From: [redacted]
To: DL - Carolyn Lidgerwood and Assistant
Cc: DL - Alana Fraser & Assistant; [redacted]
Subject: [for review and comment - 19 January 2026] - Four Corners, Sacrifice investigation [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 22 December 2025 3:27:59 PM
Attachments: Attachments for Sacrifice BI-753.zip
image001.png
image002.png
image003.png
image004.png
image005.jpg
BI753 Sacrifice memo 18.12.25.docx

OFFICIAL

Dear Carolyn,

As you are aware, the team is currently working on the ABC Four Corners report '*Sacrifice*' investigation (BI-753) – largely with thanks to [redacted] (cc'd) for tackling this lengthy matter.

We would appreciate your thoughts on the investigation and have attached an executive **memo for your review and comment.**

Set out in the attached memo, staff have put forward their preliminary view that there were no breaches of the accuracy and impartiality provisions of the ABC Code of Practice 2024 (the Code).

Attached:
Memo for Sacrifice BI-753 and associated attachments:

- Link to broadcast dated 10 March 2025 (which includes the transcript and a copy of Mr Hitches statement on the website)
- **Attachment A** - AWM complaint to the ACMA dated 13 August 2025 (includes all of the AWM's correspondence with the ABC)
- **Attachment B** - Copy of the ABC Ombudsman Report dated 16 April 2025
- **Attachment C** – Copy of the CIA for BI-753 dated 10 October 2025
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- **Attachment F** - ACMA email to the ABC opening the investigation – BI-753 dated 13 October 2025
- **Attachment G** - ABC 1st response to the ACMA dated 15 October 2025 RE confirming broadcast on 10 March 2025
- **Attachment H** - ABC 2nd response to the ACMA dated 22 October 2025 Re submissions

We'd be very happy to meet with you to discuss in more detail. In terms of timing, I note you're away until 12 January 2026 and [redacted] returns from leave on Monday 19 January 2026.

We'll reach out to [redacted] separately and set up a meeting time with you sometime

w/c 19 January to discuss.

If you have any questions or comments in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks and kind regards,
[redacted]

[redacted]
a/g Manager

Australian Communications and Media Authority
[redacted]

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.

OFFICIAL