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**Statement in response to the cancellation of Israel Folau's
Legal Action Fund GoFundMe campaign**

Organisations express interest in accepting donations on behalf of Israel's Legal Action Fund

The decision of GoFundMe to cancel Israel's fundraising campaign to support his Legal Action Fund is very disappointing.

The fundraising campaign was in line with GoFundMe's Terms and Conditions as well as all relevant rules and regulations.

Unfortunately, GoFundMe has buckled to demands against the freedom of Australians to donate to his cause.

There appears to be a continuing campaign of discrimination against Israel and his supporters.

Israel Folau is very grateful to the 10,000-plus supporters who believed in good faith that their donations would contribute to his case against Rugby Australia.

Since requesting public donations to help him with his legal action against Rugby Australia, Israel and his supporters have come under intense scrutiny in the media.

Further, Israel's website has been the target of what we believe was a sustained cyberattack and there has been a deliberate attempt to vilify his wife Maria for supporting her husband.

While Israel does not intend to respond in detail at this time regarding the accusations thrown at him or his family, he wants it known that these attacks have hardened his resolve.

Thankfully, several organisations have already expressed interest in supporting Israel's efforts to raise money for his ongoing legal case.

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