The Hon Kim Beazley AC
Council Chairman

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Dear Ms O'Loughlin,

I am writing to thank you and your staff at the Australian Communications and Media Authority for the careful investigation into the ABC Four Corners episode "Sacrifice," and for the findings handed down regarding its treatment of the Australian War Memorial's Development project.

It is reassuring to see the independent regulator examine this episode closely and hold national broadcasting to the standards of due impartiality that the ABC's own Code of Practice requires.

The Memorial has always welcomed scrutiny of its governance, its spending, and its major projects — scrutiny is a healthy and necessary feature of any public institution, and never more so than during the largest development in our history. What matters is that such scrutiny be conducted fairly, with sufficient context for audiences to reach their own informed views. Your finding speaks directly to that principle.

I recognise the ACMA's role is a difficult one, weighing the vital importance of investigative journalism against the equally important obligation of impartiality, and I appreciate greatly the thoroughness with which your office has approached this matter.

Thank you for your diligence.

Yours sincerely,



The Hon K.C. Beazley, AC

Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made. C.E.W. Bean

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