





## Broadcasting Matter








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Queue  
 ACMA Content Investigations Section

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### Submission Details

Responsible Section	Content Investigation Section	Queue	 ACMA Content Investigations Section
Submitted By	  	Date Received	22/02/2024
Subtype	BM	Online Reference Number	ACMA-BM-1554RCJT84
Submitted: Broadcast Program	Sectarian Temple		
Submitted: Broadcast Station	ABC NEWS, ABC NEWS ONLINE		
Submitted: Broadcast Location			
Submitted: Captioning Broadcaster Type			
Submitted: Have you contacted the broadcaster?	Yes - response received		
Submitted: Broadcast Date(s)	22/01/2024 7:00:00 PM		
Submitted: Program / Event	Sectarian Temple		
Submitted: Complainant's Location			
Submitted: Media Content Service Provider			
Submitted: Have you contacted the broadcaster?	Yes - response received		
Submitted: Event Date(s)	22/01/2024 7:00:00 PM		
Submitted: Sporting Program			
Submitted: Complainant's Location			
Submitted: Gambling Service			

**Submitted: Streaming Service**

**Submitted: Streaming Service URL**

**Submitted: Streaming Service Type**

**Submitted: Date(s) of Advertisement Seen** 22/01/2024 7:00:00 PM

**Submitted: Regulations**

**ABC Editorial Policies**

**2 Accuracy**

**Principles**

The ABC has a statutory duty to ensure that the gathering and presentation of news and information is accurate according to the recognised standards of objective journalism. Credibility depends heavily on factual accuracy.

**Standards: 2.1 and 2.2**

2.1 Make reasonable efforts to ensure that material facts are accurate and presented in context.

2.2 Do not present factual content in a way that will materially mislead the audience. In some cases, this may require appropriate labels or other explanatory information.

**3. Corrections and Clarifications**

**Principles**

A commitment to accuracy includes a willingness to correct errors and clarify ambiguous or otherwise misleading information. Swift correction can reduce harmful reliance on inaccurate information, especially given content can be quickly, widely and permanently disseminated. Corrections and clarifications can contribute to achieving fairness and impartiality.

**Standard 3.1**

3.1 Acknowledge and correct or clarify, in an appropriate manner as soon as reasonably practicable:

**Summary**

**Accuracy**

The TV report of 22 January 2024 covering the consecration of Shri Ram Temple at Ayodhya, the ABC reporter used inaccurate and incomplete facts from the 2019 Supreme Court of India judgement and exaggerated death numbers - reporting it to be 2000 when it was only 200. The video story tilted the story into an Anti-Hindu story conveying that the Supreme Court of India in its judgement of 2019 had committed atrocities on Muslims.

The ABC Ombudsman despite acknowledging the wrong-doing has made a finding of "no breach". That in itself is a breach of ABC's editorial policies, particularly its commitment to Accuracy principles (standards 2.1 and 2.2) and Correction and Clarification principles (standard 3.1)

As a tax payer Australian, I do not accept the Ombudsman's suggestion that the inaccurate story which excludes material information does not breach the ABC's commitment to accuracy and standards 2.1 and 2.2. And the Ombudsman's refusal to correct/remove the story, further breaches ABC's commitment to Correction and its standard 3.1.

I have attached the relevant Supreme Court India judgement of 2019 and point your attention to paragraphs 788 on page 905 Lines 6-22 to page 906 Lines 1-11 and page 116 of the Addenda to the judgement, paragraph 170 Lines 12-17.

I have also attached the Ombudsman's report which needs to be corrected after removing / correcting the 22 January wrong story by the ABC reporter.

I have also attached a summary of my objections, (with sources' links and references) to the Ombudsman's report for your ready reference and ease of understanding. The pdf document is named: ABC justice is a slap on the face of Australian Hindus - to ACMA.

I look forward to a fair, judicious and satisfactory resolution from ACMA.

**General**

Assigned To  



Type Valid Complaint

Enquiry Category

Complaint Category Valid Complaint –  
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ENQUIRY/COMPLAINT ISSUE

Allegation that a news report about the consecration of the Shri Ram Temple lacked accuracy and impartiality - accuracy, impartiality

Enquirer/Complainant   Lodgement Source Webform

Record Status Finalised

Date Responded 22/02/2024

AIMS Complainant Details

Hot Issue

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Tags

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Broadcasting Details

Licence Sub-service  National  
Broadcasting

Licence  8120601 || ABC  
TV || ABC

LEGACY LICENCING INFORMATION

Type

Commercial

Other

BROADCASTING DETAILS

Broadcaster  Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Broadcasting Program



ABC News

Program Type



News

Broadcast Location



DATE(S) OF BROADCAST (dd/mm/yyyy)

22/01/2024

Gambling Advertisement Details

Sporting Program

Complainant's Location



Gambling Service

Gambling Service Type

Streaming Service

Streaming Service URL

Streaming Service Type

Date(s) Advertisement Streamed

22/01/2024

Station ID

Anti-Siphoning Matter

Program

Program Detail

Complainant's Location



Media Content Service Provider

Media Content Service Provider URL

Media Content Service Provider Type

Date(s) of Program

22/01/2024

Potential Relevant Provision(s)

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Record Status	Finalised