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**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 11:50 AM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** BREAKING: Federal police raid ABC

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## **Federal police raid ABC**

OLIVIA CAISLEY

Federal police officers are raiding the ABC offices in Ultimo over a story about Australia's elite special forces in Afghanistan.

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To: John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
Subject: NY Times media request

Hi John,

Let me know if you're able to speak on today's events once it's over (or before if you can). We are working on this again today.

all best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

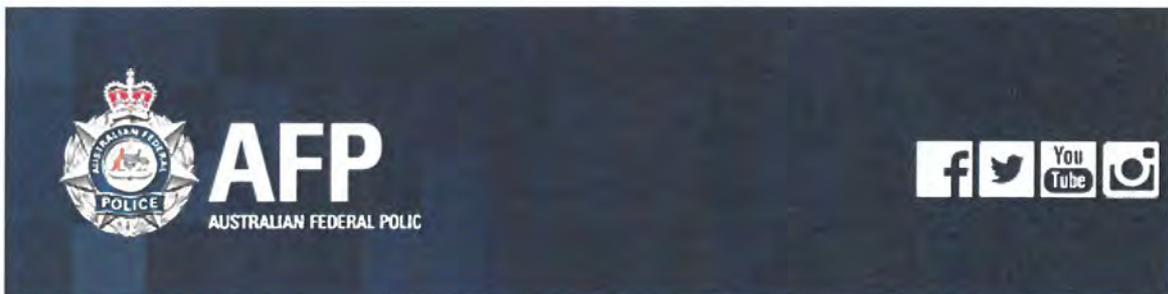
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**The New York Times**

**From:** Helen Tzarimas <Tzarimas.Helen@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 12:08 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Media Release: AFP statement on search warrant in Sydney

**From:** AFP Media <[no-reply@australianfederalpolice.org.au](mailto:no-reply@australianfederalpolice.org.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 11:57 AM  
**To:** Helen Tzarimas <[Tzarimas.Helen@abc.net.au](mailto:Tzarimas.Helen@abc.net.au)>  
**Subject:** Media Release: AFP statement on search warrant in Sydney



There is a new Media release available for you to read:

## AFP statement on search warrant in Sydney

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) has executed a search warrant on the Ultimo premises of the ABC today (Wednesday, 5 June 2019) in relation to allegations of publishing classified material, contrary to provisions of the **Crimes Act 1914**.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2019 12:23 PM  
To: John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
Subject: Raids

Hi John,

Just getting in contact from The Project regarding the raids. If you're in a position to chat to us about them this afternoon we'd love to hear from you. Please give me a call. My number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

**From:** Genevieve Hartney <Hartney.Genevieve@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Search Warrant [ABC-Legal.FID54298]

Hi John

Michael asked that I send you the attached.

Thanks

Gen



Genevieve Hartney  
Legal Assistant, Disputes

P 02 8333 5867  
E [hartney.genevieve@abc.net.au](mailto:hartney.genevieve@abc.net.au)  
A 700 Harris Street Ultimo NSW 2007

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**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**  
**CRIMES ACT 1914: SECTION 3E**  
**SEARCH WARRANT FOR SEARCH OF A PREMISES**



To: Ian Robert Brumby  
a constable within the meaning of the *Crimes Act 1914*, who is the executing officer in relation to this warrant;

And to any other constable whose name may be written on this warrant in accordance with section 3C(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914*, in which event that constable shall be the executing officer in relation to this warrant:

Whereas I Martin Kane  
Registrar

an issuing officer within the meaning of section 3E of the *Crimes Act 1914*, am satisfied by information on oath that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that there is (or will within the next 72 hours be) at the premises located at:

**The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), ABC Ultimo Centre, 700 Harris Street, Ultimo in the State of New South Wales**

evidential material, as defined in the *Crimes Act 1914*, which satisfies ALL of the following three conditions namely:

**First condition:** Things which are:

originals or copies of any one or more of the following, including any of them which are stored on a computer, or on a computer storage device, or on any other type of storage medium or storage device:

- Handwritten/digital notes
- Diary/ies
- Correspondence – internal and external
- Emails and other electronic forms of messaging
- Minutes
- Reports
- Briefing Documents
- Assessments
- Graphics, sketches, photographs or imagery/vision – drafts and final
- Story pitch
- Planning logs
- Broadcast and online schedules
- Raw or unedited footage in its entirety

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- Journalist's piece to camera
- Scripts – drafts and finals including voice overs
- Story boards/plans
- Status updates
- Website content
- Documents classified as 'Secret'

Together with any manual, instruction, password or other thing that assists to gain access to or interpret or decode any of the above things.

**Second condition:** And which relate to any one or more of the following:

- David McBRIDE
- Daniel (Dan) OAKES
- Samuel (Sam) CLARK
- Gaven MORRIS
- Chris SMITH
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)
- National Reporting Team
- Australian Defence Force (ADF)
- Department of Defence
- The Australian Army
- Special Forces
- Special Operations Command (SOCOMD)
- Special Operations Task Group (SOTG)
- Special Air Service Regiment (SASR)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Commando Company (2CDO)
- Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HQJOC)
- Operation SLIPPER
- Afghanistan
- The 7.30 Report
- The Afghan Files
- Inside the Afghan Files
- Rules of Engagement
- The Ops Room
- Ghost Three Zero
- Chief of the Defence Force (CDF)
- Acting (and/or) Secretary of Defence
- Chief of Army (CA)

- Chief of Joint Operations (CJOPS)
- <http://theopsroom.com>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-11/inside-the-afghan-files/8696182>
- <https://www.facebook.com/abcnews.au/videos/inside-the-afghan-files/10156950722999988/>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/7,30/afghan-veteran-raises-disturbing-allegations-over/8695400>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-11/killings-of-unarmed-afghans-by-australian-special-forces/8466642>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-11/defence-inquiry-investigating-killing-of-taliban-detainee-in-hut/8616602>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-11/unarmed-men,-children-among-casualties-of-elite-forces/8424944>
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- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-11/afghan-files-australias-secretive-rules-of-engagement/8496672>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-11/afghan-files-shed-light-on-notorious-severed-hands-case/8496654>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-11/relations-between-australias-special-forces-units-unhealthy/8496616>

### **Third condition:**

And as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that they will afford evidence as to the commission of the following indictable offence(s) against the laws of the Commonwealth:

Between 14 April 2016 and 1 October 2016, David William McBride gave Daniel Michael Oakes military information, contrary to section 73A(1) of the *Defence Act 1903* (Cth).

