

Statement from Jess Hill, author:

The possibility of violent resistance was raised as a question to be confronted; violent resistance has been a historical fact of social change.

I have spent four years writing a book that will speak calmly yet powerfully about an issue that is devastating the lives of countless Australians. It is with horror that I have watched the ABC capitulate to the same loud, angry voices that so assiduously avoid these issues. The conversation about violence on the panel was a heated exploration of age-old methods of resistance to oppression. It was **not** incitement.

It saddens me that the ABC has failed to see this distinction, and has failed to support the free expression of ideas that is essential to democracy.