

# NEW PROGRAMS 2020 SLATE

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## FORCES OF NATURE

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## FIGHT FOR PLANET A: OUR CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE

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## YOU CAN'T ASK THAT

ABC's most successful format: new accolades and multiple returning series

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## BLACK SUMMER

From the front lines of Australia's bushfire crisis

*And more inside...*

# SCRIPTED



## PINE GAP

High-stakes thriller from makers of *Underbelly* and *Wolf Creek*

Set in the intensely secretive world of intelligence and the enigmatic US/ Australia joint defence facility in central Australia, this edge-of-your-seat drama delves into the famously strong alliance between the two countries. With a new global player encroaching, and the world inching closer to war – trust, betrayal, love and loyalty all come into question.

Engrossing, intelligent and high-stakes, *Pine Gap* features a stellar cast including Parker Sawyers (*Succession*, *World on Fire*) and Steve Toussaint (*Prince of Persia*, *Judge Dredd*).

DRAMA | HD 6 x 60' | Screentime



## BLACK COMEDY

Newest season of the multi award-winning sketch series

Witty, whacky, sometimes acerbic, *Black Comedy* continues its unapologetic exploration of what it means to be black in contemporary Australia. Written and performed by some of the funniest blackfellas in the country, this riotous series joyfully carves up sacred cows, dismantles stereotypes, and turns modern Australian culture inside out.

COMEDY | HD 6 x 30' | Scarlett Pictures

# FORMATS



## YOU CAN'T ASK THAT

Funny, moving, life-changing – the unique, multi award-winning series that explores and embraces our differences

The latest season of *You Can't Ask That* features first-person voices of Firefighters, people who are HIV Positive, Kids, people who are on the Autism Spectrum, Nudists, people who have Killed Someone, people who live in Public Housing and Olympic and Paralympic Gold Medallists. By asking the tough questions and empowering interviewees to answer in their own words with conviction, candour and humour, the series offers searing insights into the lives of people whose stories are often dismissed. Finished tape sales also available.

Series 5: HD 8 x 30' | Australian Broadcasting Corporation



## FIGHT FOR PLANET A: OUR CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Immediate action is at the heart of this engaging new format

Following five diverse households, *Fight for Planet A* takes a positive approach to reducing our carbon footprint, and helping to protect our planet for future generations. Features shocking statistics, revealing stunts, and many pro-active tips and strategies for everyday Australians who want to make a difference.

HD 3 x 60' | Lune Media

# FACTUAL



## WILD FORCES

Cyclone, drought, flood, fire: life lived in the extreme

Australia is the driest inhabited continent on earth. This compelling four-part series explores the apocalyptic forces that nature visits on this ancient island, and looks at how millions of years of evolution have uniquely prepared all Australian life for these dramatic and often devastating challenges.

HD 4 x 60' | Wildbear Entertainment



## ROAD TO NOW

From the fall of the Berlin Wall and end of the Cold War to now – the key events that have shaped the modern world

How did it come to this? How did the celebration of freedom that remarkable night in Berlin lead to the crisis of international confidence evident today? This fascinating 6-part series unpacks major events on the road to now. Christian Amanpour (Chief International Anchor, CNN) and Tom Friedman (author, Foreign Affairs columnist, *The New York Times*) are amongst some of the world's best historians, journalists and politicians guiding us through the key events that have shaped the modern world.

HD 6 x 60' | Wildbear Entertainment



## MIRIAM MARGOLYES... ALMOST AUSTRALIAN

A frank, funny and utterly filterless journey to the heart of the nation

Australia is an immigrant nation – but how is that changing? And where is it taking us? New migrant, Miriam Margolyes, is on a personal mission to uncover what it means to be Australian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If anyone is going to get to the heart of the nation and bring an audience of all ages with her, it's this incredibly smart, inquisitive, naughty and honest 78-year-old.

HD 3 x 60' | Southern Pictures



## REVELATION

Abuse was not a failure of the system. It was the system.

In a world television first, *Revelation* uncovers the secret lives and motivations of some of the most reviled men of modern times – notorious Catholic priests accused of sex crimes against children – and presents the deepest portrayal of the culture and systems protecting the perpetrators of these heinous crimes.

HD 3 x 90' | In Films

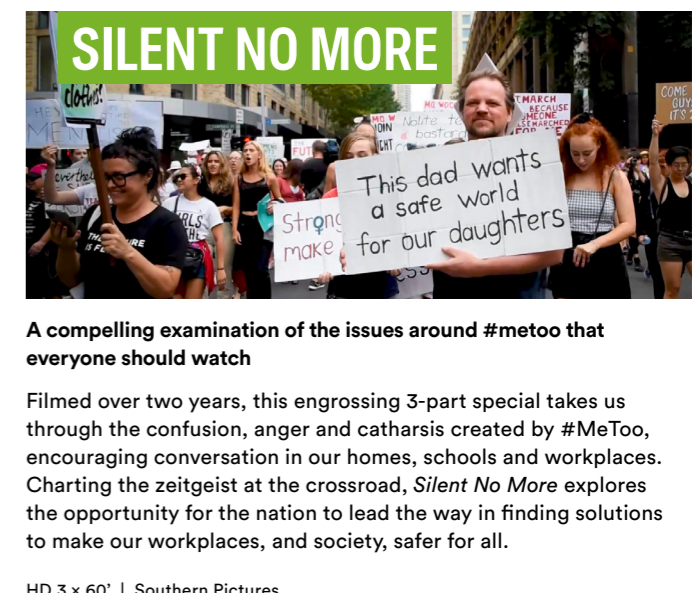


## CATALYST SERIES 21

Australia's flagship science documentary series returns

From a new 2-part special on feeding the nation with Paul West (*River Cottage Australia*), to the latest instalment of the 'clinic' series (this time focusing in on our teeth), to the fascinating technical developments emerging via those on the hunt for asteroids – big, bold and exciting *Catalyst* continues to take viewers to the heart of the most important scientific developments from around the world.