Between 14 April 2016 and 1 October 2016, Daniel Michael Oakes unlawfully obtained military information, contrary to section 73A(2) of the *Defence Act 1903* (Cth).

Between 1 March 2013 and 20 December 2014, David William McBride stole property belonging to the Commonwealth, contrary to section 131.1(1) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

About Between 14 April 2016 and 1 October 2016, Daniel Michael Oakes dishonestly received stolen property from David William McBride, knowing or believing that the property was stolen, contrary to section 132.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

About 1 May 2016, David William McBride unlawfully disclosed a fact or document which came into his knowledge by virtue of him being a Commonwealth officer,

contrary to section 70(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth)

I hereby issue this warrant which authorises you to enter and search the premises described above.

AND by virtue of section 3F(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* this warrant authorises the executing officer or a constable assisting to do all of the following;

- enter the premises described above at anytime and execute the warrant;
- if the premises are a conveyance, to enter the conveyance, wherever it is;
- search for and record fingerprints found at the premises and to take samples of things found at the premises for forensic purposes;
- search the premises for any evidential material that satisfies ALL of the three conditions specified above and to seize any such evidential material that may be found;
- seize any other thing found at the premises in the course of the search that the executing officer or the constable assisting believes on reasonable grounds to be:
  - (i) evidential material in relation to an offence to which the warrant relates;
  - (ii) evidential material in relation to another offence that is an indictable offence; or
  - (iii) evidential material (within the meaning of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*) or tainted property (within the meaning of that Act).

if the executing officer or the constable assisting believes on reasonable grounds that seizure of the thing is necessary to prevent its concealment, loss or destruction or its use in committing an offence;

- seize any other thing found at the premises in the course of the search that the executing officer or the constable assisting believes on reasonable grounds to be a seizable item, in that it is a thing that would present a danger to a person or that could be used to assist a person to escape from lawful custody.

AND by virtue of section 3F(2A) of the *Crimes Act 1914* this warrant authorises the executing officer or a constable assisting to do all of the following:

- to use:
  - a computer, or data storage device, found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant; or
  - a telecommunications facility operated or provided by the Commonwealth or a carrier; or
  - any other electronic equipment; or
  - a data storage device;

for the purpose of obtaining access to data (the **relevant data**) that is held in the computer or device found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant at any time when the warrant is in force, in order to determine

- whether the relevant data is evidential material of a kind specified in the warrant; and
- if necessary to achieve the purpose mentioned above - to add, copy, delete or alter other data in the computer or device found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant; and
- If, having regard to other methods (if any) of obtaining access to the relevant data which are likely to be as effective, it is reasonable in all the circumstances to do so:
  - to use any other computer or a communication in transit to access the relevant data; and
  - if necessary to achieve that purposes - to add, copy, delete or alter other data in the computer or the communication in transit; and
- to copy any data to which access has been obtained, and that:
  - appears to be relevant for the purposes of determining whether the relevant data is evidential material of a kind specified in the warrant; or
  - is evidential material of a kind specified in the warrant; and
- to do any other thing reasonably incidental to any of the above authorised by section 3F(2A).

AND by virtue of section 3F(2B) of the *Crimes Act 1914* this warrant authorises the executing officer or a constable assisting to do all of the following:

- to use:
  - a computer found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant; or
  - a telecommunications facility operated or provided by the Commonwealth or a carrier;
  - any other electronic equipment;

for the purpose of obtaining access to data (the **relevant account-based data**) that is account-based data in relation to:

- a person who is the owner or lessee of the computer found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant; or
- a person who uses or has used the computer found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant;
- a deceased person who, before the person's death, was the owner or lessee of the computer found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant; or
- a deceased person who, before the person's death, used the computer found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant;

in order to determine whether the relevant account-based data is evidential material of a kind specified in the warrant; and

- if necessary to achieve the purpose mentioned above - to add, copy, delete or alter other data in the computer found in the course of a search authorised under the warrant; and

- If, having regard to other methods (if any) of obtaining access to the relevant account-based data which are likely to be as effective, it is reasonable in all the circumstances to do so:
  - to use any other computer or a communication in transit to access the relevant account-based data; and
  - if necessary to achieve that purpose-to add, copy, delete or alter other data in the computer or the communication in transit; and
- to copy any data to which access has been obtained, and that:
  - appears to be relevant for the purposes of determining whether the relevant account-based data is evidential material of a kind specified in the warrant; or
  - is evidential material of a kind specified in the warrant; and
- to do any other thing reasonably incidental to any of the above authorised by section 3F(2B).

This warrant does not authorise the executing officer or a constable assisting to conduct a search of a person who is at or near the premises when the warrant is executed.

And, by virtue of section 3G of the *Crimes Act 1914*, in executing this warrant:

- the executing officer may obtain such assistance as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances;
- the executing officer, and any constable assisting in the execution of this warrant who is a police officer, may use such force against persons or things as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances; and
- any person who has been authorised by the executing officer to assist in the execution of this warrant, but who is not a police officer, may use such force against things as is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances;

And the executing officer or a constable assisting may exercise such other of the powers available under Division 2 of Part IAA of that Act as are appropriate in the circumstances of the case;

And if you exercise the power under section 3L(4) of the *Crimes Act 1914* to secure electronic equipment on the premises, and if you then leave the premises, this warrant authorises a further entry to the premises to allow an expert to operate the equipment, provided that the further entry is made within 24 hours or such further period as may be authorised under that Act.

The offences to which this warrant relates are those specified above in the third condition.

### **Legal Professional Privilege**

NOTE: This warrant is issued in recognition that a claim for legal professional privilege may be made in respect of documents covered by this warrant and on the understanding that, if that occurs, the executing officer will, as far as is reasonably practicable, follow the course of action set out in the document entitled "Claims for Legal Professional Privilege: Premises other than those of a Lawyer, Law Society or Like Institution" a copy of which is attached to this warrant.

**NOTE the following:**

"Evidential material" is defined in section 3C(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* to mean:

a thing relevant to an indictable offence or a thing relevant to a summary offence, including such a thing in electronic form.

"Thing relevant to an indictable offence" is defined in section 3(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* to mean:

- (a) either of the following:
  - (i) anything with respect to which an indictable offence against any law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory has been committed or is suspected, on reasonable grounds, to have been committed;
  - (ii) anything with respect to which a State offence that has a federal aspect, and that is an indictable offence against the law of that State, has been committed or is suspected, on reasonable grounds, to have been committed; or
- (b) anything as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it will afford evidence as to the commission of any such offence; or
- (c) anything as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is intended to be used for the purpose of committing any such offence;

"Thing relevant to a summary offence" is defined in section 3(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* to mean:

- (a) either of the following:
  - (i) anything with respect to which a summary offence against any law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory has been committed or is suspected, on reasonable grounds, to have been committed;
  - (ii) anything with respect to which a State offence that has a federal aspect, and that is a summary or simple offence against the law of that State, has been committed or is suspected, on reasonable grounds, to have been committed; or
- (b) anything as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it will afford evidence as to the commission of any such offence; or
- (c) anything as to which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is intended to be used for the purpose of committing any such offence.

