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Affidavit

No. 189 of 2024

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ANTOINETTE LATTOUF

Applicant

AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Respondent

Affidavit of: **Ita Clare Buttrose**

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Journalist

Date: 14 October 2024

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I, Ita Buttrose, at Sydney, New South Wales, say on oath:

- I was the Chair of the Board of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (**ABC**) between February 2019 and March 2024.

Ita Buttrose *Ben Glenn Dudley*

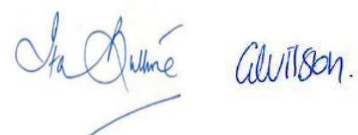
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2. I make this statement based on my own direct observations and knowledge, save for where I say otherwise. Where I depose to matters based on information provided to me,
3. I identify the source of that information and otherwise believe such information to be true and correct, based on the source of the information, the source's role and the circumstances in which it was provided to me.
4. Where I state words that I have spoken or heard, I will do so setting out the substance or gist of those words to the best of my recollection.
5. Exhibited and marked "IB-01" is a bundle of email correspondence. In making this affidavit, I have in front of me and have had regard to **Exhibit IB-01**.

MY ROLE AS THE CHAIR OF THE ABC

6. While I was the Chair, the ABC provided me with an email address, buttrose.ita@abc.net.au (**personal email address**). I also had direct access to the email address board@abc.net.au (**Board email address**).
7. As part of my role as Chair, my practice was to monitor emails that were sent to both the personal and Board email addresses, and either respond to them myself, or arrange for a response to be sent by my Executive Assistant or one of the ABC's staff. My Executive Assistant, Lauren Stokes, also had access to the Board email address, and brought emails to my attention at her discretion.
8. I am aware that the duties of the members of the Board of the ABC are set out in the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983* (**ABC Act**). They include the maintenance of the ABC's independence and integrity, and ensuring that the ABC's presentation of news and information was impartial. As Chair, I considered that impartiality was central to the ABC's statutory responsibilities, and that because of that it was essential that staff who presented programmes that were broadcast by the ABC did not engage in conduct that could reasonably be seen not to be impartial.
9. In my role as Chair, I was responsible for presiding over meetings of the Board, was a link between the Board and the Managing Director, David Anderson, and offered general guidance and counsel to Mr Anderson at the level of policy and strategic direction. It was not my role to be involved in the day-to-day operation of the ABC, and I did not do so.

Handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Shane Dume' and the second is 'David Anderson'.

Operational matters were the exclusive responsibility of Mr Anderson and the staff reporting to him.

MS ANTOINETTE LATTOUF

10. To my recollection, I have never met Ms Antoinette Lattouf.
11. Before 18 December 2023, I had not heard of Ms Lattouf, and did not know anything about her.
12. I was not involved in the making any decisions to hire Ms Lattouf to present on ABC Radio.
13. The first time I became aware of Ms Lattouf was on 18 December 2023.

MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2023

14. On Monday, 18 December 2023, I noticed a high volume of emails making complaints in relation to Ms Lattouf.
15. From the emails I gathered that Ms Lattouf had recently begun to present a show on ABC Radio. The general impression I got from the emails I read was of complaints that Ms Lattouf should not have been hired by the ABC as a presenter because she was a pro-Palestinian activist who had made provocative statements about the Israel-Gaza conflict. The substance of the complaints, as I understood them at the time, was that her activities outside the ABC meant that she was perceived by complainants not to be impartial.
16. I did not recognise or know of any of the names of the persons from whom I received complaint emails, although, from their names, I assumed that many of them were of a Jewish background. I was not concerned about the background of the complainants other than that they appeared to listen to ABC Radio.
17. I did not look at Ms Lattouf's social media and, at the time of making this affidavit, I still have not done so.
18. From the time when I first became aware of complaints about Ms Lattouf, and throughout the whole period of the events that are the subject of this affidavit:

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Alverson.*

- (a) I was concerned that it appeared, based on the complaints, a significant number of ABC listeners were unhappy that the ABC had hired someone as a presenter who they perceived to be not impartial. I was concerned at the damage Ms Lattouf's appointment was doing to the ABC's and ABC Radio Sydney's reputation for impartiality. This issue was a significant concern for me;
- (b) The issue for me was not whether Ms Lattouf was pro-Palestinian or pro-Israeli. Rather, the issue was that Ms Lattouf appeared to be an activist in relation to the Israel-Gaza conflict, which was a serious and contentious matter of concern in the community, regardless of which side of that conflict she was an activist for. I do not support the hiring of activists of any cause to the ABC;
- (c) I had no knowledge of Ms Lattouf's race or national extraction. I am informed that it is said that Ms Lattouf has a Lebanese and/or Arab and/or Middle Eastern heritage, and that she is a descendant of foreign immigrants. This was, and is, irrelevant to me.

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2023

- 19. On the morning of Tuesday, 19 December 2023, I met with Mr Anderson, in person, in my office at the ABC for one of our regular one-on-one meetings on Tuesday each week.
- 20. I prepared the agenda for our meeting on Tuesday, 19 December 2023, which included the following listed as a topic for discussion:

Antoinette Lattouf Complaints

27 emails and counting.

3 email examples attached.

A redacted copy of the agenda for my meeting with Mr Anderson on Tuesday, 19 December 2023, and three emails that were attached, is in **Exhibit IB-01** at **Tab 1**. Those portions of the agenda that do not concern Ms Lattouf have been redacted so as to preserve the confidentiality of their subject matters.




21. During my meeting with Mr Anderson on Tuesday, 19 December 2023, we had the following conversation:
- (a) I asked Mr Anderson: *'What is going on? We have all of these complaints coming in about Antoinette Lattouf. What are we doing about it?'*
 - (b) Mr Anderson said something that indicated to me Ms Lattouf had been hired as a casual employee for five days as a holiday relief.
 - (c) Mr Anderson also said something that gave me the impression that he thought there was an issue about whether Ms Lattouf had been hired without proper checks having been made of her activities and references. This was a matter of significant concern to me.
 - (d) Mr Anderson told me to forward the complaints that I had received about Ms Lattouf to Mr Chris Oliver-Taylor, ABC Chief Content Officer. This was a departure from my usual practice in relation to complaints, which was to send them to Mr Anderson. My understanding was that Mr Oliver-Taylor had been given the task of officially responding to complaints about Ms Lattouf.
22. On Tuesday, 19 December 2023, at some time after my meeting with Mr Anderson, I told my Executive Assistant, Ms Stokes, that Mr Oliver-Taylor would be officially responding to complainants about Ms Lattouf, and that all such complaints should be forwarded to him. My reason for giving this instruction was to give effect to the arrangement described in subparagraph [21(d)].
23. I am aware that at 3.28 pm on Tuesday, 19 December 2023, Ms Stokes sent an email to Mr Oliver-Taylor attaching 29 emails containing complaints received by the ABC regarding Ms Lattouf. A copy of that email has been provided to me and is in **Exhibit IB-01** at **Tab 2**.
24. I did not ask Mr Oliver-Taylor to do anything in particular to resolve the complaints. It is not my role as Chair to tell staff what to do. I assumed that Mr Oliver-Taylor would deal with the complaints.
25. At 8.49 pm on Tuesday, 19 December 2023, I forwarded one of the complaints to Mr Anderson by email. I did not know the person who apparently sent the complaint, and



chose his email at random, because it was recent in my inbox. In my email to Mr Anderson I wrote:

Has Antoinette been replaced. I am over getting emails about her. Regards Ita.

