

Response from Darren Wick, Director of News & Current Affairs, Nine Network:

It was always our intention to interview the aunt and cousin of the victim. This was arranged with the full co-operation of the family and the upcoming interview was promoted during the Today Show. However, the family made a last minute decision that they wanted to proceed with only 14 year old Aki representing them. It's important to note that Aki's mother and family members were on location with her during the interview, standing just off camera. We have subsequently addressed this as a group and accept it was not ideal to have a minor speaking about such a terrible event without the on-air support of an adult.