**Statement of rights of the occupier**

A statement of the rights of the occupier of premises is attached to this warrant.

This warrant may be executed at any time.

The time at which this warrant expires is midnight at the end of the seventh day after the day on which the warrant is issued (or lesser period).

GIVEN under my hand at Queanbeyan

in the State of New South Wales

this 3rd day of June 2019



Martin Kane  
Registrar

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you're able to. Many thanks.

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**From:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** Peter Munro <Munro.Peter@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Interview Request - Ben Fordham

Hi Peter - I'm happy to do. Could you let know. Also The Project at 3 pm in foyer.  
Presume ABC happy for me to do interviews?

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Jun 2019, at 12:38 pm, Peter Munro <[Munro.Peter@abc.net.au](mailto:Munro.Peter@abc.net.au)> wrote:

Hi John,  
Please see below. Are you happy to do these interviews?  
Cheers, Peter Munro.



Peter Munro  
Communications Lead, Entertainment & Specialist

P +61 2 8333 3082  
M [REDACTED]  
E [munro.peter@abc.net.au](mailto:munro.peter@abc.net.au)



**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@macquariemedia.com.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 11:51 AM  
**To:** Sally Jackson <[Jackson.Sally@abc.net.au](mailto:Jackson.Sally@abc.net.au)>; Peter Munro <[Munro.Peter@abc.net.au](mailto:Munro.Peter@abc.net.au)>  
**Subject:** Interview Request - Ben Fordham

Hello Sally and Peter

Ben Fordham would like to interview John Lyons about the ABC being raided by the AFP at 3:35pm this afternoon on 2GB over the phone - and then again at 7:05pm tonight on the Bolt Report on Sky News which Ben is hosting.

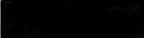
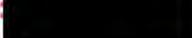
Ben is under investigation from Home Affairs too - and he knows John well - so these are 2 important interview opportunities to shed more light on these raids.

Please call me back ASAP on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Executive Producer – Ben Fordham Show**



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Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2019 1:09 PM  
To: John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
Subject: Great job live tweeting

.. it's been awesome John just fantastic

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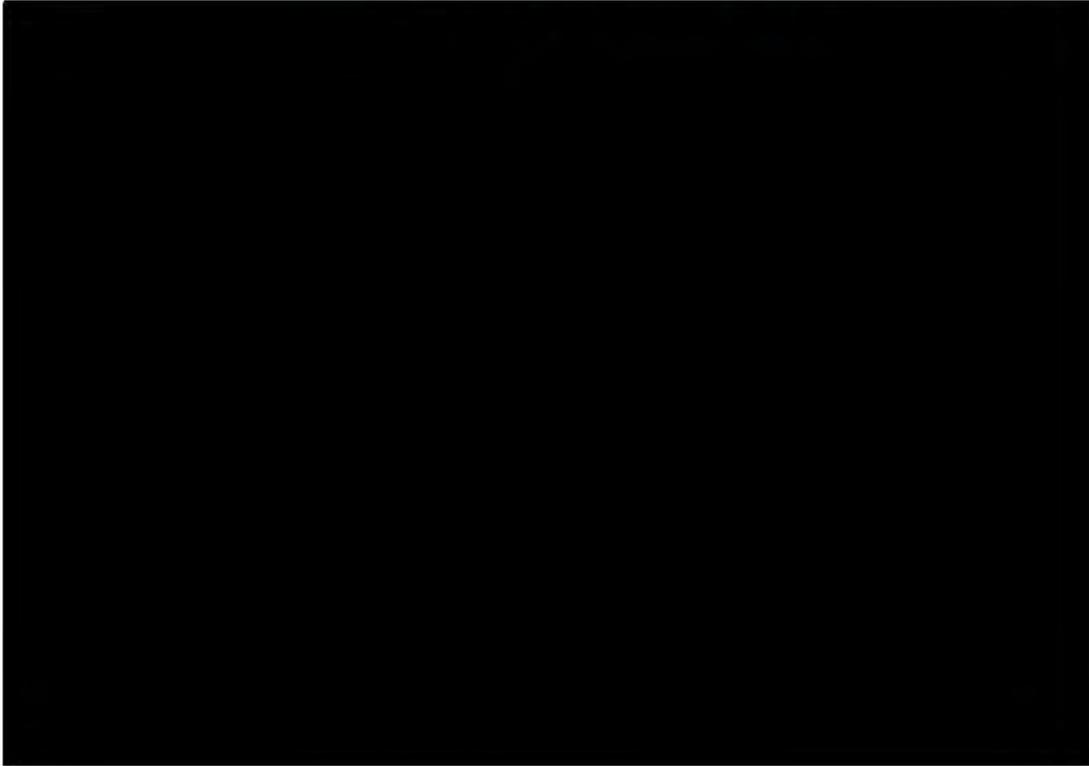
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Anything we can do to help let us know. I'm going on News Channel at 3.40pm

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**From:** Peter Munro <Munro.Peter@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 2:11 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Interview Request - Ben Fordham

Hi

Happy for you to do interviews - Gav has given the OK.

We hope you might be roughly consistent with the MD's statement below.

Just checking whether The Project need you as well.

Peter

#### Statement

In response to an AFP raid on 5 June of the ABC Ultimo office in Sydney, ABC Managing Director David Anderson said:

"It is highly unusual for the national broadcaster to be raided in this way. This is a serious development and raises legitimate concerns over freedom of the press and proper public scrutiny of national security and defence matters.

"The ABC stands by its journalists, will protect its sources and continue to report without fear or favour on national security and intelligence issues when there is a clear public interest."

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**From:** Morningreport <Morningreport@rnz.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 2:34 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Interview with Radio NZ tomorrow possible?

Hi John

I'm a producer with Radio NZ's morning news programme and we'd love to get you, or someone else you suggest, on the show tomorrow morning to tell our 500,000 listeners about the AFP raids being carried out at the ABC re The Afghan Files.