26. As at the time when I wrote and sent this email, I had never discussed with Mr Anderson anything to do with replacing Ms Lattouf, and he had never said anything to me that suggested she would or might be replaced. I was conscious of the number of complaints about Ms Lattouf. The reason why I asked '*[h]as Antoinette been replaced*' was that I wanted to know whether the situation that was generating the complaints had come to end.
27. At 9.26 pm on Tuesday, 19 December 2023, I received an email from Mr Anderson in response to the email I had sent at 8.49 pm. Mr Anderson wrote:

Dear Ita,

Antoinette will finish up on Friday. It's a managed exit given the situation. I can explain more tomorrow.

I plan to respond to all those that have emailed on Friday afternoon.

Regards, David

28. From Mr Anderson's email I understood that he, and the responsible staff, had decided that Ms Lattouf would continue to present until the end of the week.
29. I accepted that Mr Anderson and his staff had the exclusive responsibility for making and implementing this decision. However, I wanted to challenge that decision.
30. Accordingly, at 9.59 pm on Tuesday, 19 December 2023, I sent an email to Mr Anderson in response to his email at 9.26 pm, writing:

I have a whole clutch more of complaints. Why can't she come down with flu? Or Covid. Or a stomach upset? We owe her nothing, we are copping criticism because she wasn't honest when she was appointed.

Managed exit. Really.

I don't like emailing you late but I am wrapping present.




We should be in damage control not managed exits David.

Ita

31. My reasons for writing and sending the emails referred to in paragraphs [25] and [30] were the concerns that I have described in sub-paragraphs [18(a)] and **[Error! Reference source not found.]**. I also had in mind the concern that I have identified in subparagraph [21(c)].

WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2023

32. At 10.57 am on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I received an email from Mr Anderson. He wrote:

Dear Ita,

We are absolutely in damage control.

Local Radio management, specifically Steve Ahern, has put us in an unacceptable position. Mr Ahern made a negligent, error of judgement by employing Ms Lattouf without assessing her prior media and social media activity. I am taking action through Chris Oliver-Taylor alleging serious misconduct resulting in reputational damage to the ABC as a result of his actions.

We have weighed up the consequences of prematurely pulling Antoinette Lattouf off air, versus managing this until Friday as per her contract. We have concluded that the best possible outcome from here is to manage this such that Ms Lattouf does not editorial engage in the Middle East conflict while on air for the remainder of her contract.

This protects the ABC (and out staff) from the consequence of removing her, without her having breached any of our standards this week, when her position on the matter was known by Mr Ahern when Ms Lattouf was engaged. If we do remove her, there will be claims of doing so without cause given her position on the Middle East was widely known prior to her engagement, we have caved to pro-Israeli lobbying, and she hasn't actually breached impartiality this week.

Again, we have been placed in an untenable position.




We have directed Ms Lattouf and the producers that the topic of the Middle East conflict is off limits, there is a lengthy off-air delay in place, and we will use the dump button if that direction is disobeyed. We have also instructed producers not to allow callers through who wish to discuss that topic. To date, that direction has been followed.

There is without doubt already damage caused by her engagement. I expect the WhatsApp group email campaign where we are receiving emails regarding her 'appointment' to continue until we reveal on Friday that Ms Lattouf will not be returning next week.

In addition, we have a protest today outside of our Melbourne offices, from pro-Palestinian protesters, against the ABC. Staff are using separate entrance / exits and security is on site.

I will see you soon to discuss any further queries you may have.

Regards,

David

33. I immediately read and considered Mr Anderson's email. From it, I understood that, notwithstanding anything that I had said in the email referred to in paragraph [30], Mr Anderson and the responsible staff continued to have the position that Ms Lattouf would continue to present until the end of the week. I accepted that to be the final decision on the matter.
34. Accordingly, at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I responded to Mr Anderson by email, writing:

Thanks for the explanation, David – it must be Christmas.

See you at lunch.

Ita

35. A copy of the email chain containing emails referred to at paragraphs [25], [27], [30], [32] and [34] is in **Exhibit IB-01** at **Tab 3**. When searching my email inbox before I left the ABC, I could not locate a copy of the email referred to at paragraph [34] above, but I have since been provided with a copy by the ABC and I recall writing that email.

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36. Once I understood the position to be that described in paragraph [32], I took the steps that I will describe in paragraphs [37] and [38] below.
37. Between 11.04 am and 11.31 am on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I responded to 26 emails containing from members of the public with a standard response email, customising the person's name. In each of those responses I wrote:

Dear [name]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair – ABC

38. Between 11.13 am and 11.32 am on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I sent multiple emails to Mr Oliver-Taylor providing copies of emails that I had sent in response to complaints received by the ABC in relation to Ms Lattouf being on ABC Radio Sydney. In that regard:
- (a) at 11.13 am, I sent an email with subject line '*More complaints Antoinette 702*' and there was no content in the body of the email. My email attached 12 emails that I had sent in response to complaints from members of the public about Ms Lattouf (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 4**);
 - (b) at 11.15 am Mr Oliver-Taylor responded (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 5**);
 - (c) at 11.19 am I sent a second email to Mr Oliver-Taylor, attaching another 5 emails that I had sent in response to complaints from members of the public about Ms Lattouf. There was no content in the body of the email (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 6**);
 - (d) at 11.24 am I sent a third email to Mr Oliver-Taylor with subject line '*The complaints keep coming Antoinette 702*', attaching another 3 emails that I had

Ita Buttrose *Alverson*

sent in response to complaints from members of the public about Ms Lattouf. There was no content in the body of the email (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 7**);

- (e) at 11.24 am Mr Oliver-Taylor responded (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 8**);
- (f) at 11.25 am I responded to Mr Oliver-Taylor, writing '*It goes with the job Chris...I think we will keep getting these complaints until Antoinette leaves*' (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 9**);
- (g) at 11.26 am Mr Oliver-Taylor responded (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 10**);
- (h) at 11.27 am I forwarded one further complaint email to Mr Oliver-Taylor. I wrote '*I think I didn't include [REDACTED] in the earlier emails Chris. Ita*' (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 11**). I do not know the person who apparently sent the email. The reason I sent this email to Mr Oliver-Taylor separately was because I noticed it had not been included in the previous emails I had sent to Mr Oliver-Taylor; and
- (i) at 11.32 am I sent to Mr Oliver-Taylor two more response emails with subject line '*This is the lot for now Chris...Ita*' (a copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01 at Tab 12**).

