

Mark Willacy comment:

"The ACMA report fails to understand some of the fundamental tools of investigative journalism, not to mention the crucial role of accountability interviewing in understanding important issues and events. Holding public officials who run taxpayer-funded institutions to account through rigorous and probing questioning is fundamental, not only to journalism but to our democracy. To suggest that we impose false balance on our journalism would also let these same officials, the people who control these institutions, off the hook. The team at Four Corners went to great lengths to ensure that every aspect of our story, every criticism, and every allegation, was put to those who run the Australian War Memorial. They were afforded every journalistic courtesy and none raised any concerns after their interviews about the way the interviews were conducted."