Would you or another producer or reporter be available?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Producer, Morning Report  
Radio New Zealand | Level 3 | 155 The Terrace  
PO Box 123 | Wellington | New Zealand 6140

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[www.radionz.co.nz/morningreport](http://www.radionz.co.nz/morningreport)



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**From:** Philip Dorling <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>; John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Raid

Hi John

I'm following your live tweeting with much interest.

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

Cheers

Dr Philip Dorling  
Visiting Fellow  
HASS, UNSW Canberra @ ADFA  
Phone: [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@abc.net.au <[REDACTED]@abc.net.au> 47F personal information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 3:02 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Need new Walkley category for you

.. best live tweeting of unfolding drama with great clarity and analysis ... again, just awesome  
John

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**From:** Carmel Keohan <Keohan.Carmel@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 3:15 PM  
**To:** Jillian Reeves <Reeves.Jillian@abc.net.au>; John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Interview Request for 3.20PM - 3AW Drive program this afternoon

I'll text him Jillian, stay tuned...

**From:** Jillian Reeves <Reeves.Jillian@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 3:12 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>; Carmel Keohan <Keohan.Carmel@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Interview Request for 3.20PM - 3AW Drive program this afternoon

Hi John,

We've had an interview request come through from 3AW, they'd like to speak to you at 3.20pm today on their Drive program with Tom Elliot.

Is this something you're available to do and if so, could you let me know the best number for them to call you on?

Thank you,  
Jill



Jillian Reeves  
Marketing Manager, ABC NEWS

P 02 8333 3969  
M [REDACTED] 47F personal information  
E [reeves.jillian@abc.net.au](mailto:reeves.jillian@abc.net.au)



**From:** Warwick Hadfield <[REDACTED]> 47F personal information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 4:23 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Best wishes

Sitting in East Bergholt, Suffolk, UK, where Les Hollings was born and raised, and watching the developments with the AFP John, scary stuff, my thoughts are with you.

Les would be outraged, as we all must be.

Warwick

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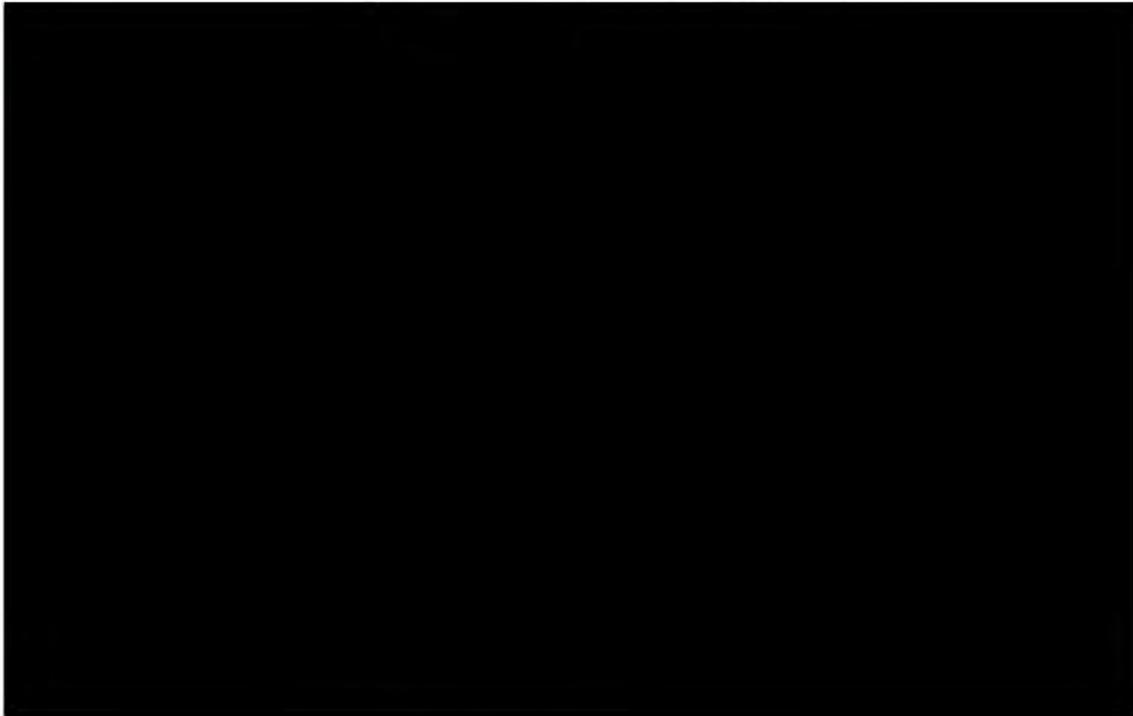
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**From:** The Australian <nl.daily@e.theaustralian.com.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Pell 'not guilty': 13 reasons why | ABC raid warrant 'staggering'

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# Today's Headlines

Hello readers and welcome to the afternoon edition. Here's how Wednesday is unfolding:

- Victim's testimony 'cannot be taken as proof beyond reasonable doubt', [George Pell's appeal](#) against sex abuse convictions has been told.
- Federal police officers have [raided the ABC offices over a story about the SAS in Afghanistan](#).
- All eyes will be on Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium tonight when the Maroons face off against the Blues for State of Origin Game One. Stay tuned for when we [kick off the live blog](#) early this evening.

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## **'13 reasons why Pell is not guilty of abuse'**

JOHN FERGUSON, REMY VARGA, TESSA AKERMAN

Cardinal Pell's appeal team has listed the reasons why his abuse of two choirboys in a cathedral "would have been impossible".



## **Ball in Canberra's court**

CHRIS JENKINS

Lacklustre growth means the re-elected government must bring forward tax cuts and stimulus, analysts say.

John Lyons  
All Australians, please think about that: the AFP has the power to delete material in the ABC's computers. Australia 2019.



## **AFP 'can copy, delete, alter material'**

OLIVIA CAISLEY LILLY VITOROVICH

The warrant issued in raids at the broadcaster over story on the SAS in Afghanistan gives the AFP "staggering" powers, a journalist says.



## Stench of the statism rises

JACK THE INSIDER

This is not a rant about journalists and AFP raids. It's about laws that chip away at privacy and freedoms.

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AMOS AIKMAN, DAVID MURRAY

Suspected shooter Ben Hoffman needed mental health help and didn't get it, former associate says.



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First female terrorist is jailed for 42 years over stabbing of her homestay host.

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ELI GREENBLAT

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JOHN STENSHOLT

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## AFP statement on activity in Canberra and Sydney

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) can confirm there is no link between the execution of search warrants in the ACT suburb of Kingston yesterday (4 June 2019) and those on the Ultimo premises of the ABC today (5 June 2019). Both however relate to separate allegations of publishing classified material, contrary to provisions of the **Crimes Act 1914**, which is an extremely serious matter that has the potential to undermine Australia's national security.

