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Subject:	Your complaint about Four Corners 'Sacrifice' broadcast on ABC on 10 March 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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ACMA references: BI-753

Dear Mr Beazley,

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

Thank you for your correspondence regarding ABC's *Four Corners 'Sacrifice'* broadcast on 10 March 2024 (the program) and for your patience while we assessed your complaint.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) has commenced an investigation into your complaint, made on behalf of the Australian War Memorial (AWM), concerning the ABC's compliance with the ABC Code of Practice 2024 (the ABC Code).

When we receive a complaint about a broadcaster, we weigh up a number of factors to help us decide whether to investigate further, including the specifics and/or merits of the matter, the nature and seriousness of the issue raised, the matter's potential to affect the community at large and its priority in relation to other matters.

Having reviewed the broadcast, the ACMA considers the following issues raised about the broadcast of *Four Corners* 'Sacrifice' warrant further investigation:

Accuracy
- That the program inaccurately presented the Last Post audio with construction noise in the background.

Impartiality
- That the program omitted contextual information relating to the AWM's redevelopment project (the Project) and the subsequent Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) Report.
- That the program unduly favoured perspectives critical of the Project.
- The interview style of the host of the program and the interviews were not impartial.

The ACMA notes that some of the allegations outlined above were framed in terms of accuracy under the ABC's editorial standards, however, the ACMA considers that these issues are more appropriately considered under the impartiality provisions of the ABC Code.

Investigations of this nature may take several months and you will be notified of the outcome in due course.

A report of the investigation will be prepared and this is often published on the website, unless there are good reasons not to. Summaries of investigation reports may also be referred to in the ACMA Annual Report and other ACMA publications. A media release or web announcement may also be issued.

Please be aware that, over the course of the investigation, the ACMA may provide the complaint and other relevant information submitted by you, to the ABC for their information.

You should note that the outcome of this investigation will be advised to the ABC and that extracts from the complaint may be included in any investigation report. The complaint to the ACMA and to the ABC, along with any related documentation, including the ACMA's investigation report and any transcript of the broadcast, may receive publicity, regardless of whether a breach is found.

Any material that you provide to the ACMA in the course of this investigation may also be subject to disclosure on the ACMA's website under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth).

The ACMA's privacy policy is available at:
http://acma.gov.au/theACMA/About/Corporate/Accountability/privacy-policy

Please note that the ACMA's jurisdiction is limited to the assessment of the compliance of broadcast content against the relevant provisions in the ABC Code. Complaint issues unrelated to the compliance of broadcast content with the ABC Code do not fall within the ACMA's remit.

Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

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