From: [redacted]
To: DL - Autumn Field & Assistant
Cc: 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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Hi Autumn

I haven't finished reading this submission yet, but the ABC is disputing the finding of a breach of impartiality. They will forward another request for a meeting with the ACMA shortly.

[redacted]

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From: Ombudsman's Office <ombudsmansoffice@abc.net.au>
Sent: Friday, 22 May 2026 1:13 PM
To: [redacted]
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],

I refer to the ACMA's investigation of *Four Corners*, 'Sacrifice' (ACMA ref BI-753).

In accordance with your request of 20 April 2026 and the extension of time allowed on 24 April 2026, the ABC has prepared a response to the ACMA's preliminary view in this investigation. It is enclosed.

Under separate cover I will send a submission directly to the ACMA Chair outlining my own concerns in relation to this preliminary report. I will forward to this group.

Regards,

Fiona Cameron
ABC Ombudsman

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 24 April 2026 1:01 PM
To: Ombudsman's Office <ombudsmansoffice@abc.net.au>; [redacted]
[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 Fiona

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

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2026 regarding the ABC's need for additional time to provide a properly considered response to the preliminary investigation report.

I appreciate there are a number of circumstances impacting the ABC's ability to respond by the due date of 4 May 2026 as well as that there are public interest reasons for finalising this report.

Taking into consideration the circumstances you've raised and the significance of the preliminary finding, we will extend the deadline for a response to **Monday 25 May**, which is a further 3 weeks from the original requested response date.
As previously advised, if a response is not received by the due date, the ACMA may proceed to finalise the investigation.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me on [redacted].

Regards,
Clara

[redacted]
Manager
Content Investigations section
[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@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
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
[redacted]

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