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Subject: Thank you

Hi John,  
Thank you for your strong comments today on News Channel and live tweets from inside the room with the AFP. Hope they continue!  
It's comforting to know we have a head of department who will so fiercely defend our journalism and independence.  
Cheers,  
[REDACTED]



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## *Statement by the National Press Club of Australia on the AFP Raids*

The Australian Federal Police raids on the Sydney offices of the ABC and the home of a News Corporation journalist this week raise serious concerns about the freedom of the press.

Whether by deliberate intent or not, they could have a chilling effect on the right of journalists to carry out their jobs to report without fear or favour and to properly scrutinise national security and defence issues.

News Corporation journalist Annika Smethurst reported on federal government plans which proposed giving the the Australian Signals Directorate the ability - for the first time - to spy on Australian citizens.

This is within every Australians right to know what new powers the government was exploring, to enable national agencies to surveil citizens.

In the ABC's case, reporters Dan Oakes and Sam Clark reported on 'The Afghan Files' in 2017, which revealed allegations of unlawful killings and misconduct by Australian special forces personnel in Afghanistan.

Journalists are bound by their code of ethics to not disclose sources, and to demand they do is asking them to break a covenant recognised the world-over as crucial to uncovering misconduct - when authorities would prefer the public stay in the dark.

Together these extraordinary and intrusive police actions indicate a worrying attitude on the part of law enforcement, security agencies and the federal government - which is contrary to the public's right to know.

And they appear calculated to intimidate would-be whistleblowers from coming forward in the public interest, and prevent journalists from doing their jobs.

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**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** BBC urgent query

Hello

I am trying to contact you from BBC Newshour to ask if you might be able to speak to our World Service news programme.

Many thanks,

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BBC World Service radio

[REDACTED]  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio/on-air>

**From:** Frontiers Press <press@frontiersmedia.vuelio.co.uk>  
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**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Press release: Exposure to influential bacteria begins before we are born, Australian scientists confirm

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# The bacteria building your baby

## Exposure to influential bacteria begins before we are born, new evidence confirms

Australian researchers have laid to rest a longstanding controversy: is the womb sterile?

They carefully collected amniotic fluid samples from 50 healthy women undergoing planned caesarean deliveries, and found that nearly all (36/43 viable samples) contained bacterial DNA. What's more, all 50 newborns had bacteria in their first poop.

Published in [Frontiers in Microbiology](#), the study used uniquely rigorous contamination controls to confirm that exposure to bacteria begins in the womb – and could help to shape the developing fetal immune system, gut and brain.

### The not-so-sterile womb

“Over the last decade, numerous studies have detected bacterial DNA in amniotic fluid and first-pass meconium [baby's first poop], challenging the long-held assumption that the womb is sterile,” explains lead author [Lisa Stinson](#), of the University of Western Australia. “However, some argue that the results are false positives – contaminants in the reagents used in DNA analysis.”

It is important to conclusively determine whether the healthy womb harbors bacteria, say the researchers, because this ‘fetal microbiome’ would likely have a significant impact on the developing immune system, gut, and brain.

### The fetal microbiome

To settle the issue, Stinson and colleagues took strict measures to eliminate bacterial contamination when analyzing amniotic fluid and meconium samples. For example, they purified the reagents used to amplify traces of bacterial DNA in the samples, by adding an enzyme which digests DNA remnants from biomanufacturing.

“Despite these measures, we still found bacterial DNA in almost all samples,” reports Stinson.

“Interestingly, the meconium microbiome varied hugely between individual newborns. The amniotic fluid microbiome for the most part contained typical skin bacteria, such as **Propionibacterium acnes** and Staphylococcus species.”

### **A developmental role**

But what might these bacteria be doing in the womb?

None of these women or their babies had any sign of infection. In fact, the fetal microbiome may prove to be a beneficial regulator of early development.

“We found that levels of important immune modulators in meconium and inflammatory mediators in amniotic fluid varied according to the amount and species of bacterial DNA present. This suggests that the fetal microbiome has the potential to influence the developing fetal immune system.”

There is one small caveat – technically, the DNA in these samples could have come from bacteria that were already dead in the womb.

“Here we’ve proven that bacterial DNA is present in the womb, but the next step will be to show whether these are alive and constitute a true microbiome,” concludes Stinson.

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Jackson). I have received some  
interview requests about the AFP  
raids. Please call me. Peter.

Hi John. The Project would like to  
interview you before 3pm in the  
foyer for 5 minutes. Are you  
available and happy to do this?  
Peter.

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You have Ben Fordham on radio at  
3.35 (they will call you) and on Sky  
News at 7pm in the foyer. [Redacted]

[Redacted] will arrive at about  
6.45pm.  
I have booked him in with reception  
and advised security. Either [Redacted]  
or reception will contact you on his  
arrival. Peter.



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just before 5.40pm.  
I have asked RN Drive to call you on  
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Hi John. Now BBC world service "Newshour" want to do a phoner. Can you do it now? No sweat if not. Please let me know.

Sorry Peter. Back in meeting. What about Elise Worthington?

We want to limit the number of ABC journos talking. The BBC can wait for a couple of hours if you can do it later.

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Samuel Clark <Clark.Samuel@abc.net.au>; John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>

Subject: Re: More comms!!

Wow funny timing that. Lucky it's been nice and quiet for you all today ...

On 5 Jun 2019, at 5:30 pm, Gaven Morris <[Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au](mailto:Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au)> wrote:

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**Subject:** This could not happen in the United States

My remarks on Sky this afternoon FYI

Let's get protections written into law. Count me IN.

All best  
Bruce

<https://twitter.com/bwolpe/status/1136155951797379072?s=20>

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Subject: Re: More comms!!

Jodi also has a brief staff note from Gaven re Speers that she can send out from home.

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Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2019 5:57 PM  
To: [REDACTED] John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
Subject: Can you speak at our Walkley Media Talk: June 20, State Library of NSW?

Hi John,

Hope this finds you well – what a day you’ve had! I think half the country has been glued to your Twitter feed. Really outstanding coverage, thank you for letting us all be a fly on the wall of this insanity.

