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Defamation Complaint to Google

SENDER

[REDACTED]

[Private]

AU

Sent on January 13, 2026

COUNTRY: AU



RECIPIENT

Google LLC

[Private]

Mountain View, CA, 94043, US

SUBMITTER

Google LLC

Re: Unknown

NOTICE TYPE: Defamation

Legal Complaint

The content I am requesting removal for is hosted on Reddit and forms part of a targeted smear campaign against an identifiable Australian business and its owner. The thread and linked comments publish allegations as statements of fact, including that the business “hacks”, “steals files”, “sells customer files/data”, and that the software contains “malicious code” or is used to “hack” servers. These are false, verifiable allegations. They convey serious imputations of criminality/dishonesty and unsafe conduct, and they are defamatory.

These posts have caused real-world harm, including customer cancellations, reputational damage, and off-platform harassment. The content remains live and continues to be indexed prominently for brand-related searches, where its high ranking gives it an appearance of authority and increases the likelihood that search users accept the allegations as true.

Since 2024, I have repeatedly reported the specific post and comment URLs through Reddit’s reporting tools and escalations, and I have served formal notices identifying the exact URLs and defamatory excerpts and requesting removal and preservation. Reddit has declined to remove the content, issued template-style responses that do not address the falsifiable claims, and stated it will not preserve or disclose relevant account information without valid legal process. The defamatory material remains accessible and continues to be amplified through Google Search.

Additionally, the harm is being amplified by the way Google Search surfaces and prioritises results. Because these URLs rank highly and can be selected or summarised by Google’s AI-driven features, defamatory claims are being elevated and repeated over legitimate, verifiable sources such as official business information and genuine review pages. This effectively prioritises unverified allegations as if they were authoritative, increases the likelihood users accept them as true, and directly compounds the reputational and commercial damage.

The exploitative nature of this situation is as follows:

A) The post is reasonably suspected to have been initiated by a direct competitor (or someone acting in concert with a direct competitor) with a commercial motive to damage the business.

B) There is evidence indicating that the most harmful and repeated false allegations in the thread were posted by sockpuppet accounts linked to that competitor, including activity in a subreddit where the competitor holds moderator privileges, and those accounts are responsible for the core allegations that cause the most damage.

C) The thread is being actively used as a vehicle to spread demonstrably false claims presented as fact, with the intent and effect of causing business harm, including discouraging subscriptions, provoking cancellations, and driving off-platform harassment.

D) After being served with a cease-and-desist identifying the defamatory material and requesting removal and preservation, Reddit responded by characterising the notice as “vexatious” and has since refused meaningful engagement, leaving expensive legal process as the only practical avenue for removal or preservation of relevant records.

I am requesting removal or delisting from Google Search for the URLs below because continued indexing is amplifying demonstrably false and harmful defamatory allegations about an Australian business and its owner, and those allegations are being used to cause commercial and personal harm.

Allegedly infringing URLs:

- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/legion_kill_feed_whats_souls_issue
- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/comment/kwcjm4s/
- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/comment/kywtf93/
- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/comment/kyxzttrs/
- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/comment/lnt7b2s/
- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/comment/lnt64ot/
- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/comment/ldsxli3/
- https://www.reddit.com/r/DayZDiscussions/comments/19e9o29/comment/l5a15bj/
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DEFAMATORY MATERIAL:

[Click here](#) to request access and see full URLs.