HD 10 x 60' | Australian Broadcasting Corporation



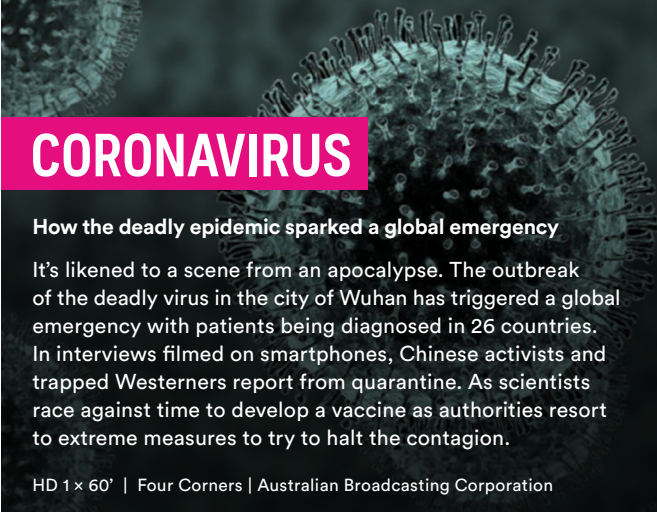
## SILENT NO MORE

A compelling examination of the issues around #metoo that everyone should watch

Filed over two years, this engrossing 3-part special takes us through the confusion, anger and catharsis created by #MeToo, encouraging conversation in our homes, schools and workplaces. Charting the zeitgeist at the crossroad, *Silent No More* explores the opportunity for the nation to lead the way in finding solutions to make our workplaces, and society, safer for all.

HD 3 x 60' | Southern Pictures

# NEWS & CURRENT AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS



## CORONAVIRUS

**How the deadly epidemic sparked a global emergency**

It's likened to a scene from an apocalypse. The outbreak of the deadly virus in the city of Wuhan has triggered a global emergency with patients being diagnosed in 26 countries. In interviews filmed on smartphones, Chinese activists and trapped Westerners report from quarantine. As scientists race against time to develop a vaccine as authorities resort to extreme measures to try to halt the contagion.

HD 1 x 60' | Four Corners | Australian Broadcasting Corporation



## BLACK SUMMER

**From the front lines of Australia's Bushfire Crisis**

They are the videos that stopped the nation and stunned the world – images from the firegrounds capturing the ferocity of the bushfires that have raged around Australia this black summer. A team of reporters and producers have fanned out across the country to track down the Australians who found themselves in the centre of the firestorms. What emerges are incredible stories of survival, bravery and heartbreak.

HD 1 x 60' | Four Corners | Australian Broadcasting Corporation



## THE COAL WAR

**While many nations ponder opening new coal fields, Germany has declared the industry must end**

The country's government has decided to phase out all coal mines and coal-fired power plants by 2038 in return for a \$60 billion injection of government funds. But the 'coal compromise' is fragile. As environmentalists demand an immediate end to fossil fuels, coal-dependent communities are fighting to keep the industry alive, steeling themselves for a 'green' invasion.

HD 1 x 30' | Foreign Correspondent | Australian Broadcasting Corporation



## INSECTAGEDDON

**Insect numbers drop like flies**

Scientists are warning that a crash of insect numbers could directly threaten not only the birds and other animals which prey on them but also, the plants that rely on them for pollination. The impacts on agriculture could be dire. Ironically, the culprit is believed to be farm-based insecticides. But the good news is that the Europeans are fighting back – with a passion for their tiny subjects, and a sense of urgency about the steps needed to avoid...insectageddon.

HD 1 x 30' | Foreign Correspondent | Australian Broadcasting Corporation



## TOURIST MECCA

**The 'hidden kingdom' of Saudi Arabia has been mostly closed to journalists and travellers...until now**

In a glitzy PR push, the country wants to promote itself as a tourist destination. But will the notoriously repressive regime deliver on its promise of reform? With a social revolution underway, this compelling special features interviews with a woman uber driver, a woman scuba instructor and one of the nation's first stand-up comedians – while at the same time charting the broad clampdown on dissent.

HD 1 x 30' | Foreign Correspondent | Australian Broadcasting Corporation



## AT THE EDGE OF THE EARTH

**In Trump's America, the pristine land of Alaska's indigenous tribes comes under threat**

Polar bears, caribou and whales. In the dying weeks of summer, the indigenous Alaskan Gwich'in people do what they've done for millennia. Hunt, so they can feed their people over the coming winter. Alaska's indigenous tribes are fiercely proud of their pristine land but with Trump pushing to open up its largest protected wilderness for oil exploration, could it be under threat?

HD 1 x 30' | Foreign Correspondent | Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Also available: Married to Islamic State, Red Flags, State of Denmark, Secrets & Lies, Testing Times, Mother Courage, Motherland, Opioid America, Homage to Barcelona