Louisa suggested I reach out to you, we’re finalising the panel for our next Walkley Media Talk, which is on Thursday June 20 at the State Library of NSW. We’re hoping you might be available to speak as part of the panel— the theme is:

**What price would you pay?**

Carrying the trauma of reporting on death, destruction and abuse. Being pursued through the courts to reveal a confidential source. Going up against the biggest institutions in the country to reveal the truth. Journalists work relentlessly to give the most vulnerable people in society a voice, but at what price? The Walkley Foundation is running a national public awareness campaign, developed in partnership with Naked Communications, across TV, print, online and outdoor advertising. The campaign is themed “[What Price Would You Pay?](#)” and asks Australians to re-evaluate the price they’d pay for quality journalism that impacts everyday lives. It highlights the price journalists pay, from legal pressure to death threats, and features award-winning journalists. Now you can hear from award-winning journalists in person, about what it takes to make great journalism and why this work matters.

Your experience reporting from the Middle East and your investigative work has no doubt put you in some situations where you’ve paid a price, witnessing traumatic events and going up against powerful institutions and people. It would be great to hear your perspective about what that’s like, the challenges you’ve faced and the impact your work has had.

And of course, given what you’ve had a front row seat today, it would be incredibly timely and powerful to hear about the pressures journalists work under in reporting on the government and national security.

The other confirmed speakers are Sarah Dingle (ABC), Nina Funnell (freelance) and Louisa our chief executive will moderate the discussion. It’s all moderator-driven so there’s no expectation that speakers prepare or present anything.

The talk will be about a **90 minute commitment on Thursday June 20, 2019, at the State Library of NSW**. We ask speakers to arrive at 5.45pm for a briefing before the 6pm start. There’s time for Q&A at the end and the discussion is wrapped up by 7.15pm.

I should flag that because we always keep Walkley panels free for public attendance, we ask speakers to participate on a voluntary basis. We do hope that you are happy to still participate and continue to highlight the important work that journalists do and the changing role of journalism and media in our society.

Can we count you in? Let me know if you have any questions or would like to chat about it.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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**Subject:** Solidarity

Hi John - just a quick one to say I'm extremely inspired by your work today. Your tweets and comments on TV and radio have been a superb distillation of how egregious this situation is.

Thanks for fighting the good fight, really glad to have you as an editorial leader.

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iMessage  
Wed, 5 Jun, 7:25 pm

Hey John - [REDACTED] from the SMH here. Know you're still busy tweeting but have you got a sec to chat?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 6:32 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Whistleblower behind ABC raid stands by Afghan leaks

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**From:** Samuel Clark <[Clark.Samuel@abc.net.au](mailto:Clark.Samuel@abc.net.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019 6:06 pm  
**To:** Joanne Puccini; Craig McMurtrie; Sarah Curnow  
**Subject:** Whistleblower behind ABC raid stands by Afghan leaks

Maiden article

<https://thenewdaily.com.au/news/national/2019/06/05/abc-raid-david-mcbride/>

Sent from a portable device. Pardon the brevity and spelling.

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From: Peter Munro <Munro.Peter@abc.net.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2019 6:39 PM

To: Gaven Morris <Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au>

Cc: Emma McDonald <McDonald.Emma@abc.net.au>; Sally Jackson <Jackson.Sally@abc.net.au>;

Samuel Clark <Clark.Samuel@abc.net.au>; John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>

Subject: RE: More comms!!

Cheers. Sky News has published its statement.

I have published and distributed the release.

Here's the online link: <http://about.abc.net.au/press-releases/david-speers-joins-the-abc-as-the-host-of-insiders/>

I have put my details at the bottom as the media contact.

Cheers, Peter.

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Subject: Re: More comms!!

We can now say he's joining in 2020. We can also say Annabel Crabb and Fran Kelly will mostly share the presenting duties for the remainder of 2019.

Thanks Peter

> On 5 Jun 2019, at 5:41 pm, Peter Munro <[Munro.Peter@abc.net.au](mailto:Munro.Peter@abc.net.au)> wrote:

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> Thanks.

> Assuming they do say he's leaving, is everyone happy with the release drafted by Sally?

> It's pasted below and attached in Word (ignore the formatting).

> There's nothing in here about the date he starts or who will fill in for Barrie in the interim. Are we OK to reveal those details?

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> Media Contact:

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> Peter Munro, ABC Communications

> [munro.peter@abc.net.au](mailto:munro.peter@abc.net.au)

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> From: Gaven Morris

> Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2019 5:30 PM

> To: Emma McDonald <[McDonald.Emma@abc.net.au](mailto:McDonald.Emma@abc.net.au)>; Sally Jackson <[Jackson.Sally@abc.net.au](mailto:Jackson.Sally@abc.net.au)>; Peter Munro <[Munro.Peter@abc.net.au](mailto:Munro.Peter@abc.net.au)>

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> Subject: More comms!!

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> So I'm told Sky News will put out a statement after 6pm on David Speers. Maybe they're afraid the AFP would confirm the news before them.

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> We should be ready to put our prepared statement out the minute the Sky one goes out (assuming Sky's says he's leaving!)

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> Gaven

> <David Speers joins the ABC as host of Insiders.docx>

**From:** Gaven Morris <Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 6:43 PM  
**Subject:** David Speers joins Insiders

Hi all,

After an interesting day at ABC News, I'm delighted to be able to confirm that David Speers will join ABC NEWS in 2020 as the presenter of *Insiders*.

A two-time Walkley Award winner for his political interviewing, Speers has been at Sky News Australia since 2000 and is currently its Political Editor.

David is a terrific journalist and presenter, an astute political observer and a great talent. He joins Australia's best and most trusted political journalism team. I know you'll all join me in welcoming him to this key role as the successor to the great Barrie Cassidy.

Says David: "Insiders is essential viewing if you're interested in politics and understanding how Australia is being led. I never miss it. To be able to take over from a legend, Barrie Cassidy, and present the program is an honour and a terrific opportunity."

Prior to David joining ABC News, two of the ABC's most respected political journalists and presenters, Annabel Crabb and Fran Kelly, will mostly be stepping in to present *Insiders* following Barrie Cassidy's farewell this Sunday.

We're blessed to have such an incredible array of talents.

I'll have more to say on other contributions David Speers will be making to ABC News closer to his arrival.

Gaven

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### Media Contact:

Peter Munro, ABC Communications  
munro.peter@abc.net.au

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**From:** WhosOnLocation <msg@whosonlocation.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 6:47 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Visitor Notification [REDACTED] from Sky News

## Visitor Arrival Notification

[REDACTED] from **Sky News** has arrived through **Main Reception 1** to see John Lyons

### Additional Information

**Evacuation Assistance Required:** No  
**From:** Sky News

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**From:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 7:08 PM  
**To:** Gaven Morris <Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Interview Inquiry for Gaven Morris June 5, 10.30pm Sydney time

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Sent from my iPhone

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**Date:** 5 June 2019 at 6:23:23 pm AEST  
**To:** "morris.gaven@abc.net.au" <[morris.gaven@abc.net.au](mailto:morris.gaven@abc.net.au)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@turner.com>  
**Subject:** CNN Interview Inquiry for Gaven Morris June 5, 10.30pm Sydney time

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Hi Gaven,

This is JadyN writing to you from CNN International. I hope you are well.

