

Response from an ABC spokesperson:

A reporter did interview Mr Parker after his outburst at the PM was broadcast, and checked out with the Rural Fire Service his claim that he had been sacked. The RFS confirmed this had not occurred. Other media outlets did subsequently report Mr Parker's belief that he had been sacked – and are now reporting that he hasn't been. This has nothing to do with politics; it's about accuracy, newsworthiness and priorities. The ABC's coverage of the many important, substantive stories arising from the bushfires has been second to none.