From: [redacted]
To: Autumn Field; DL - Autumn Field & Assistant
Cc: DL - Alana Fraser & Assistant; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Sacrifice investigation (BI-753) - ABC"s response to the preliminary report [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 29 May 2026 11:25:00 AM
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Ok thanks. We will discuss with Alana next week.

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From: Autumn Field <Autumn.Field@acma.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2026 11:01 AM
To: [redacted] DL - Autumn Field & Assistant <DL-AutumnfieldandAssistant@acma.gov.au>
Cc: DL - Alana Fraser & Assistant <DL-AlanaFraser&Assistant@acma.gov.au>; [redacted]
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Thanks [redacted]

I've spoken to Nerida and she would like to have a conversation with the team after you've considered the submissions from the ABC and depending on those views a meeting with the ABC might or might not be needed.

Cheers
Autumn

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2026 5:51 PM
To: DL - Autumn Field & Assistant <DL-AutumnfieldandAssistant@acma.gov.au>
Cc: DL - Alana Fraser & Assistant <DL-AlanaFraser&Assistant@acma.gov.au>; [redacted]
Subject: Sacrifice investigation (BI-753) - ABC's response to the preliminary report [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon Autumn,

The ABC Ombudsman sent 2 emails to ACMA staff on Friday 22 May 2026 regarding the Sacrifice preliminary investigation report:

(i) At 1:13pm staff received a copy of the ABC's 28-page response to the ACMA's preliminary investigation, which included a cover letter from Gavin Fang, ABC Editorial Director. The ABC Ombudsman also stated in this email that she would be contacting the ACMA Chair in a separate email in relation to this report & would forward a copy to ACMA staff.

(ii) At 1:26pm staff received a copy of the email the ABC Ombudsman sent to the ACMA Chair at 1:23pm. The email contained an attachment that included a one-page letter addressed to the ACMA Chair followed by a 3-page submission outlining the ABC's Ombudsman's concerns with the findings of the preliminary investigation report.

It should be noted that in the 28-page ABC response that Gavin Fang stated in his cover letter that:

'Given the seriousness of the finding, the ABC Managing Director Hugh Marks and appropriate representatives of the Corporation **request a meeting with the ACMA** to discuss the report, our response and the implications of the finding if it stands.'

In the ABC Ombudsman's letter to the Chair, there is no mention of a request for a meeting with ACMA staff or a meeting with the Chair.

We sent an acknowledgement that we received the email, but it would be helpful if you could raise this request with the Chair to see what her preference is in terms of a meeting. It will also let us know if there is anything to be actioned before the report is finalised and published.

Happy to talk about it in more detail if you like.

Thanks, [redacted]

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