From: [redacted]
To: Nerida O'Loughlin and Assistant
Cc: DL - Autumn Field & Assistant; DL - Alana Fraser & Assistant; [redacted]
Subject: FW: For comment: Investigation about Four Corners 'Sacrifice' broadcast on the ABC on 10 March 2025 - Preliminary investigation report [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear Nerida,

As discussed with Autumn, please find correspondence **below** to Ms Fiona Cameron, ABC Ombudsman, regarding the preliminary finding for *Four Corners*, 'Sacrifice'. This was sent on Monday 20 April 2026 and comments are due back on **5pm Monday 4 May 2026.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks and kind regards,

[redacted]

a/g Manager Content Investigations Section
Australian Communications and Media Authority
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 20 April 2026 12:36 PM
To: Ombudsman's Office <ombudsmansoffice@abc.net.au>
Cc: [redacted]
Broadcasting <Broadcasting@acma.gov.au>
Subject: For comment: Investigation about Four Corners 'Sacrifice' broadcast on the ABC on 10 March 2025 - Preliminary investigation report [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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ACMA reference: BI-753

Dear Ms Cameron,

Investigation about *Four Corners* 'Sacrifice' broadcast on the ABC on 10 March 2025.

As you are aware, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) is investigating a complaint about the above program.

A preliminary view has been reached that the broadcaster:

- did not breach the accuracy provision of the ABC Code of Practice 2024 (the Code)
- breached the impartiality provision of the Code.

The preliminary view and the reasoning behind it are set out in the attached Preliminary Investigation Report.

Response requested

You and, through you, any reporters and producers or any relevant third parties involved in the program, are invited to comment on the preliminary view of the ACMA before a final investigation decision is made. Your response should include submissions on action that the broadcaster intends to take to remedy the contravention if the preliminary view does not change.

The ACMA may include relevant extracts from submissions in the investigation report.

Next steps

Comments regarding the preliminary view and remedial action are due by **5pm Monday 4 May 2026.**

If a response is not received by the due date, the ACMA may proceed to finalise the investigation.

Please note that giving false or misleading information to the ACMA in the course of an investigation is a serious offence. This includes information that may be misleading due to omission.

Confidentiality

As this matter has not yet been finalised, you and those involved in the program are asked to treat this preliminary report as strictly confidential.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] Compliance Officer
Content Investigations Section

Australian Communications and Media Authority

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The ACMA acknowledges First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Australia. We respect and celebrate First Nations peoples as the original storytellers and content creators of the lands on which we work and honour the enduring strength and commitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the land, waters and their communities. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

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