- 39. The reason I sent the emails referred to in paragraph [38] was to give effect to the arrangement referred to in subparagraph [21(d)] and so that he knew that a preliminary response email had been sent to those persons.
- 40. From approximately 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I went to lunch with Mr Anderson at a restaurant called "Luke's Kitchen" in Pitt Street, Sydney. The lunch had been arranged some time earlier, as our annual Christmas lunch. When I left for lunch, I understood that the final decision of Mr Anderson and the responsible staff was that Ms Lattouf would be finishing her work with the ABC on Friday 22 December 2023.
- 41. I do not now recall the discussions that Mr Anderson and I had during the course of lunch on 20 December 2024. I do not recall whether we discussed Ms Lattouf.

42. My recollection is that after we had finished lunch, a driver picked up Mr Anderson and me from the restaurant to take Mr Anderson back to the ABC office building and then take me home. During the drive back from lunch, Mr Anderson told me that Mr Oliver-Taylor had told him that he had decided that Ms Lattouf was going to be taken off air and would not continue as an ABC broadcaster because she had disobeyed a direction not to post on social media. I understood this to mean that Ms Lattouf was finishing up that day and wasn't coming back.
43. I had not seen any social media posts made by Ms Lattouf. I did not directly, nor did I ask anyone to on my behalf, make enquiries about what Ms Lattouf had posted on social media that had caused Mr Oliver-Taylor to decide to take her off air. I did not have any discussions with Mr Oliver-Taylor about the decision he made. These are operational matters.
44. I am aware that in the early afternoon of Wednesday, 20 December 2023, an article was published online in *The Australian* newspaper, authored by Ms Sophie Elsworth. That article said '*The Australian understands that the complaints over Lattouf's appointment were raised with Ms Buttrose and the board, with sources close to ABC management saying that chairwoman was "furious" with the decision to hire the anti-Israel broadcaster*'. In relation to that article and its contents:
- (a) I read this article shortly after it was published, but I cannot recall exactly when I did so;
 - (b) I did not speak to or have any communication with Ms Elsworth before or after the publication of the article;
 - (c) I do not have any knowledge of who (if anyone) Ms Elsworth was quoting as "*sources close to ABC management*"; and
 - (d) I was not "*furious*" with the decision to hire Ms Lattouf, did not tell anyone that I was so, and have no knowledge of the basis on which Ms Elsworth made that claim.
45. At some time during the afternoon of Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I asked Mr Nick Leys (who is the ABC Director of Communications) if there was an ABC media release or statement regarding Ms Lattouf, for the purpose of checking the terminology used by



the ABC, so that I could be consistent in my responses to members of the public if the matter was raised with me.

46. At 5.27 pm on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I received an email from Mr Leys in which he provided me with the phrase '*ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week*'. A copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01** at **Tab 13**.

47. Between 5.33 pm and 5.46 pm on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I responded to 9 emails from members of the public who had written to me about Ms Lattouf with a standard response email, customising the person's name. In each of those responses I wrote:

Dear [name]

You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.

An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today.

"ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week"

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair – ABC

48. I sent the emails referred to in the previous paragraph as a matter of courtesy.

49. At 5.48 pm on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, I sent an email to Mr Oliver-Taylor with subject line '*these people have been advised Antoinette no longer works at the ABC Chris. Ita*' and attaching nine emails that I had sent to members of the public in response to complaints made to the ABC regarding Ms Lattouf. A copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01** at **Tab 14**.

50. At 5.51 pm on Wednesday 20 December 2023, Mr Oliver-Taylor responded to my email. A copy of that email is in **Exhibit IB-01** at **Tab 15**.




MY REASONS

- 51. In paragraphs [22], [26], [31], and [39] I have set out the reasons for actions that I took in relation to Ms Lattouf. I had no other reasons than what I have there stated.
- 52. I did not consider, or in any way take into account, anything that I knew about the fact or content of any political opinions that Ms Lattouf had or may have had, or her race or national extraction (including that Ms Lattouf has a Lebanese and/or Arab and/or Middle Eastern heritage and that she is a descendant of foreign immigrants). None of those matters were reasons for any correspondence that I engaged in, in relation to Ms Lattouf.

Sworn by the deponent
 at Sydney
 in New South Wales
 on 14 October 2024
 Before me:

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Signature of deponent
 Ita Clare Buttrose

Signature of witness

Gabrielle Marree Shooter Wilson

An Australian Legal Practitioner within the meaning of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law* (NSW)

This affidavit was signed in counterpart and witnessed over audio visual link in accordance with section 14G of the *Electronic Transactions Act 2000* (NSW) with the deponent in Sydney and the witness in Sydney.

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Signature of witness

Name of witness: Gabrielle Marree Shooter Wilson

Qualification of witness: An Australian Legal Practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW)

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Meeting with Managing Director

Tuesday 19 December

[Redacted]

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Antoinette Lattouf Complaints

27 emails and counting.

3 email examples attached.

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 4:11 PM
To: Board
Subject: ABC breach of code

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Antoinette Lattouf is a biased host of the morning ABC Sydney show and she foments division and rancour within our community.

Antoinette has a record: she is not impartial on Middle East issues and antisemitism. She denies reports of chants of "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House, despite direct video evidence and the testimony of several primary witnesses who attended the event.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

Copied to
1. Michelle Rowland, Minister for Communication
2. ABC MD
3. ABC Board

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:43 PM
To: Board
Subject: ABC bias - Antoinette Lattouf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I write to ask how Antoinette Lattouf is permitted to be hosting the morning ABC Sydney show.

