

**STATEMENT CONCERNING STELLI CARMICHAEL'S
RECENT CLAIMS IN THE MEDIA**

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Although we very much love our daughter Stelli, we do not agree with her claims to the media. Stelli has always been one to exaggerate things a bit out of proportion for a good story, for example in a newspaper article in May 2007, Stelli made claims she was being “set up” with the son of the world leader of the Brethren. I can personally testify that nothing could be further from the truth and Stelli must have built up some fantasy in her mind.

Stelli is now making claims that Mr Hales, in a visit to the United States in October 2006, laid out a campaign for the Brethren for the Mid Term Elections. She further claims he provided them with lists and lists of people to call going as far as corralling them into telephoning potential voters. Mr Hales did not instruct or facilitate any campaigning by Brethren in the USA. In her capacity as a volunteer, Stelli participated in campaigning for a local candidate of her own accord.

Stelli left home of her own free will and we feel very sorry that she feels the need to harm her family and those she grew up with by making these false claims. We hope and pray she will return home one day.

Bruce Carmichael