retract / rɪˈtrækt / verb

( *formal* ) to say that sth you have said earlier is not true or correct or that you did not mean it

***PM unleashes over misconduct rumours:***

TOM IGGULDEN: The change of heart came after an apology from The Australian for a story it ran today and then retracted.

***Emerson and Dutton discuss the week's events:***

**CRAIG EMERSON: No, Labor not running a dirt unit. Indeed, Tony Abbott had to retract that comment. And David Marr pointed out ...**