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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **TITLE: Creating nonsense stories**

There are people who create stories which have no factual basis whatsoever and I'm often amused by this.

Take questions asked in the House. Sometimes they don't do any research but hope to trap you into submissions of some hopeful responses to allow you to continue your line of questioning of nothing.

Some of the best stories are based on figures or finances. The truth is not what they want. It's the idea that something bad is happening. So you can say there is a cost overrun of million dollars.

Then you ask for the information about that figure and they fudge.

Then the media will often do the same. The cost of the Fale Taoga is a case in point. Several figures have been thrown in the print. One for \$500,000 and another for \$900,000. No ideas about how they arrive on this figure at all.

Take also the proposed uncollected revenues touted in the letter from the auditors of \$820,000.

In fact, the figure was a lot higher than that and was causing us cash flow issues. It had been accumulating for many years.

It took us a while but we have a policy of no credit at the port. Non-payment means no goods to be released or given. This was something I was familiar with as a shipping agent. With power meters installed, now everyone pays.

There is a third thing they do. They ask you to comment on some nonsense. I always say I don't comment on hearsay, rumours, misinformation etc but then they will say I refuse to comment or that I defended the allegations.

How defence and refusal to comment is linked creates the story.

Then finally they enjoy trial by kangaroo court. They will say someone has to go or pay or tell the truth.

Sources close to the persons is a good one because they will not disclose who this source is.

Sooooooo media or person created misinformation is used quite often. It creates a good story but it is just that. A story with no basis. Or its a case of "where's there's smoke there's fire".

As for the water they are determined to stop this at all costs. Don't worry about getting extra revenue to help pay things here. Don't worry about facts. Or common sense.

And they ignore caucus completely to their peril. Caucus is consulted. They either agree or not. Everything we do we do as a organised caucus. We're not a rebel disorganised group.

Then there are false links because it fits the story. Such as, the government is not raising the New Zealand flag because of the auditor's report. Untruth and made up nonsense.

Nonsense stories I call them.

Simpletons, love them.

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