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East. She has repeatedly shown her bias. I am wondering what the consequences are for her stating that "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House was a lie.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

Given the staggering increase in antisemitism in Australia since October 7, continuing to provide this clearly bad faith actor (seeking to discredit and minimise the Jewish community's lived experience of such antisemitism) is repugnant and in breach of the ABC code of conduct.

I have written to Minister Rowlands and ABC Managing director David Anderson, asking the same questions.

I await your reply as to the action you are taking

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 7:11 AM
To: Board; David N Anderson - Managing Director
Subject: Ms Latouff denies claims re antisemitic protest

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Dear Mr.Anderson

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Thanks

[REDACTED]

TAB 2

From: Lauren Stokes <Stokes.Lauren@abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 3:28 PM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Cc: Vanessa Murray; Managing Director's Office
Subject: Antoinette Latouff Emails / Chair's Office
Attachments: concern Antionette Lattouf ABC Radio Sydney Mornings; Ms Latouff Call To Action; Ms Latauff ; Antoinette Lattouff - morning ABC Sydney show; Ms Latouff denies claims re antisemitic protest; New appointment ; Complaint about appropriateness of Antoinette Lattouff to host morning ABC Sydney Radio show; Complaint regarding the choice of Antoinette Lattouff as the Morning announcer host on ABC Sydney; Antoinette Lattouff in breach of ABC code of practice; Antoinette Lattouff; Re Message sent via ministerial website - ABC - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]; IABC breach of Code of Practice - Lattouff; Lattouff; Concerns Regarding Antoinette Lattouff's Presence on ABC radio Sydney; Antoinette Lattouff. ; Message sent via ministerial website - ABC radio host Antoinette Latouff is not fit for the role - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]; ABC breach of code; Fwd ABC's antisemitic presenter Antoinette Lattouff is not a fit person to present on the ABC ; Antoinette Lattouff; Radio 702 Sydney; Concerns about Antoinette Lattouff; ABC bias...again; Antoinette Lattouff is not impartial]; ABC bias - Antoinette Lattouff ; Re Complaint about Antoinette Latouff.; Why is anti-Israel advocate hosting ABC show; Antoinette Lattouff; Complaint about Antoinette Latouff.; Fwd ABC - Antoinette Lattouff

Dear Chris

The Chair/Board has received several email complaints regarding Antoinette Latouff. After a discussion between Ita and David we've been advised to forward these emails to you - please find them attached.

A brief acknowledgement email has been sent to each of the attached emails from the Chair's Office.

Thank you Chris

Kind regards
Lauren



[\[abc.net.au\]](http://abc.net.au)

Lauren Stokes
Executive Assistant to the Chair


E: Stokes.Lauren@abc.net.au

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and Traditional Custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 12:05 PM
To: Board
Subject: concern Antionette Lattouf ABC Radio Sydney Mornings

Att: ABC BOARD

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3. The role of an ABC host, who leads and adds commentary to news stories, demands a basic level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's actions, as outlined above, call into question her ability to meet these standards.
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 9:48 AM
To: Board
Subject: Ms Latouff: Call To Action

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear ABC Board Members,

Ms. Latouff's recent actions online have raised serious questions about her impartiality, as outlined in Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice. I would like to highlight the following issues:

Ms. Latouff co-authored an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it" (Crikey, Dec 13 2023), which also featured on her socials and has been widely shared. The article casts unreasonable doubt on the validity of antisemitic rhetoric, "Gas the Jews", "Fuck the Jews" witnessed at the Opera House on October 8.

Unfortunately, the intent behind the article was to provide a false and skewed narrative according to Ms. Latouff's personal views on the War and particularly Jewish people. This type of rhetoric contributes to the alarming rise in antisemitism, which has surged by over 700% since October 7.

Ms. Latouff's endorsement of the MEAA Open Letter raises serious concerns about her impartiality in reporting on conflicts.

The role of an ABC host, who leads and adds commentary to news stories, demands a basic level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's actions, as outlined above, clearly call into question her ability to meet these standards.

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I urgently request a comprehensive explanation of the steps the ABC plans to take to rectify this situation and restore the credibility of its reporting. Australians deserve accurate, unbiased information, and it is crucial that swift and decisive action be taken to address this issue.

Please provide prompt attention to this serious matter and follow through with a thorough investigation into the concerning conduct of Ms. Latouff .

At a time when journalism needs to be at its strongest, it is imperative that the ABC upholds its commitment to journalistic integrity, as well as helping to ensure impartiality and the best practice is maintained.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 8:46 AM
To: Board
Subject: Ms Latauff

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To the board of the ABC

You are task with the job of providing Fair honest, unbiased reporting

With an exceptionally substantial budget of Tax Payer funds the ABC should be an outstanding and exemplary institution delivering the news.

Sadly, there are areas where bias and one-sided views against particularly the Jewish population occur.

One example which you can put a stop to and rectify is Ms Latouff as the current host of ABC Sydney morning show.

Please remove her from the show altogether

Ms Latouff was a co-author of The recent article from 13 December, where effectively using your platform, she calls into question significant antisemitic statements made at the Sydney Opera House saying they were not said.

She has breached your code of practice under clause 4.

She has shown on multiple occasions, her bias and anti-Semitic views.

Please, at the very least, remove her from hosting The Morning Show, and after reviewing, this might end with you sacking her for breaching the journalistic code of conduct, and your own code of practice.

There should be no place on the ABC for one sided views.

Please see a letter below From [REDACTED] stating a similar case

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,



Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 7:20 AM
To: Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Cc: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Antoinette Lattouff - morning ABC Sydney show

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Dear Minister Rowland, David Anderson and esteemed ABC Board members,

I am wiring to you regarding Antoinette Lattouff is supposedly unbiased and impartial on the morning ABC Sydney Show.

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East and what are the consequences for her stating that “gas the Jews” at the Sydney Opera House was a lie, when it had been proven that this was said.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

I would appreciate a response.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 7:11 AM
To: Board; David N Anderson - Managing Director
Subject: Ms Latouff denies claims re antisemitic protest

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Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 7:02 AM
To: Board
Subject: New appointment

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To the Board of the ABC

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Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:51 PM
To: Board; David N Anderson - Managing Director
Subject: Concerns about Antoinette Lattouf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mr Anderson and the ABC Board

I am writing with concerns regarding Antoinette Lattouf hosting the morning ABC Sydney show.

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East and her content on Instagram is blatantly antisemitic and hateful. One example is her stating that "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House was a lie. This was filmed and widely shared.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

The ABC is a national broadcaster and should represent ALL Australians and not some. Allowing such an overt antisemite to have such a prominent broadcasting role should not be allowed. Whatever she says in private is a direct reflection on the values of the ABC and Annette does not represent the Australian values of multiculturalism and tolerance.