We are working on the story about the ABC raid by the AFP earlier and we would like to invite you to join us for a Skype live interview later tonight on our Asia program – News Stream, anchored by Kristie Lu Stout – at 10.30pm Sydney time/8.30pmHKT.

I hope you'd be available to join us.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

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From: [REDACTED]@itn.co.uk>  
Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2019 7:29 PM  
To: John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
Subject: Channel 4 News request

Hi John,

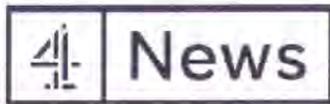
Hope you're well – quite a day you've had. I'm a producer for Channel 4 News in the UK (ex-ABC actually) and we're figuring out how we might cover the AFP raids for this evening's program. I understand a two week break has been agreed while the ABC and AFP haggle over which documents should be included in the warrant – are you all still in the same room or is that it for the day?

Would you be available for an interview in the next few hours?

My number is +447474033633 if it's easier to talk via whatsapp, same details for signal and telegram.

Best,

[REDACTED]



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**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>; Managing Director's Office  
<managingdirectorsoffice@abc.net.au>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]<[REDACTED]@ext.euronews.com>  
**Subject:** Euronews interview request

Hello,

[REDACTED] here at Euronews-NBC newsdesk in France.

Would anyone at ABC be available for a short TV live interview about the police raid please?

This would be for our "Euronews Now" show, and we would connect via Skype or FaceTime, or LiveU if possible. The interview would last 3-4 minutes.

We can do a pre-recorded interview at around 21:00, 21:15, 21:30 Sydney time.

Thanks a lot

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]@bbc.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 7:40 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** BBC World Service radio request

Hi John,

I hope all is well with you and you're making through a busy day.

I'm a producer with BBC World Service radio and wondering whether you might be available to speak to us about everything that has happened today and the broader implications. We'd be hoping to speak to you tomorrow morning and could be flexible between 0800-100 Sydney time for a pre-record or we could speak live between 1300-1600 your time, as would be convenient for you.

I would be happy to give you a call to answer any questions or discuss details.

Many thanks for any help.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@vpro.nl>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 8:02 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Dutch Public radio

Dear John,

This is Dutch Public Radio VPRO in The Netherlands, being really shocked after reading what is happening there, and very interested to have a short talk with you for our program.  
Is it possible to call you?

Thank you so much,

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Michael Sheil <Sheil.Michael@abc.net.au>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 9:42 PM

**To:** Craig Wilson <Wilson.Craig@abc.net.au>; DG-News Executive <DG-NewsExecutive@abc.net.au>; DG-News Ops Managers <DG-NewsOpsManagers@abc.net.au>; DG-State News Editors <DG-StateNewsEditors@abc.net.au>

**Cc:** DG-Tech Support Leaders <DG-TechSupportLeaders@abc.net.au>; Helen Clifton <Clifton.Helen@abc.net.au>; Dean Michel <Michel.Dean@abc.net.au>; David Soutar <Soutar.David@abc.net.au>; Nathaniel Harding <Harding.Nathaniel@abc.net.au>; Michael Reid <Reid.Michael@abc.net.au>; Tim Ayliffe <Ayliffe.Tim@abc.net.au>; Neil Ducker <Ducker.Neil@abc.net.au>

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<b>WHO</b>	P&CT Lead: name & contact: <b>Michael Sheil</b> [REDACTED] <b>47F personal information</b>  NA&I Lead: name & contact: <b>Rebecca Higgins 8333 1590</b>
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Hi [REDACTED] - A crazy day. Never had  
one quite like it. Just saw your  
message. Apologies. Would be  
good to catch up for coffee  
sometime. Cheers, John.

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**From:** Flip Prior <Prior.Flip@abc.net.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 June 2019 10:18 PM  
**To:** John Lyons <Lyons.John@abc.net.au>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Australian police raid public broadcaster over coffee and sandwiches

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**From:** CJR Editors <[jallsop@cjr.org](mailto:jallsop@cjr.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:13:57 PM  
**To:** Flip Prior  
**Subject:** Australian police raid public broadcaster over coffee and sandwiches

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## **Australian police raid public broadcaster over coffee and sandwiches**

**By Jon Allsop**

Yesterday, Australia's federal police raided the home of Annika Smethurst, a journalist and editor with several titles owned by News Corp. Officers stayed for [more than seven hours](#); they also had a warrant to search Smethurst's computer and phone. The raid was part of a leak investigation into an article Smethurst reported last year detailing secret government plans to allow an intelligence agency to surveil Australian citizens. Also yesterday, Ben Fordham, a radio broadcaster, [revealed that Australia's interior ministry had contacted him](#) the day before, following a story he reported about boats

carrying asylum seekers trying to reach the country. Officials asked Fordham to reveal his source for the report, which, they said, contained “highly confidential” information. “The chances of me revealing my sources is zero,” Fordham said.

Today, Australia’s press saw a third troubling incident in as many days. Three federal police officers walked into the Sydney headquarters of ABC News, Australia’s public broadcaster, with a warrant naming the news director and two reporters who worked on [a 2017 story, also based on leaked documents](#), claiming that Australian special forces committed possible war crimes in Afghanistan. According to John Lyons—executive editor and head of investigative journalism at ABC News, [who live-tweeted the raid](#)—the officers, now joined by three colleagues specializing in digital forensics, gained access to ABC’s hard drive and searched it for keywords related to the Afghanistan story. They downloaded a trove of files and—[after taking a delivery of coffee and sandwiches](#)—started to go through them on a big screen in ABC’s offices.

The search warrant authorized access to a vast array of different file and data types—it took Lyons [three separate tweets](#) to list them all. In all, they downloaded 9,214 of ABC News’s documents, including emails between reporters and editors and unpublished drafts and scripts related to stories. They then sifted through them to work out which they were interested in and which fit the terms of the warrant; ABC’s lawyers, in attendance throughout, pushed back wherever they could. Shockingly, [the officers were also authorized](#) to “add, copy, delete, or alter” ABC’s files. As of about 8:30pm Sydney time (6:30am in New York), after nine hours of searching, [the officers finally left](#) ABC News’s headquarters having transferred a “[small number](#)” of documents onto USB drives. According to Lyons, [the police agreed to seal the files](#) they took away with them for two weeks, during which time ABC will be able to challenge the warrant as a whole or individual documents obtained under it. Clearly, this will not be the end of this matter.

