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To whom it may concern,

I write today to raise an issue with the program *The Project* on Friday 5 February 2021, and a segment they aired which made misleading and dishonest claims about myself and my views.

The segment in question made the claim that I was "not sold on the vaccine" which is a distortion of the truth. What I did say was that there are other drug treatments available for COVID-19, other than a vaccine.

I have never said that I am against the vaccine although this is not the impression that was given on *The Project*. Producers could have reached out and interviewed me directly, but instead chose to engage in insinuation and innuendo.

The Project's channel, Network Ten, is governed by the Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice. Section 3.3.1 of the code states that a news program, "must present factual material accurately and ensure viewpoints included in the Program are not misrepresented." Network Ten is in violation of this code of practice by airing a program that misrepresented my viewpoint on vaccines.

In addition to these untruthful claims, the panellists participated in childish mockery and snide comments on my public standing and position in the party. This, though perhaps not unlawful, is in poor taste and makes one question the journalistic standards in this country when this is what passes for news commentary. This kind of mockery and snide attack is unbecoming for a national news program which has the responsibility to be fair and accurate when presenting current events.

As the national media regulator, I request that you hold Network Ten accountable for violating their Industry Code of Practice and help to get Australian news and current affairs programs back to a high standard.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Rennick', written over a large, light blue circular stamp.

Gerard Rennick
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