The ABC needs to take action and remove Antoinette Lattouf from all hosting and journalism duties.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:50 PM
To: Board
Subject: ABC bias...again

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear ABC board,

My family has lived peacefully in Australia as Jews for nine generations and we are currently experiencing the worst anti-semitism in Australia in my family's history.

I am writing to ask you to take action regarding Antoinette Lattouf who is hosting the morning ABC Sydney show.

Of course today's discussion is on boycotts. Why is it that when one discusses boycotts the focus is on Israel? Where is the outrage at Syria, China, Sudan, Yemen...?

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East. What are the consequences for her stating that "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House was a lie? She is the last person who should be hosting this show at such a heated time when she has so obviously shown her true colors.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

I ask that you immediately take action and find presenters who are not inflammatory, unbiased and contribute in a positive way.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:43 PM
To: Board
Subject: ABC bias - Antoinette Lattouf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I write to ask how Antoinette Lattouf is permitted to be hosting the morning ABC Sydney show.

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East. She has repeatedly shown her bias. I am wondering what the consequences are for her stating that "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House was a lie.

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Given the staggering increase in antisemitism in Australia since October 7, continuing to provide this clearly bad faith actor (seeking to discredit and minimise the Jewish community's lived experience of such antisemitism) is repugnant and in breach of the ABC code of conduct.

I have written to Minister Rowlands and ABC Managing director David Anderson, asking the same questions.

I await your reply as to the action you are taking

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:41 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director
Cc: Board
Subject: Re: Complaint about Antoinette Latouff.

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Excuse I forgot to put my name at the end of the letter.

Signed,
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 18 Dec 2023 at 12:39, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Anderson and all those it concerns,

I am writing to communicate my extreme disappointment in seeing that Antoinette Latouff is hosting the abc morning show.

Antoinette has recently made videos and written articles bringing into question whether 'gas the Jews' was changed at the Sydney opera house.

This incident at The Opera House was an embarrassment to Australia and has been verified by eye witnesses and video proof. Antoinette's claims were highly irresponsible and caused great distress for me personally. As the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors I am not exaggerating when I say how much pain it caused me.

It was a gift to those who are falling for the antisemitic trope of Jews being liars. Unfortunately; at a time of such rise in antisemitism it caused many to jump at the chance to hurl antisemitic abuse. For me personally, I could not sleep the night her article and video came out and she has not retracted it since proof has come out - even though the coauthor of Antoinette's article has made corrections on X (formerly Twitter). Since then, abc radio has latched on to this skepticism and questioned Deborah Conway in her interview about whether 'gas the Jews' was in fact said.

Clause 4 of the ABC code is to be impartial and Antoinette is clearly not impartial regarding the Israel/gaza war. She is not impartial and she has brought her journalistic integrity into disrepute.

Please ensure that ABC does not give her the platform.

Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:40 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director
Cc: Board
Subject: Complaint about Antoinette Latouff.

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Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:40 PM
To: Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Cc: Board; David N Anderson - Managing Director; Ombudsman's Office
Subject: Why is anti-Israel advocate hosting ABC show?

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How is it possible that Antoinette Latouff is hosting a show on the ABC in Sydney? She is chief proponent of the lie that an egregious act of anti-Semitism ("gas the Jews" chants of October 8) did not actually take place. It's basically having a Holocaust Denier employed as a host on our national broadcaster!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 10:23 PM
To: Board
Subject: Complaint regarding the choice of Antoinette Lattouf as the Morning announcer/
host on ABC Sydney

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To the attention of the Board of the ABC,

I have written to the Minister for Communications, Minister Rowland about the above matter.

My email reads:

Dear Minister Rowland,

As you are the minister in charge of Communications, I wanted to lodge a formal complaint about the ABC, our national broadcaster, and more specifically ABC Sydney radio's decision to employ Antoinette Lattouf to host the Morning program.

Ms Lattouf is widely known for her stance on the Middle East and she is not impartial. She has been known to say that the chanting of 'Gas the Jews' at the Opera House never occurred.

I understand that Clause 4 of the ABC Code of Practice states that employees should be impartial and employing Ms Latouff is a breach of this clause.

Can you please explain how the decision was made to employ Ms Lattouf?

I await your response to the above.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 12:09 AM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board; Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Subject: Complaint about appropriateness of Antoinette Lattouf to host: morning ABC Sydney Radio show

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Michelle Rowland, David Anderson, ABC Board

I'm seeking your leadership with regards to Ms Lattouf's presence on the ABC Sydney Radio show. Clause 4 of the ABC code of Practice is to be impartial. It is central to your promise to Australians and as evidence of this, the word "impartial" appears 10 times in your Code of Practice. Employing Ms Antoinette Lattouf is in breach of this important promise. I ask that you employ a different person who is genuinely impartial for this important role.

Ms Lattouf is not impartial on the war in the Middle East. Ms Lattouf's views on the war feature in her social media and/or opinion pieces each day. A viewer or reader is left with zero doubt as to her views, which are firmly Pro-Hamas and/or Pro-Palestinian. Someone who is impartial, is likely to choose to speak to broader interests to the Australian people and spend equal time and emphasis presenting all points of view. I worry that employing Ms Lattouf on ABC Radio risks it becoming akin to a propaganda arm of the Pro-Hamas Terrorist Group. Ms Lattouf's views are her subjective opinion which support her family background. It isn't appropriate for her to be presenting her "opinion" as "fact" when it is clearly one-sided.

Her first topic for discussion on the radio is Israel boycotts and how effective they are.

She has also signed the letter below to support ethical reporting on Israel and Palestine which was signed by over 3000 journalists, which proves she is not impartial.

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This is a snippet of recent social media and opinion pieces from Ms Lattouf which clearly demonstrate her firm opinion and bias towards Palestinians.

Trivialization of a conflict, calling Israel cray cray, etc

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Inferring that the "Gas the Jews" footage from the Opera House was doctored by Jews:

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Ms Lattouf's post is still live, despite the raw footage being shared / available as per this Sky News link.

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Post promoting the crikey article on Lattouf's Instagram:

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Link concerning the coauthor's views implying Israel isn't a legitimate state:

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Response to sky news article debunking Lattouf, Wilson, and the Palestinian Action Group's claims:

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The ABC ombudsman has already issued a report regarding Miss Kannina, who was sacked from triple J regarding her anti Israel comments. The report cites the following "ABC standards require that all news and information is presented with due impartiality and takes into consideration the nature of the content, likely audience expectations and the contentiousness of the subject matter".

