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The Press Council recognises the essential role that a free press plays in a democratic society such as Australia. Investigative reporting and a questioning of Government activities is essential to Government accountability to the community.

The Press Council views with concern recent raids on the ABC and a News Corp journalist by Australian Federal Police as this could have a chilling effect on journalists, and may intimidate them from pursuing legitimate stories in the public interest.

The Press Council promotes freedom of speech through responsible and independent print and digital media and adherence to high journalistic and editorial standards. It views with concern any brake on the ability of journalists to pursue legitimate stories, or Governments discouraging such investigations.

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