

904
00:37:18,530 --> 00:37:16,080
website there's an online complaint form

905
00:37:20,330 --> 00:37:18,540
again if they felt that they wanted help

906
00:37:22,040 --> 00:37:20,340
then there are people available and on

907
00:37:24,170 --> 00:37:22,050
one of them that will will help

908
00:37:28,180 --> 00:37:24,180
consumers to properly formulate a

909
00:37:33,609 --> 00:37:30,849
choice were a bit of encouragement from

910
00:37:35,770 --> 00:37:33,619
others has finally after five months got

911
00:37:38,680 --> 00:37:35,780
out of the TGA a list of properly

912
00:37:40,359 --> 00:37:38,690
evaluated registered complementary

913
00:37:43,300 --> 00:37:40,369

medicines which went up on the TGA

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00:37:45,819 --> 00:37:43,310

website just this week choice I think is

915

00:37:48,550 --> 00:37:45,829

a crucial organization it's not the only

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00:37:51,400 --> 00:37:48,560

organization working in con consumer

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00:37:53,740 --> 00:37:51,410

health issues but choice is totally

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00:37:56,650 --> 00:37:53,750

independent and a net principle of

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00:37:58,180 --> 00:37:56,660

independent assessment is crucial it's

920

00:38:00,970 --> 00:37:58,190

what I'm on about about pharmaceuticals

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00:38:03,010 --> 00:38:00,980

the need equally well the fact that

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00:38:05,470 --> 00:38:03,020

choice have recognized that it's not

923

00:38:07,329 --> 00:38:05,480

enough just to test products if you find

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00:38:09,849 --> 00:38:07,339

that products are consistently having

925

00:38:12,040 --> 00:38:09,859

problems that's a policy issue and as a

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00:38:14,740 --> 00:38:12,050

need to have a policy arm and again

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00:38:16,630 --> 00:38:14,750

choice of had its do have policy

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00:38:18,579 --> 00:38:16,640

officers that can work on the larger

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00:38:20,020 --> 00:38:18,589

issues and choice were one of the first

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00:38:22,150 --> 00:38:20,030

bodies mr. and consumers association

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00:38:23,920 --> 00:38:22,160

they set up consumers international

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00:38:26,260 --> 00:38:23,930

shimmers international set up Health

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00:38:29,530 --> 00:38:26,270

Action international which works with

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00:38:32,290 --> 00:38:29,540

people like me in the region so they've

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00:38:35,589 --> 00:38:32,300

had a significant influence in terms of

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00:38:47,800 --> 00:38:35,599

both medicinal drug policy consumer

937

00:38:49,990 --> 00:38:47,810

betterment hey guys this is jay from the

938

00:38:52,780 --> 00:38:50,000

skeptics guide to the universe a weld-on

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00:38:54,550 --> 00:38:52,790

whoa everybody knows I'm the only reason

940

00:38:55,750 --> 00:38:54,560

to listen to the Freak Show right I mean

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00:38:59,180 --> 00:38:55,760

it was up to me the show would start

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00:39:05,250 --> 00:39:02,730

yeah boy well Rebecca would hate that

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00:39:06,690 --> 00:39:05,260

probably but I mean I'd rock that listen

944

00:39:08,160 --> 00:39:06,700

to our show and you can learn about cool

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00:39:09,600 --> 00:39:08,170

stuff like a technological singularity

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00:39:11,490 --> 00:39:09,610

which is someday when technology

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00:39:12,840 --> 00:39:11,500

progresses so fast that it would make

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00:39:14,880 --> 00:39:12,850