Thank you for your anticipated reflection, fairness and leadership.

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 9:34 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf in breach of ABC code of practice

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To David Anderson and
The ABC Board,

How can Antoinette Lattouf be appropriate to host the morning ABC Sydney show?

She has publicly proven to be anti-semitic and indirectly but clearly inciting violence and a call for the extermination of Jews by supporting the Muslim celebration of the killing and torture of Israelis and the brutal rapes of Israeli women. Besides signing that "letter", she openly supports Muslim extremism.

To say the least, Antoinette is not "impartial" on the war in the Middle East and publicly stated that "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House was a lie.

As you well know there are witnesses and evidence that this occurred and she is denying this publicly.

This is very dangerous. This is like denying the holocaust ever happened on the ABC.

What are the consequences of her public denial of this and her aggressive Anti-Semitic approach?

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 9:20 PM
To: Board
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

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To whom it may concern

Im writing to express my concern and real disappointment that Antoinette Lattouf has said that “gas the jews and kill the jews” was never said on the Opera House steps on October 8th. She is meant to be an investigative journalist yet she is a proposing that true facts never happened. There are eyewitnesses and recordings of the chants yet she is manipulating the narrative. A journalist who can distort facts is dangerous and unprofessional. I believe her bias is undermining the integrity of the ABC’s credibility.

Claus 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Ms Lattouf is a breach of this. Further by making her a tv host will no doubt give her a platform to more freely twist the truth and manipulate the conversation to spread her hateful agenda. People with ethics such as Ms Lattouf are the most dangerous to honest society. I humbly request she is removed from being a host of an ABC morning show.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 9:06 PM
To: minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Cc: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Re: Message sent via ministerial website - ABC - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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On 18 Dec 2023, at 9:03 pm, ministerinfrastructure.noreply@govcms.gov.au wrote:

Submitted on Mon, 2023-12-18 21:03

Subject
ABC

Message

How is Antoinette Lattouf still hosting the morning ABC Sydney show?

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East and what are the consequences for her stating that “gas the Jews” at the Sydney Opera House was a lie.

CC

1. ABC Ombudsman
<https://www.abc.net.au/contact/complain.htm> [abc.net.au]
2. David Anderson, Managing Director of the ABC david.anderson@abc.net.au
3. ABC Board board@your.abc.net.au

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 8:30 PM
To: Board
Subject: IABC breach of Code of Practice - Lattouf
Attachments: image_123650291.JPG

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Dear ABC Board,

I would like to understand how Ms Lattouf is the correspondent for the ABC for reporting on the Middle East.

The ABC has a statutory duty to ensure that the gathering and presentation of news and information is impartial according to the recognised standards of objective journalism.

ABC Editorial Policy Standard 4.1 notes that there is a requirement to "Gather and present news and information with due impartiality."

Ms Lattouf is known for her anti-Israel stance. For example, she recently authored an article in Crikey questioning the legitimacy of the "gas the Jews" chants heard at the Sydney Opera House protest on October 8

<https://www.crikey.com.au/2023/12/13/viral-footage-gas-the-jews-police-factcheckers-unverified/>

There have now been 4 statutory declarations by independent witnesses (some of whom are not part of the Jewish community) attesting to these chants being heard at the Opera House.

Ms Lattouf's attached tweet on 25 November 2023 reads "We need a PERMANENT ceasefire and to address the ROOT of the problem - unlawful occupation of Palestine." She clearly believes Israel's "occupation" of Gaza, is the cause of the current conflict. I note that Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005.

As outlined above, the ABC's Editorial Standards require impartiality. A broadcaster operating under statute with public funds is legitimately expected to contribute in ways that may differ from commercial media, which are free to be partial to private interests.

Ms Lattouf is clearly not impartial on Israel. The ABC is in breach of its own policies by allowing her to continue to report on the Israel-Gaza conflict.

Please advise how you will immediately stop the ABC's partial reporting on the Israel-Gaza conflict and hold Management to account for this egregious breach of the ABC's Editorial standards.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]



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Antoinette Lattouf

@antoinette_news

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Watching Israeli hostages & Palestinian children who've been imprisoned reunited with loved ones is truly heartwarming. They should never have had to endure these atrocities. We need a PERMANENT ceasefire and to address the ROOT of the problem - unlawful occupation of Palestine

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 7:41 PM
To: Board
Subject: Lattouf

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Why are you allowing a blatant anti semite like Ms Lattouf host your morning show!!
Is it wrong of so many levels!
Shame on ABC again!!!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 7:36 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Concerns Regarding Antoinette Lattouf's Presence on ABC radio Sydney

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Dear David Anderson and ABC board,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the presence of Antoinette Lattouf on the ABC. This is federal government radio and it is my belief that her views, particularly those related to the Middle East conflict, are not impartial and thus not in the best interests of the general community in Sydney.

I am troubled by Ms. Lattouf's bias as evidenced by her stance on opposing the authenticity of the "gas the Jews" chants at the Sydney Opera House. Her actions, in my opinion, contribute to a rewriting of history that is not only inaccurate but also harmful.

I kindly request that you thoroughly investigate this matter and consider the potential impact of Ms. Lattouf's antisemitic views on the public discourse. It is crucial that government-funded platforms prioritize impartiality and accuracy to serve the diverse community they represent.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 7:33 PM
To: Board
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Board Member,
Mr Anderson,

how is it that Antoinette Lattouf is hosting the morning ABC Sydney show?

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East. And what are the consequences for her stating that “gas the Jews” at the Sydney Opera House was a lie?

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 4:54 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Message sent via ministerial website - ABC radio host Antoinette Latouf is not fit for the role - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Subject
ABC radio host Antoinette Latouf is not fit for the role

Message
I am a regular listener to ABC radio but am appalled to hear today the voice of Antoinette Latouf. Some fact checking by yourselves will show she is absolutely inappropriate to represent ABC having recently concocted a story that “the Jews” doctored the tapes from the Opera House pro Palestinian/ anti Israel/ Anti Jew rally claiming the words “ gas the Jews” were never uttered. She has failed to take this back after being proven wrong.
Are you wanting an Anti Semite, conspiracy theorist representing yourselves- it is a BREACH of your own charter. Fire her!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 4:11 PM
To: Board
Subject: ABC breach of code

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Antoinette Lattouf is a biased host of the morning ABC Sydney show and she foments division and rancour within our community.

