



**ABC Regional & Local** division's response to a review conducted of 5.3 Opportunity to Respond:

*Providing a fair opportunity to respond is a fundamental aspect of fairness in journalism and a critical aspect of maintaining integrity and trust. Regional & Local welcomes the opportunity to engage in further training on standard 5.3 and accepts the recommendation in the report, however notes the very small number of upheld complaints within the context of our daily output across 52 live radio stations around the country.*

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**ABC News** division's response to a review conducted of 5.3 Opportunity to Respond:

*ABC News considers compliance with the requirement to provide a fair opportunity to respond to allegations (Standard 5.3) as a fundamental requirement of responsible journalism. Training in this area has been a priority for the ABC News editorial advisor over the last two years. The comparatively small number of lapses over the period demonstrates both that this effort has been largely successful and that targeted training in this area for journalists will continue to be a priority.*