

From: Peter Meakin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Mon, 8 Feb 2021 15:44:04 +1100 (AEDT)
To: Angus Llewellyn <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Laura Binnie <[REDACTED]>; Myles Farley <[REDACTED]>;
Tasha Smithies <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: opening

Thanks Angus . Agreed

From: Angus Llewellyn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 8 February 2021 2:31 PM
To: Peter Meakin <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Laura Binnie <[REDACTED]>; Myles Farley <[REDACTED]>; Tasha Smithies
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: opening

Thanks Peter.

I think the Grace Tame stuff is a total distraction I'm afraid. It was a last minute thing that Lisa brought up when she arrived at the IV - not something we discussed beforehand otherwise I would have done my best to quash it. Part of the gig being PM is to present the Australian of the Year award. It's unfortunate but also irrelevant that our talent was triggered by this moment - the PM presenting an award to a child abuse survivor (Tame was 15) is a long way from what our story is about.

The PM's fixer who's name appears in PART II is completely relevant. Having your chief fixer keeping tabs on a junior staffer is an actual link and in my view far more consequential.

When I was scripting this I considered dropping the chief fixer part when I was looking for time. Then it occurred to me that this in itself is really a key newsworthy part of the story - it's just there are so many awful newsworthy moments.

cheers

Angus

On 8 Feb 2021, at 2:15 pm, Peter Meakin <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Angus. Let's have a look at the rough cut and make a decision then.

I also know that Lisa is keen to start the story with the PM and Grace Tame, even though she says the grab about this in the interview was a little unclear.

I am not sure I agree with her. We could be seen to be implying that her motivation was to seek revenge on the PM.

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Feb 2021, at 2:09 pm, Angus Llewellyn <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Afternoon Peter and Laura

A couple of Canberra questions. You might be able to answer this *after* you've seen the rough cuts.

1. Do you think Rosemary Laing as our expert would work for those two grabs/ideas? I haven't booked her in yet but I think she'd be ok.
2. I know Lisa is keen for a PTC at APH, which is a little 60Mins, but given this story seems like a break from form it could work. The spot I see it fitting would be an opening to the second segment:

L: It's 2019 and just weeks before a federal election. Brittany Higgins is a young media advisor working here in parliament house Canberra for Minister Linda Reynolds.

What we've heard so far is disturbing - Brittany alleges that late one night she was raped

on the couch in Minister Reynolds' office by a senior colleague.
So *why* haven't we heard about this serious criminal allegation inside our parliament house until now?

cheers
Angus

On 8 Feb 2021, at 9:57 am, Peter Meakin <[REDACTED]>
wrote:
Ok. Please send him a note to that effect
Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Feb 2021, at 9:53 am, Angus Llewellyn
<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Oh she'll be fine with that.
Sam Maiden is wanting to talk to me - she just left me a message.
I'm going to leave it to Craig to talk to her first if that's ok?
cheers
Angus

On 8 Feb 2021, at 9:48 am, Peter Meakin
<[REDACTED]> wrote:
As long as you think Brittany would be OK with that.

From: Angus Llewellyn
<[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 8 February 2021 9:41 AM
To: Peter Meakin <[REDACTED]>;
Laura Binnie <[REDACTED]>

Subject: opening
Hi Peter
As per your suggestion for the opening, I think some
of this could work well.
**1.05 (my voice in the distant background) Right
ready when you are
LISA (talking over my voice to B) All good?
B: Yeah I'm just very nervous
nervous laugh with Lisa
B: (BIG sigh and steadies herself)**
Angus