Antoinette has a record: she is not impartial on Middle East issues and antisemitism. She denies reports of chants of "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House, despite direct video evidence and the testimony of several primary witnesses who attended the event.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

Copied to

1. Michelle Rowland, Minister for Communication
2. ABC MD
3. ABC Board

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 4:05 PM
To: Board
Subject: Fwd: ABC's antisemitic presenter Antoinette Lattouf is not a fit person to present on the ABC

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To the board of the ABC,
The ABC should not stoke promote, justify or support the spread of Antisemitic hate in Australia, but platforming biased and vitriolic presenters such as Antoinette Lattouf.

My 12 year old son commented to me with great insight "I have always thought of myself as a Jewish Australian. However facing extraordinary levels of antisemitism, I now very much see I am an Australian Jew. Maybe this country is not safe for us."

Please think about how betrayed Jewish Australians are feeling right now and how the ABC has and continues to be complicit in spreading hateful antisemitism by failing to call out terrorism, choosing biased witnesses such as the antisemite Francesca Albanese and the criminal liar Masri on Q&A and falsely presenting fringe perspectives such as Louise Adler as representative of a "Jewish perspective" not to mention platforming Hamas terrorist leaders on 730 report. ABC continues to present Hamas derived Gaza casualty figures without declaring the source as from murderous terrorists and unverified.

Please read my email below.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Subject: ABC's antisemitic presenter Antoinette Lattouf is not a fit person to present on the ABC

Dear David,

Antoinette Lattouf is not an impartial Journalist. She is an antisemite, spreading lies to demonise Jews, including denial of antisemitic events in Australia such as the gas the Jews and fuck the Jews chants at the hate rally which celebrated the massacre, mass rape and kidnapping of Jews in Israel on October 7th which occurred on October 9th, prior to any Israeli military defensive action in Gaza.

She has posted untrue and antisemitic false allegations on her social media account accusing IDF of rape - aiming to somehow balance and minimise true brutal Hamas rape and minimise Jewish suffering. I have photographic evidence of the instagram story referenced. These lies were widely shared, including by at least one Medical practitioner Dr Izzi Smith who also has a huge social media following.



doctorizzyksmith 19h



I believe Israeli women. As a feminist, I'm appalled by reports of sexual violence on Oct 7.



Sadly, there's almost never been a conflict where rape hasn't been used as a tool of war. This should horrify and galvanise the masses.

It is also dangerous and disingenuous to discuss Hamas using rape as a tool of war without acknowledging that Israeli forces do too, and have done so, as long as there's been an Israel.

@antoINETte_lattouf

@antoINETte_lattouf

Send message



Lattouf has appropriated terms such as genocide to trigger trans generational Jewish suffering in the memory of the Holocaust and recent brutal Hamas murder of Jews because victims were Jewish and to falsely accuse descendants of victims of crimes against humanity of the same crimes.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C0xmvJcSPtM/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

She is not a fit person to present on the ABC which should not support her racist antisemitic agenda.

The Australian Jewish community is experiencing unprecedented antisemitism. Please reflect that the ABC is complicit in responsibility for this by presenting lies, falsehoods and direct antisemitic actions such as Lattouf promoting boycott of Jewish businesses.

Which other community has suffered such vitriole and local discrimination and abuse related to any foreign conflict?

The ABC is funded by Australian tax payers. Government funded complicity in deplorable antisemitism is unacceptable.

Sincerely,



Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 2:12 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

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Dear Mr Anderson,

I am writing with a concern that Antoinette Lattouf has been appointed as host of ABC mornings in Sydney. She is not impartial on the war in the middle east. Her recent suggestion that members of the Australian Jewish community falsely created videos showing people chanting "f\$%k the jews " "gas the jews", is highly antisemitic and of a huge concern. What are the consequences for Antoniette stating what happened at the Sydney Opera House was a lie?

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this cause.

regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf is not impartial]

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:Subject: Message sent via ministerial website - Antoinette Lattouf is not impartial - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Reply-To: minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au

Submitted on Mon, 2023-12-18 12:42

Subject
Antoinette Lattouf is not impartial

Message

Antoinette Lattouf is not impartial on the war in the Middle East and what are the consequences for her stating that “gas the Jews” at the Sydney Opera House was a lie. We all heard it.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial, and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:36 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director
Cc: Board
Subject: Fwd: ABC - Antoinette Lattouf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mr Anderson and the ABC Board

Please find below an impassioned letter I wrote earlier to Minister Rowland. I have forwarded it to all of you in the hope that you can enforce your own Code of Practice by both recognising the problematic nature of allowing this person to continue to use the ABC as a platform for her spouting her biased views, incitement to prejudice, and consequently fragmentation of social cohesion. Please do not give her 'air'.

Yours

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: ABC - Antoinette Lattouf
Date: 18 December 2023 at 12:10:31 pm AEDT
To: Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au

Dear Minister Rowland

Just wondering why is it that the ABC has chosen to defy its own Code of Practice. According to Clause 4 the ABC has a statutory duty to ensure that the gathering and presentation of news and information is impartial according to the recognised standards of objective journalism.

Why is it then the ABC has employed Antoinette Lattouf to host the morning ABC Sydney show? This person has very loudly, clearly and widely announced her partiality regarding the current crisis in the Middle East. Most recently she has cast doubt on the veracity of the Sydney Opera House demonstration where the vile antisemitic chants were recorded. The constant theme of her recent posts have been all slanted into the condemnation of Israel, dissemination of false statistics, and the promulgation of antizionist [aka antisemitic] rhetoric. There has been no equivalent decrying of the brutality of Hamas's October 7 bloodbath, nor of the rape and mutilation of women and girls, not condemning the taking and holding of hostages in unspeakable conditions or calls for their release. There is no equivalence in this and clearly no balanced or impartial view.

The tragedy of the current Israel-Gaza war is overwhelming and what is even more distressing in Australia is the social divisiveness and increase in reported antisemitic incidents [over 750% since October 7 that are a consequence.

No one is winning in this tragic set of events but the harmony of the multicultural Australia we all aspire to reside in is also being broken. In part due to the agitation and bias being disseminated by people like Antoinette Lattouf. More concerning is that she is using the ABC to bolster her credibility and exposure. The ABC is then used as a platform for her to spread and promulgate

hatred and social dissension.

Please live up to the Honourable part of your title and ensure that the ABC abides by its own Code of Practice.

Please do not allow this woman unfettered access to a wider audience than she already has. Lets all try and return to the civil society which we had.

Yours in hope

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 1:37 PM
To: Board
Subject: Radio 702 Sydney

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Board-members,

I am writing to you regarding the ABC's, the national broadcaster's, choice of acting morning radio show host on ABC 702 Sydney.