the Industrial Revolution look like a

949

00:39:41,970 --> 00:39:14,890

kid science project anyway come check us

950

00:39:47,319 --> 00:39:45,609

I'm here in Albury Wodonga which is sort

951
00:39:49,150 --> 00:39:47,329
of between New South Wales and Victoria

952
00:39:51,640 --> 00:39:49,160
in fact it's on the border is that we

953
00:39:54,190 --> 00:39:51,650
are doctoral see we'll just exactly on

954
00:39:57,099 --> 00:39:54,200
the border we're about a mile also not a

955
00:39:59,650 --> 00:39:57,109
mile a kilometer a kilometer from the

956
00:40:01,299 --> 00:39:59,660
board it's our roving reporter for the

957
00:40:04,630 --> 00:40:01,309
skeptics I'm dr. Chrissy Wilson I've

958
00:40:07,599 --> 00:40:04,640
flown down here to help you launch soap

959
00:40:11,140 --> 00:40:07,609
what is so so that stands for the

960
00:40:13,359 --> 00:40:11,150
science of animalistic phenomena and for

961
00:40:17,289 --> 00:40:13,369
four years now I have been waiting to

962
00:40:18,910 --> 00:40:17,299
launch soap but here is absolutely the

963
00:40:21,430 --> 00:40:18,920

right place to do it this is regional

964

00:40:24,069 --> 00:40:21,440

New South Wales and it's just perfect so

965

00:40:27,599 --> 00:40:24,079

so science of animalistic phenomena is a

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00:40:30,039 --> 00:40:27,609

new research unit where I am going to be

967

00:40:32,019 --> 00:40:30,049

taking on various studies various

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00:40:34,450 --> 00:40:32,029

research projects getting lots of local

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00:40:36,640 --> 00:40:34,460

people involved so that we can explore

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00:40:38,920 --> 00:40:36,650

and investigate the science of belief

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00:40:40,980 --> 00:40:38,930

the psychology of belief why people

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00:40:44,200 --> 00:40:40,990

believe in weird and wonderful things

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00:40:46,539 --> 00:40:44,210

fantastic fantastic and tomorrow night

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00:40:49,599 --> 00:40:46,549

is the big night it isn't a stand up on

975

00:40:53,289 --> 00:40:49,609

your soap box I am I have all my little

976

00:40:55,210 --> 00:40:53,299

soap suds around me which is your

977

00:40:56,799 --> 00:40:55,220

neighbor that way when people subscriber

978

00:40:58,990 --> 00:40:56,809

isn't it they're going to become so yep

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00:41:01,900 --> 00:40:59,000

if you want to be a friend of soap if

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00:41:05,440 --> 00:41:01,910

you are clean up your act if you want to

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00:41:08,170 --> 00:41:05,450

clean up your act gloomy a drug user you

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00:41:10,960 --> 00:41:08,180

