
MINUTES OF THE 27TH MEETING OF 2022 OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2022 AT 9.30 PM BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

MS Teams Meeting

The following were present:

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| Chair | Nerida O'Loughlin (Melbourne) |
| Deputy Chair | Creina Chapman (Melbourne) |
| Member | Fiona Cameron (Melbourne) |
| Member | James Cameron (Melbourne) |
| Member | Chris Jose (Melbourne) |
| Associate Member | Anita Jacoby (Sydney) |
| Authority Secretariat | [REDACTED] |

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| AGENDA ITEM NO. 2022/27/2 | FINAL ORDER OF THE AGENDA |
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| 1. | Welcome and Apologies | |
| 2. | Arrangement of Agenda | |
| 2.1 | Disclosure of relevant interests | Chair |
| 3. | Confirmation of Minutes | |
| 3.1 | Minutes of the 26 th Meeting of 2022 held on 28 July 2022 | [REDACTED] |
| 4. | Information Items and Standing Items | |
| 4.1 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

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| 4.2 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
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| 5. | Decision Items | |
| 5.1 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| 5.2 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
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| 5.3 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
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| 5.4 | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| 5.5 | BI-631 ABC investigation (FOX Four Corners) | Cathy Rainsford, Rochelle Zurnamer, [REDACTED] |
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| AGENDA ITEM | DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INTERESTS |
| NO. 2022/27/2.1 | |

In accordance with the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005* and the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014*, Authority Members Fiona Cameron and Anita Jacoby disclosed a conflict of interest with regard to Item 5.5 BI-631 ABC Investigation (FOX Four Corners). Ms Cameron was recently appointed to the role of ABC Ombudsman. Ms Jacoby was appointed to the role of Chair of the ABC's Advisory Council in January 2022.

Ms Cameron and Ms Jacoby did not attend the meeting for discussion of Item 5.5 BI-631 ABC Investigation (FOX Four Corners).

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| AGENDA ITEM | MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF 2022 | 131/2022 |
| NO. 2022/27/3.1 | | |

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NO. 2022/27/4.1

NO. 2022/27/4.2

NO. 2022/27/5.1

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| AGENDA ITEM | | 135/2022 |
| NO. 2022/27/5.2 | | |

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| AGENDA ITEM | | 137/2022 |
| NO. 2022/27/5.4 | | |

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| AGENDA ITEM | DRAFT PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REPORT | 138/2022 |
| NO. 2022/27/5.5 | BI-631 (FOUR CORNERS – ‘FOX AND THE BIG LIE’) | |

The Authority considered an investigation report about allegations of a lack of accuracy, impartiality, and fair and honest dealing in a 2-part ABC report about FOX News and the 2020 US election.

Resolution: 138/2022

The Authority:

- A) noted and provided comments on the draft Preliminary Investigation Report at Attachment A to the paper; and
- B) requested that staff undertake further analysis of the program and return to the Authority with a further draft assessment of the overall program.

File No: BI-631

Meeting closed at 11.46am on Thursday 11 August 2022.

Confirmed:



Chair

19 / 8 /2022