Broadcasting Matter

BM-015373

Created On
13/08/2025 5:57 PM

Queue
ACMA Content Investigation...

Assigned To
[redacted]

Submission Details

Responsible Section Content Investigation Section

Queue ACMA Content Investigations Section

Submitted By [redacted]

Date Received 13/08/2025

Subtype BM

Online Reference Number ACMA-BM-5691NFIM38

Submitted: Broadcast Program Four Corners "Sacrifice"

Submitted: Broadcast Station The Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Submitted: Broadcast Location Canberra ACT

Submitted: Captioning Broadcaster Type

Submitted: Have you contacted the broadcaster? Yes - response received

Submitted: Broadcast Date(s) 10/3/2025 8:30:00 PM

Submitted: Program / Event Four Corners "Sacrifice"

Submitted: Complainant's Location Canberra ACT

Submitted: Media Content Service Provider

Submitted: Have you contacted the broadcaster? Yes - response received

Submitted: Event Date(s) 10/3/2025 8:30:00 PM

Submitted: Sporting Program

Submitted: Complainant's Location Canberra ACT

Submitted: Gambling Service

Submitted: Streaming Service

Submitted: Streaming Service URL

Submitted: Streaming Service Type

Submitted: Date(s) of Advertisement Seen 10/3/2025 8:30:00 PM

Submitted: Regulations

ABC Code of Practice (and associated Editorial Policies)

Summary

Accuracy; Impartiality; and Fair and honest dealing

We are eligible to submit this follow-up complaint because we received a response from the broadcaster, ABC, and contend that the ABC failed to adequately address the substance of our concerns.
The Four Corners Program breached the following requirements as set out in the ABC Code of Practice (ABC Code): Standard 1 Accuracy; Standard 2 Impartiality; and Standard 3 Fair and honest dealing.
• On 19 March 2025, the Australian War Memorial (AWM) Chairman, the Hon Kim Beazley AC, sent a letter to Mr Kim Williams, the Chairman of the ABC (Letter to the ABC). A copy of the Letter to the ABC is Annexure A to this letter.
• On 21 March 2025, Mr Beazley received a one-page response from Mr Gavin Fang, the ABC Editorial Director (ABC Response). A copy of the ABC Response is Annexure B to this letter.
• On 16 April 2025, the ABC Ombudsman published an Ombudsman Investigation Report (Ombudsman Report). A copy of the Ombudsman Report is Annexure C to this letter.
The Ombudsman did not adequately address the matters rai

General

Assigned To [redacted]

Type Valid Complaint

Enquiry Category

Complaint Category Valid Complaint – s.150 of the BSA

ENQUIRY/COMPLAINT ISSUE

Allegation of inaccuracy and a lack of impartiality in a 7:30 report episode about the Australian War Memorial. Accuracy; Impartiality; Fair and honest dealing.

Enquirer/Complainant [redacted]

Lodgement Source Webform

[redacted]

Record Status Investigation Commenced

Date Responded 14/08/2025

AIMS Complainant Details

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Broadcasting Details

Licence Sub-service National Broadcasting

Licence 8121801 || ABC TV || ABC

LEGACY LICENCING INFORMATION

Type

Commercial

Other

BROADCASTING DETAILS

Broadcaster	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Broadcasting Program	Four Corners
Program Type	Current Affairs
Broadcast Location	Canberra ACT

DATE(S) OF BROADCAST (dd/mm/yyyy)

10/3/2025

Gambling Advertisement Details

Sporting Program	
Complainant's Location	Canberra ACT
Gambling Service	
Gambling Service Type	
Streaming Service	
Streaming Service URL	
Streaming Service Type	
Date(s) Advertisement Streamed	10/3/2025
Station ID	

Anti-Siphoning Matter

Program	
Program Detail	
Complainant's Location	Canberra ACT
Media Content Service Provider	
Media Content Service Provider URL	
Media Content Service Provider Type	
Date(s) of Program	10/3/2025

Potential Relevant Provision(s)

Broadcasting Regulation Type	Broadcasting Regulation	Subject Matter	on
Code of Practice	ABC Code of Practice 2024	Accuracy	Accuracy
Code of Practice	ABC Code of Practice 2024	Fair and honest dealing	Fair and h
Code of Practice	ABC Code of Practice 2024	Impartiality	Impartialit

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Related Investigations

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