can become a soap sud yeah Oh Tim

983

00:41:12,910 --> 00:41:10,970

mendham wonderful editor of the skeptic

984

00:41:14,829 --> 00:41:12,920

he emailed me and he said you know you

985

00:41:17,140 --> 00:41:14,839

could you have lots of lovely headlines

986

00:41:21,700 --> 00:41:17,150

likely watch out psychics Chrissy's

987

00:41:24,400 --> 00:41:21,710

coming with the soap so yeah if you want

988

00:41:25,839 --> 00:41:24,410

to be a soap sud then you can join the

989

00:41:27,370 --> 00:41:25,849

mailing list and be a friend of soap

990

00:41:29,650 --> 00:41:27,380

alright what we're going to do now is

991

00:41:31,990 --> 00:41:29,660

you are on TV a little bit earlier today

992

00:41:34,240 --> 00:41:32,000

on the local news yeah so we're just

993

00:41:37,329 --> 00:41:34,250

going to play the audio of that and then

994

00:41:40,150 --> 00:41:37,339

we'll buy the magic of podcasting will

995

00:41:42,549 --> 00:41:40,160

actually be at the launch absolute after

996

00:41:45,250 --> 00:41:42,559

this little clip so here's you now a

997

00:41:46,810 --> 00:41:45,260

little clip from local television we

998

00:41:49,570 --> 00:41:46,820

almost the reason goes

999

00:41:51,760 --> 00:41:49,580

aliens and so I cakes but if you ever

1000

00:41:54,220 --> 00:41:51,770

ask yourself if you're a skeptic or a

1001
00:41:56,290 --> 00:41:54,230
believer linear research group will be

1002
00:41:58,300 --> 00:41:56,300
launched to Charles Duke University to

1003
00:42:00,490 --> 00:41:58,310
find out why people believe in the

1004
00:42:11,470 --> 00:42:00,500
paranormal and why some of us are more

1005
00:42:14,290 --> 00:42:11,480
susceptible to malini is the truth

1006
00:42:17,260 --> 00:42:14,300
really out there or is it just our

1007
00:42:18,900 --> 00:42:17,270
mind's playing tricks all many believe

1008
00:42:22,840 --> 00:42:18,910
in the world of paranormal activity

1009
00:42:24,460 --> 00:42:22,850
others remain firmly unconvinced what

1010
00:42:26,680 --> 00:42:24,470
most people don't realize is that I

1011
00:42:29,110 --> 00:42:26,690
cognitive abilities constantly let us

1012
00:42:30,780 --> 00:42:29,120
down so we see things we haven't seen we

1013
00:42:33,490 --> 00:42:30,790

hear things we haven't heard we even

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00:42:35,620 --> 00:42:33,500

remember events that didn't even take

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00:42:38,470 --> 00:42:35,630

place dr. Wilson who was taught

1016

00:42:40,630 --> 00:42:38,480

psychology in London and Tasmania is

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00:42:42,970 --> 00:42:40,640

setting up a research unit into the

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00:42:44,440 --> 00:42:42,980

subject she is looking for reasons why

1019

00:42:46,420 --> 00:42:44,450

people believe in the weird and

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00:42:49,270 --> 00:42:46,430

wonderful and will be enlisting the help

1021

00:42:51,490 --> 00:42:49,280

of locals to do so but I also want to do

1022

00:42:53,230 --> 00:42:51,500

some experimental stuff I'm since I've

1023

00:42:55,030 --> 00:42:53,240

been here I've become aware of the fact

1024

00:42:58,180 --> 00:42:55,040

that there are lots and lots of really

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00:43:00,850 --> 00:42:58,190

spooking houses in the area stinking

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00:43:02,770 --> 00:43:00,860
buildings dr. Wilson hopes to take our

1027
00:43:05,320 --> 00:43:02,780
research to places like the former

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00:43:08,230 --> 00:43:05,330
Beechworth asylum and Monte Cristo

1029
00:43:10,060 --> 00:43:08,240
homestead at uni the research group will

1030
00:43:12,010 --> 00:43:10,070
be launched tomorrow night with locals

1031
00:43:15,160 --> 00:43:12,020
and courage to come along if you

1032
00:43:16,840 --> 00:43:15,170
disagree with me if you think I'm on the

1033
00:43:18,940 --> 00:43:16,850
wrong track if you've got some fantastic

1034
00:43:21,280 --> 00:43:18,950
stories to tell us then come along

1035
00:43:24,160 --> 00:43:21,290
tomorrow night the launch will be at CSU

1036
00:43:27,280 --> 00:43:24,170
from 6pm dhoni orbiting prime seven

1037
00:43:31,330 --> 00:43:27,290
years well i'm here at the launch of

1038
00:43:33,160 --> 00:43:31,340

soap and stagger me blow me down who's

1039

00:43:36,040 --> 00:43:33,170

walked in none other than voiceover men

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00:43:37,990 --> 00:43:36,050

Jim Wilshire hi Jim hi Richard I'm

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00:43:38,430 --> 00:43:38,000

really well really excited to be here

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00:43:40,859 --> 00:43:38,440

too

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00:43:44,190 --> 00:43:40,869

launch soap I'm really looking forward

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00:43:45,660 --> 00:43:44,200

to hearing you are you i'm looking

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00:43:47,280 --> 00:43:45,670

forward to speaking to people i'm seeing

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00:43:51,000 --> 00:43:47,290

you but the time you're speaking to me

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00:43:52,620 --> 00:43:51,010

it's happening it's anywhere early we

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00:43:54,030 --> 00:43:52,630

are a little bit early but the crowds

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00:43:55,559 --> 00:43:54,040

moving in which is nice to see the

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00:43:58,380 --> 00:43:55,569

auditorium here at the university is

1051
00:44:00,180 --> 00:43:58,390
filling up so and i'm lucky enough after

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00:44:01,770 --> 00:44:00,190
this heading up to your property for a

