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Sent: Friday, 24 July 2026 9:05 AM
To: Mark Sutton
Subject: FW: Request for comment — Race Around the World segment on Gina Rinehart, 12 July
Attachments: RE: Race Around the World EdPols question

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We've received the media inquiry below and I see that they've published the article 'Barbaric': ABC Airs Segment Describing Graphic Sexualised Attack on Gina Rinehart - The Daily Declaration.

Would you mind sending through any background information to help form a statement.

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1. Can the ABC confirm the content of contestant Kate McGuinness's film, "A Very Relaxing Video," as broadcast on 12 July, including the closing monologue describing violence against Gina Rinehart?
2. What editorial or compliance review does a contestant's film undergo before broadcast on *Race Around the World*, and was this segment's closing monologue flagged or queried at any stage?
3. Does the ABC consider the segment compliant with its editorial standards on harm and offence, particularly regarding depictions of violence against identifiable individuals, and specifically, against women?
4. Was any decision made, before or after broadcast, about whether the segment required an on-air disclaimer or editorial note? If not, why not?
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6. Has the ABC received complaints about the segment, and if so, how many as of today?
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I would welcome a statement from the ABC in response to these questions, or to any of them individually, ahead of publication.

Kind regards,

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Thanks Simon. Let me know if there's anything more I can do.

Mark



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