Sent: Saturday, 11 March 2017 1:24 PM To: Brianna Parkins

Hi Brianna

A Fairfax Media spokesperson said:

"We initially thought they were real protestors but learnt later in the day that some of them were parodying the far right. The story - and video - were updated to reflect that."

On 10 March 2017 at 17:23, Brianna Parkins wrote:

Hi Brad,

Once again sorry for dropping this on you on a Friday afternoon. As I explained we're looking into the coverage surrounding Blair Cottrell and the parody group "Million Flag Patriots" being incorrectly described as UPF supporters. I know the Age have updated their copy so we're only looking at the video in the story.

http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/court-case-an-assault-on-australian-values-says-upf-leader-as-rivals-face-off-20170306-gurjnx.html

The caption describes the parody group as supporters despite their leader heard clearly in the audio saying "Blair Cottrell is a puffy sociopath who lives with his mother.."

We would like to know how Fairfax incorrectly labelled the group as UPF supporters when the audio in the same video suggests otherwise.

If you could get back to us by 11am Monday we would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks,



Brianna Parkins Media Watch