This week's police raids have been [highly unusual](#). Nonetheless, Australian journalists see in them a worrying manifestation of recent, mounting press-freedom fears. Lenore Taylor, editor of **The Guardian** in Australia, [noted on Twitter](#) that the raids didn't even invoke a new secrecy law, passed last year, giving the authorities license to go after reporters based on an expanded definition of "national security." Journalists retain a public interest defense in Australian law, but it's loosely worded; fears persist that reporters could go to jail for publishing information the government wants to keep secret. Writing for *The Conversation* today, Rebecca Ananian-Welsh, a senior lecturer at the University of Queensland's law school, [argues that even if journalists aren't prosecuted](#), the secrecy law—along with another new law enhancing the state's surveillance powers—exerts a clear chilling effect on sources' willingness to come forward and journalists' willingness to tell their stories. This week's "crackdown" shows these fears are "well-founded," she says.

Raiding a newsroom, setting up camp there, and combing through its internal files—with the right to edit and delete them—is the sort of thing that happens in a police state, not an established democracy. This would be an astonishing in any country, let alone one ranked the [21st best in the world for press freedom](#) by Reporters Without Borders, 27 places higher than the US. "I've never seen an assault on the media as savage as this one we're seeing today," Lyons said in an interview on ABC News. "This would not be allowed to happen in the United States under their constitution. My question is: why is it allowed to happen in Australia in 2019?"

Below, more on Australia and the press:

- **One man isn't troubled:** Yesterday, Scott Morrison, the prime minister of Australia, [tried to duck questions about the police raid on Smethurst's home](#) during a visit to the UK. The police, he stressed,

operates independently of the government; he did say, however, that it “never troubles me that our laws are being upheld.”

- **An impending budget cut:** Last month, Morrison’s government [was surprisingly re-elected](#); polls had shown that the opposition Labor Party would come to power instead. The victory of Morrison’s coalition means ABC is facing a budget cut of more than \$10 million (US) in the next financial year, with jobs likely to be lost as a result. **The Guardian’s** Amanda Meade [has more](#).
- **Blowing the whistle:** Australia has poor protections for whistleblowers: several currently face jail time for leaking stories about official wrongdoing. In the wake of this week’s raids, one of them, Bernard Collaery, who faces prosecution for revealing illegal Australian spying on Timor-Leste, [tells The Guardian](#) that Australia “is the most oppressive of the western democracies.”

#### Other notable stories:

- In a Twitter thread last week, Carlos Maza, a journalist with Vox, [detailed the campaign of harassment he has faced from Steven Crowder](#), a YouTuber, and his followers; shared footage of Crowder repeatedly using homophobic and racist slurs against him; and called on YouTube to take action. Yesterday, [YouTube finally responded to Maza](#), stating, on Twitter, that Crowder’s videos “don’t violate our policies” related to hate speech and harassment. Maza responded with incredulity: YouTube’s stance “gives bigots free license,” he said. CJR’s Justin Ray [profiled Maza last year](#).
- The 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre was yesterday. Under pressure from the Chinese government, Refinitiv, a

financial information provider, [removed Reuters content about the massacre from its terminal](#). Meanwhile, [plainclothes police in Beijing forced Matt Rivers](#), CNN's local correspondent, off the air during a Tiananmen segment, and began to block the network's website in mainland China. For NBC News, [Janis Mackey Frayer writes](#) that, "as the world commemorates Tiananmen Square, China is silent."

- CJR's Amanda Darrach asked journalists including Max Frankel, Dan Okrent, LynNell Hancock, Yunghi Kim, and Ed Kosner [how they filed their copy before the days of Google Docs](#). "I called Martin Luther King Jr. one night at two o'clock in morning, and asked him about some development," Kosner, a former editor of **Newsweek**, **New York**, and **Esquire**, told Darrach. "There was a pause, and he answered, 'I would say, comma,' and dictated a perfect paragraph, with punctuation and quotations."
- Donald Trump continued his state visit to the UK yesterday. Thousands of protesters—and [a giant model of Trump sitting on a golden toilet](#)—took to the streets of London yesterday, but still the president called reports of the protests "fake news." As he did last time he came to the UK, Trump [taped an interview with Piers Morgan](#), which aired this morning. Morgan gifted Trump a Churchill-style bowler hat—but did also press him on climate change and gun laws.
- Last week, the Democratic National Committee announced that 2020 presidential candidates will each need to hit 130,000 donors to qualify for the third and fourth televised debates in the fall. Vice News's David Uberti reports that [the high threshold may force longshot contenders to spend more on Facebook ads](#) than they get back in donations—limiting their resources for more traditional forms of campaigning. In all, political ad spending is expected to near the \$10-billion mark in 2020, up from \$6.3 billion in 2016. **The Wall Street Journal's**

Alexandra Bruell [has the figures](#).

- Earlier this year, Laura Bassett and John Stanton lost their jobs [during layoff rounds at HuffPost and BuzzFeed News](#), respectively. Now, BuzzFeed's Rosie Gray reports, [the pair have launched the Save Journalism Project](#), a new initiative highlighting big tech's hurtful financial impact on the media industry. Yesterday, [I wrote that a House subcommittee](#) would examine the same phenomenon as part of a new antitrust probe; a hearing on Silicon Valley's impact on local journalism [is now scheduled](#) for next Tuesday.
- Some programming changes at Fox: The Daily Beast's Asawin Suebsaeng and Andrew Kirell report that David Bossie, a network regular who recently got on the wrong side of Trump, [was benched by Fox News and Fox Business during the month of May](#), apparently to avoid infuriating the president. Also for The Daily Beast, Justin Baragona and Maxwell Tani write that Fox Nation, Fox's streaming service for "superfans," axed Tyrus, a former pro-wrestler, from a flagship show [after he fell out with Britt McHenry, his co-host](#).
- For CJR, Adam Muro profiles Francis Auma, who documents state-perpetrated killings and disappearances for a Kenyan NGO, and Ernest Cornel, who has become Auma's "journalist shadow." [The pair have developed a symbiotic relationship](#), "providing Cornel with inside access to the frontlines of a vital issue the Kenyan government works hard to minimize, and increased safety for Auma, who frequently finds himself at odds with rogue elements of state security services as he tries to expose their crimes."

- And **The Texas Observer** named Andrea Valdez, an editor at **Wired**, as its new editor in chief. Valdez becomes [the first Latina to lead a statewide publication in Texas](#).

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