

**From:** s 47E(c) @abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 January 2026 7:55 AM  
**To:** Gavin Fang  
**Subject:** RE: AWW complaint that mentions Louise Milligan and David Marr

Thanks Gavin.

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**From:** Gavin Fang <Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 January 2026 8:23 AM  
**To:** s 47E(c) @abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Re: AWW complaint that mentions Louise Milligan and David Marr

Thanks for checking my spelling.. unfortunately one made it into the wild at least according to the newspapers. Oh well.

Lets go with this version for the more general ones that name everyone.

Hello

Thank you for your email regarding the Adelaide Writers' Week.

The ABC welcomes feedback from the community.

The decision by ABC staff to withdraw from the Adelaide Writers' Week does not indicate support for Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah.

Nothing in the conduct of these staff around this matter is in breach of the ABC's editorial standards.

Regards

Gavin Fang

Editorial Director

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**From:** s 47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 8:14 AM  
**To:** Gavin Fang <[Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au](mailto:Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: AWW complaint that mentions Louise Milligan and David Marr

Thanks Gavin – I did notice that typo, and I amended it before sending out all of the others.

Re Milligan and Marr, I note that they weren't mentioned in this version. Is that by design, or should I add their names?

Thanks again,

s 47E(c) [redacted]

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**From:** Gavin Fang <[Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au](mailto:Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 January 2026 8:10 AM  
**To:** s 47E(c) [redacted] <[redacted]@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Re: AWW complaint that mentions Louise Milligan and David Marr

Hi s 47E(c) [redacted]

I am happy for you to use a version of my initial response to these general ones.

I've slightly updated (fixed my typo!) and trimmed this one back.

Hello

Thank you for your email regarding the Adelaide Writers' Week.

The ABC welcomes feedback from the community.

At no stage has John Lyons or Laura Tingle made any suggestion that their decision to withdraw from the Adelaide Writers' Week was in support of Dr Randa Abdel-Fattah.

In his only public statement on the matter Mr Lyons simply referred to the controversy surrounding the event and said he would be withdrawing.

Ms Tingle has made no public comment.

Both Mr Lyons and Ms Tingle are senior ABC journalists aware of their obligations and nothing in their conduct around this matter is in breach of the ABC's editorial standards.

Regards

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Editorial Director

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**From:** § 47E(c) [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@abc.net.au>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 8:53 AM

**To:** Gavin Fang <[Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au](mailto:Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au)>

**Subject:** AWW complaint that mentions Louise Milligan and David Marr

Hi Gavin

Just sending through this (hopefully last) contact received over the weekend re AWW that mentions Laura Tingle, and also Louise Milligan and David Marr.

This is similar to one I'd previously sent you, which you were going to consider separately to the majority that mention Lyons and Tingle.

Regards

s 47E(c)

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Via web form



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• Saturday 2:48 pm

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I would like to have a written explanation from senior level of the ABC on the justification for Tingle, Marr and Milligan's withdrawal. And whether the editorial board support it. They made a statement and nailed the ABC's colours to their chosen mast. Is it supported?

**From:** s 47E(c)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 January 2026 11:49 AM  
**To:** Gavin Fang  
**Subject:** RE: The ABC's response to your complaint about Adelaide Writers' Week.

OK thanks Gavin.

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**From:** Gavin Fang  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 January 2026 10:39 AM  
**To:** s 47E(c)  
**Subject:** Re: The ABC's response to your complaint about Adelaide Writers' Week.

Agree. I reckon we leave them now.

On the one below.. i think the subtext of my letter is pretty clear that they haven't expressed support for anyone. As it should be.

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**From:** s 47E(c) <[redacted]@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 10:36 AM  
**To:** Gavin Fang <Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** RE: The ABC's response to your complaint about Adelaide Writers' Week.

I agree re this one...I can't see in his original complaint where he was asking about whether or not Lyons, Tingle et al supported Malinauskas' position?

As for the others, I'm not sure what there is left to say after the response we have already sent. I've only had a chance to have a glance at a couple so far; those I have seen appear to be another templated and coordinated campaign of complaints. As you've likely seen, they mention comments made by yourself and John, but I'm not sure how you would best address these.

Cheers

s 47E(c)

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**Subject:** Re: The ABC's response to your complaint about Adelaide Writers' Week.

thanks s 47E(c) We are generating work for each other.

I think we have reached a point with these that the arguments are circuitous and probably not worth a direct response anymore.

What is your view?

Gavin

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**To:** Gavin Fang <[Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au](mailto:Fang.Gavin@abc.net.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: The ABC's response to your complaint about Adelaide Writers' Week.

Hi again

Just some further corro FYI, from one of those sent this morning...

I've also just seen that just under 50 further contacts have been received overnight about our position on the staff withdrawals.

Thanks

s 47E(c)  
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**From:** 11C <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 January 2026 8:37 AM  
**To:** ABC Audience Support <[abcaudiencesupport@abc.net.au](mailto:abcaudiencesupport@abc.net.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: The ABC's response to your complaint about Adelaide Writers' Week.

Dear Gavin,

I never said it did. Please reread my letter.

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Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

**From:** ABC Audience Support

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 7:34:35 AM

**To:** ABC Audience Support

**Subject:** The ABC's response to your complaint about Adelaide Writers' Week.

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