1053
00:44:04,410 --> 00:44:01,780
feud and relaxing days by the murray

1054
00:44:06,960 --> 00:44:04,420
river it'll be absolutely wonderful at

1055
00:44:09,000 --> 00:44:06,970
you again thank you looking forward to a

1056
00:44:48,430 --> 00:44:09,010
gym oh well let's find our seats and

1057
00:44:58,779 --> 00:44:54,260
animalistic very well welcome to the

1058
00:45:08,120 --> 00:45:04,249
so is a brand new research unit that is

1059
00:45:12,980 --> 00:45:08,130
going to be dedicated to investigate

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00:45:15,859 --> 00:45:12,990
and all the latest ordinary phenomenal

1061
00:45:17,989 --> 00:45:15,869
okay so my research

1062
00:45:21,049 --> 00:45:17,999
is called formalistic so I packaging

1063
00:45:21,890 --> 00:45:21,059

that's not to be confused with what you

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00:45:25,010 --> 00:45:21,900

probably heard

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00:45:27,530 --> 00:45:25,020

for carousel apology now the image of a

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00:45:30,800 --> 00:45:27,540

parapsychologist tends to remodel ideas

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00:45:32,510 --> 00:45:30,810

with the or more-- title character for

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00:45:35,090 --> 00:45:32,520

ghost bus the social kind of wacky

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00:45:37,620 --> 00:45:35,100

monster who spends most weekends

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00:45:40,510 --> 00:45:37,630

importances

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00:45:44,680 --> 00:45:40,520

that's not what I do actually I have to

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00:45:47,230 --> 00:45:44,690

learn your daughter TV programs with UK

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00:45:50,320 --> 00:45:47,240

but I was open on the listing

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00:45:53,890 --> 00:45:50,330

psychologist so it's very much looking

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00:45:57,670 --> 00:45:53,900

at the camera from a psychological in

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00:46:03,640 --> 00:45:57,680

some cases physiological or to do my

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00:46:06,250 --> 00:46:03,650

next guest needs no introduction you'll

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00:46:09,310 --> 00:46:06,260

always be loved st. Anselm's program

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00:46:13,180 --> 00:46:09,320

Australia search for it so significant

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00:46:15,250 --> 00:46:13,190

psychic for are you suggesting to the

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00:46:17,280 --> 00:46:15,260

producers of the world what they might

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00:46:20,470 --> 00:46:17,290

like to call their second series I

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suggest you or strange chris with these

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summer too so

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Thank You demonstrations I am the

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00:46:50,819 --> 00:46:47,500

circled skeptical judge 1 i've been

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involved and skepticism down pretty cool

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on for about 13 years on the member of

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also we spend wire

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the United States a group set up by

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James ran across a high as one people I

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love traveling the world investigators

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meetings of like-minded people so like

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that's why we told our guys

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these designs

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is it

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ok

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can we design

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this is ben Radford I'm deputy editor of

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skeptical inquirer science magazine

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author of six books including tracking

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chupacabra and you can find out more

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00:49:13,100 --> 00:49:10,980
about me at Benjamin Radford com well

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00:49:14,660 --> 00:49:13,110
thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:49:16,610 --> 00:49:14,670
zone and thanks for joining us for that

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00:49:18,980 --> 00:49:16,620
very exciting little encounter we had

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00:49:22,190 --> 00:49:18,990
with the International Space Station a

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00:49:23,600 --> 00:49:22,200
while ago coming up soon on the skipping

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00:49:25,190 --> 00:49:23,610
zone lot more interviews I think we've

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00:49:26,630 --> 00:49:25,200
got a think tank coming up because lots

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of people request that we have a think

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tank thank you to all the listeners who

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said hello to me while I've been

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visiting Aubrey and very nice comments

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saying how much you enjoy listening to

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the skeptic zone but for this week this

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is Richard Saunders signing off from the

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beautiful thin the banks of the

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beautiful Murray River southern New

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South Wales Australia you've been

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