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Defamation proceedings against Carrick Graham and Cameron Slater

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Today, we have filed defamation proceedings in the High Court at Auckland against Carrick Graham and Cameron Slater.

The proceedings relate to a series of blog posts and comments published on the Whale Oil website. For some years, Whale Oil has published articles with a negative focus on various public health experts and advocates. It was not until the book *Dirty Politics* was published in August 2014 that it became clear Carrick Graham was involved in the publication of material on Whale Oil.

We had hoped things would change, but the various articles and comments remain live on Whale Oil, and Mr Slater has continued to publish further material. Accordingly, we have decided to bring these proceedings to address what we claim is a campaign of deliberate and sustained defamation.

While we will continue to speak and write on important public health issues, we will be making no further comment on the matters at issue in the defamation proceedings as they are properly dealt with by the Court.

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