From:	Alana Fraser
To:	[redacted] - Alana Fraser & Assistant
Cc:	[redacted] DL - Autumn Field & Assistant
Subject:	RE: For comment: Investigation about Four Corners 'Sacrifice' broadcast on the ABC on 10 March 2025 - Preliminary investigation report [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date:	Tuesday, 21 April 2026 6:25:18 PM
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Thanks [redacted] – my read of the email is they are suggesting they won't respond to us until 6 June.

Autumn – for visibility and discussion.

Thanks
Alana

Alana Fraser (she/her)
Australian Communications and Media Authority
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 April 2026 6:11 PM
To: DL - Alana Fraser & Assistant <DL-AlanaFraser&Assistant@acma.gov.au>
Cc: [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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Hi Alana,

Please see below the response from the ABC and proposed delay to the response date: 'because the affected reporter is currently on annual leave, other key members of the *Four Corners* program team are shooting on location, and current world events have increased the demands on all teams, they will not be in a position to [respond to the preliminary finding] until Friday 6 June.'

I understand this to mean that we will hear from the ABC on the preliminary investigation report by **Friday 6 June.** (Although this may be the date the editorial staff are returning and able to address the report – we can clarify in our response)

Please let us know if you would like to discuss this proposed delay with Autumn or Carolyn *before* we respond to the ABC, or if you're happy for us to respond to the ABC to acknowledge and clarify the new date.

[redacted] and I are also happy to discuss this with you.

Thanks and kind regards,
[redacted]

[redacted]

Australian Communications and Media Authority
[redacted]

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From: Ombudsman's Office <ombudsmansoffice@abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 April 2026 6:02 PM
To: [redacted] Ombudsman's Office <ombudsmansoffice@abc.net.au>
Cc: [redacted] Broadcasting <Broadcasting@acma.gov.au>
Subject: RE: 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 [redacted],

Re investigation about *Four Corners*, 'Sacrifice'

Thank you for sharing the ACMA's preliminary view and report in the above investigation, which we understand the ACMA commenced in October last year.

The investigation concerns some very significant matters. To facilitate the requested response, we have shared your preliminary view and report with those involved in the program, namely the ABC News' Investigative Journalism & Current Affairs team.

They have advised that they intend to provide a detailed response. However, because the affected reporter is currently on annual leave, other key members of the *Four Corners* program team are shooting on location, and current world events have increased the demands on all teams, they will not be in a position to do so until Friday 6 June.

We trust you will understand the ABC's need for this additional time to provide a properly considered response, especially given the significance of the ACMA's preliminary view.

As always, I can be reached by phone on [redacted] if you wish to discuss.

Regards

Fiona Cameron

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 20 April 2026 12:36 PM
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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]
Investigations and Compliance Officer
Content Investigations Section

Australian Communications and Media Authority
[redacted]

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