

News Analysis & Investigations

"During a time of extraordinary breaking news in an unparalleled health and economic crisis, ABC News is proud of its staff in the way they responded to reporting factual information and crucial explanation and analysis. As the review notes, record numbers of Australians turned to the ABC because its coverage is trusted and the quality of information is excellent. News is pleased the review found the coverage on broadcast and digital platforms to have included a representative range of voices and perspectives. It found the Editorial Policies review helpful and it provided practical and useful recommendations, which ABC News accepts and will implement."

Gaven Morris

ABC Director News, Analysis and Investigations August 2020

Entertainment & Specialist

E&S welcomes Editorial Review 21: COVID-19. The Director E&S will implement the Review's recommendations relating to E&S content and to inform the wider E&S Leadership team. Many of the recommendations relate to audio programs, both live and pre-recorded. Director E&S will work closely with the managers of RN, Audio Studios and triple j to act on the recommendations. The recommendations outlined in Editorial Review 21 will strengthen E&S's performance by promoting a renewed awareness of the need to take a balanced and accurate approach to content making for the benefit of ABC audiences.

Michael Carrington

ABC Director Entertainment & Specialist August 2020

Regional & Local

The impact of COVID-19 on the Australian community has been profound and far-reaching. Throughout this time, Local Radio teams across the country have played an important role in helping Australians make sense of this unfolding situation, sharing the voices and perspectives of their local communities and providing a platform for their audience to connect with each other. As noted in the review, local teams have differed in their approach to this coverage, reflecting the issues of most importance to their particular audience so they provide the most locally relevant coverage to cities and regions across the country. R&L

accepts the findings and recommendations in the review and thanks the Editorial Policies team for this thorough and helpful report.

Judith Whelan ABC Director Regional & Local August 2020