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Statement from a Royal Children's Hospital spokesperson,

The ABC's Media Watch engaged extensively with the Royal Children's Hospital between 3 and 10 July 2025 to explore reporting on this matter. ABC producers received detailed and accurate information — including legal analysis — to support fair and balanced coverage.

The ABC chose not to proceed with the story at the time.

If Media Watch intends to quote the judge's comments, journalistic integrity requires acknowledging the publicly available criticism of those comments. Repeating selective findings without context is not objectivity — it risks reinforcing misinformation.