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Subject:	[For CL early visibility] July 2026 with ABC subs BI-753 - Preliminary Investigation Report (for ABC comment) .docx [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Attachments:	Attachment A - 260522_ABC letter and response to ACMA RE prelim finding Four Corners Sacrifice.pdf Attachment B - 2026-05-22_Ombudsman"s letter to ACMA_v1.0.pdf [for CL review] 30.06.2026 with ABC subs BI-753 - Preliminary Investigation Report (1).docx

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Dear Carolyn,

I hope you're well.

I appreciate that you will be going on leave shortly, however, we wanted to provide you with **early visibility** of the *Four Corners* 'Sacrifice' draft final report in advance of the full Authority consideration, in case you had any immediate comments on the approach undertaken by staff in finalising the report. **The final version will be progressing to the Authority for consideration in the coming weeks.**

Overview of changes:

- Staff have considered the submissions by the ABC, but ultimately maintained our findings in the report.
- We have taken into consideration comments received from you and Nerida on 16 and 17 June 2026.
- We have made changes to strengthen our findings, particularly in relation to the ANAO report, following the ABC editorial director's submission to the ACMA.
- In response to the letter from the ABC Ombudsman, we have ensured that more of the initial Ombudsman's report (16 April 2025) is being captured in the body of the report. You will note some additions are from the 2025 ABC initial report. We have also amended some references to the host Mark Willacy to better reflect that the content is a product of the program team as a whole and we are not specifically attributing the breach to him as an individual employee. Where the content is specifically in reference to his role as the host, we have retained these references.
- We will be attaching the ABC's submissions in full, as outlined in the investigation report.

Please find **attached** (labelled for CL review) a clean draft version of the *Four Corners* 'Sacrifice' investigation report which has been amended to reflect Nerida and your comments following the ABC's submissions on the preliminary investigation report (**Attachments A and B**). The significant changes have been highlighted in green in the draft investigation report. Minor changes have not been highlighted.

Investigation report attachments:

A. ABC Editorial response to ACMA preliminary findings
B. Letter to the Chair from ABC Ombudsman
C. Ombudsman Investigation Report - About the ABC – 16 April 2025

See also a link of the broadcast.

We welcome any comments you have about the attached ahead of the final submission for consideration by the Authority members in July.

Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

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