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By email: [personal information redacted]

Dear [personal information redacted]

FOI REQUEST - REFERENCE NUMBER 2014-008

I refer to your request for access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act) in your letter of 5 April 2014. In our subsequent correspondence, the scope of your request was refined to access to the following documents:

Communications dated between 9 August 2013 and 5 April 2014 between the ABC (limited to Audience and Consumer Affairs, the policy section within the Television division, and the production team for the particular segment of Catalyst) and:

- Dr Michael Foley/Prof Michael Moore
- the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
- the Australian Communications Media Authority (ACMA).

I am authorised by the Managing Director under section 23 of the FOI Act to make decisions in respect of requests made under that Act. Following is my decision in relation to your request.

Locating and identifying documents

I have taken reasonable steps to identify and locate all relevant documents. My search for these documents involved contacting the following relevant people, who in turn consulted with relevant managers and staff within their respective teams:

- Head, Audience and Consumer Affairs
- Series Producer, Catalyst
- Head, Strategy and Governance (Television)

I requested that searches be conducted of all hard and soft copy records for documents which fall within the scope of your request. As a result of those searches, the following nine documents were identified:

Document 1 Email from the ACMA to the ABC dated 12 September 2013 41 pages (including 4 of 8 attachments)

Document 2	Email from the ABC to the ACMA dated 16 September 2013	1 page
Document 3	Email from the ACMA to the ABC dated 17 October 2013 (including 0 of 5 attachments)	2 pages
Document 4	Email from the ABC to the ACMA dated 21 October 2013	2 pages
Document 5	Email from the ACMA to the ABC dated 28 November 2013	2 pages
Document 6	Email from the ABC to the ACMA dated 11 December 2013	3 pages
Document 7	Email from the ACMA to the ABC dated 4 March 2014 (including 0 of 1 attachments)	3 pages
Document 8	Email from the ABC to the ACMA dated 5 March 2014 (including 0 of 2 attachments)	4 pages
Document 9	Email from the ACMA to the ABC dated 17 March 2014 (including 1 of 1 attachment)	77 pages

I note that you have stated in your email dated 17 April 2014 that "actual correspondence sent in by the complainants and any correspondence that then went on between complainants and the ABC" should be excluded from the request. Based on this instruction, I have also excluded correspondence between complainants and the ACMA. If you are dissatisfied with this approach, please let me know.

Access to documents

Access is granted to Documents 1 to 9 inclusive and copies are attached.

I note that the Documents contain some information which could reasonably be regarded as irrelevant to the request for access, namely the personal information of complainants and investigation officers. Section 22 of the FOI Act allows access to be granted to an edited copy of a document if it is reasonably practicable to remove irrelevant material. Accordingly, Documents 1 to 9 have been redacted to remove irrelevant information.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision you can apply for Internal or Information Commissioner (IC) Review. You do not have to apply for Internal Review before seeking IC Review. Information about your review rights is attached.

Yours sincerely

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