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**Response from an ABC spokesperson,**

The Monash University analysis was newsworthy and from a credible source. The use – and claimed overuse – of court suppression orders is an issue of concern to the public.

The ABC story was an accurate report on the analysis. It featured a diversity of relevant perspectives, including the criticisms by Chief Justice Niall and the comments made to the researchers by Victoria's Director of Public Prosecutions. It also reported that Victoria's Chief Magistrate and County Court Chief Judge did not take part.

The Monash researchers quoted the Alliance for Journalists' Freedom and the journalist checked the primary source, which was the 2024 White Paper on Press Freedom in Australia.