

Statement from Kate Halfpenny, Columnist, The Age:

The column was opinion, not news. It described a quick, consensual kiss on camera and asked if kissing at work crosses a professional boundary. This question was the point of the column and was asked in **the first paragraph. It's about a wider issue of whether women in particular want to be kissed at work.** The on-air peck was merely the jumping off point for exploring the issue, which is clearly one of reader interest.

The personal relationship between those mentioned makes no difference to the broader issue raised. I would totally write the column again.