I am a taxpayer and regular audience member of this program and am well versed in how popular this show is, normally hosted by Sarah Macdonald and what a widespread audience it has.

Given the very difficult times we are experiencing currently due to the Israeli - Gaza war, and the various sensitivities held by both the Israeli/Jewish and Palestinian/Arab communities it would seem Ms Lattouff was not the best selection as the summer host.

I am talking specifically about her remarks on social media regarding the Opera House debacle on October 9th, a worldwide renowned event which has cast a very negative light on our city and country. Ms Lattouff in her widely broadcasted comments has suggested that there was some questionable accounts of the hate-speech calls 'fuck the Jews' and 'gas the Jews' and had not been verified.

I personally am affronted by her tasteless comments and subsequently the ABC's choice of summer host.

I have suffered a family loss in the war which resulted in me attending the Opera House that night, specifically to see the Israeli flag projected on the Opera House as a sign of solidarity and well before the war erupted. Such projections were staged publicly in many, many cities around the world including Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane.

The projection was cancelled at the scheduled time due to the unruly and increasingly violent behaviour of the Palestinian crowd and their supporters.

I personally found this event absolutely petrifying. Despite the very large police presence I did not feel confident that my safety would be assured.

My request from one of the policeman to move to a safer spot was met with an abrasive and negative response. I left straight away.

I have found Ms Lattouff's anti-Jewish and Israelophobic attitude to the occurrence of events on October 9th abhorrent.

Her insulting words and insinuations are not only immensely triggering but bring into question my right as a Jewish Israeli Australian to enjoy public events in safe space.

As it stands I will be switching to another station during the summer period as I would be worried that Ms Lattouff's insensitive remarks and observations would be extremely upsetting to me.

Unless you believe in her assertions negating the Opera House incident and questioning first hand accounts of the occurrence, I would be urging you to liaise with the ABC management to withdraw this person from the show.

All of 'our' ABC's audiences should be afforded that right.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:40 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director; Board
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Mr Anderson and the ABC board,

I would like to understand how Ms Lattouf is the correspond for the ABC for reporting on the Middle East. She is not impartial and, as ABC is a public broadcasting company which is funded by Australian taxpayers.

Furthermore, she has incorrectly claimed that the Jewish community said “gas the Jews” was a lie and there have now been 4 statutory declarations by independent witnesses (some of whom are not part of the Jewish community) attesting to this.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Ms Lattouf to report on this, there is no impartiality. ABC is in breach of their obligations by allowing her to continue to report on the conflict.

Please advise how you intend to handle this matter.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TAB 3

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:00 AM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director
Subject: RE: Ms. Lattouf

Thanks for the explanation, David – it must be Christmas.
See you at lunch.
Ita

From: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 10:58 AM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: Ms. Lattouf

Dear Ita,

We are absolutely in damage control.

Local Radio management, specifically Steve Ahern, has put us in an unacceptable position. Mr Ahern made a negligent, error of judgement by employing Ms Lattouf without assessing her prior media and social media activity. I am taking action through Chris Oliver-Taylor alleging serious misconduct resulting in reputational damage to the ABC as a result of his actions.

We have weighed up the consequences of prematurely pulling Antoinette Lattouf off air, versus managing this until Friday as per her contract. We have concluded that the best possible outcome from here is to manage this such that Ms Lattouf does not editorial engage in the Middle East conflict while on air for the remainder of her contract.

This protects the ABC (and out staff) from the consequence of removing her, without her having breached any of our standards this week, when her position on the matter was known by Mr Ahern when Ms Lattouf was engaged. If we do remove her, there will be claims of doing so without cause given her position on the Middle East was widely known prior to her engagement, we have caved to pro-Israeli lobbying, and she hasn't actually breached impartiality this week. Again, we have been placed in an untenable position.

We have directed Ms Lattouf and the producers that the topic of the Middle East conflict is off limits, there is a lengthy off-air delay in place, and we will use the dump button if that direction is disobeyed. We have also instructed producers not to allow callers through who wish to discuss that topic. To date, that direction has been followed.

There is without doubt already damage caused by her engagement. I expect the WhatsApp group email campaign where we are receiving emails regarding her 'appointment' to continue until we reveal on Friday that Ms Lattouf will not be returning next week.

In addition, we have a protest today outside of our Melbourne offices, from pro-Palestinian protesters, against the ABC. Staff are using separate entrance / exits and security is on site.

I will see you soon to discuss any further queries you may have.

Regards,

David

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Date: Tuesday, 19 December 2023 at 9:59 pm
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: Ms. Lattouf

I have a whole clutch more of complaints . Why can't she come down with flu? Or Covid. Or a stomach upset? We owe her nothing, we are copping criticism because she wasn't honest when she was appointed.

Managed exit. Really.

I don't like emailing you late but I am wrapping present.

We should be in damage control not managed exits David.

Ita

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From: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:26:54 PM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: Ms. Lattouf

Dear Ita,

Antoinette will finish up on Friday. It's a managed exit given the situation. I can explain more tomorrow.

I plan to respond to all those that have emailed on Friday afternoon.

Regards,

David

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:49 pm
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Subject: Fwd: Ms. Lattouf

Has Antoinette been replaced. I am over getting emails about her.

Regards

Ita

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:47 pm
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: FW: Ms. Lattouf

Dear ABC Board,

I understand that Antoinette Lattouf is hosting the morning ABC Sydney show. Ms Lattouf has expressed strong personal opinions on the Hamas-Israel war as well as issues affecting Australian Jews. For example, she has expressed doubt that "gas the Jews" was chanting at the Sydney Opera House at all!

What actions has ABC management taken to ensure that during this period of extreme tension around a war Ms Lattouf has expressed strong partisan views about, the morning show maintains the appropriate standards around bias, objectivity and neutrality?

Thank You,

[Redacted]

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TAB 4

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:13 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Subject: More complaints Antoinette 702
Attachments: RE Antoinette Lattouf; RE Dangerous journalism ; RE The ABC becoming an accomplice to anti-Semitism; RE Antoinette Lattouf's breach of Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice; RE Antoinette Lattouf; RE ABC From a lifelong Labor supporter and active ALP Member; RE Abc and Antoinette Lattouf ; RE Antoinette Lattouf; RE Antoinette Lattouf; RE Antoinette Lattouf on ABC Sydney mornings; tom Joyner on ABC 7pm news; RE David, Michelle, and the ABC board,; RE Lack of impartiality at The ABC

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 7:26 AM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

Cc'd for your consideration.

Dear Minister Rowland,

Ms Lattouf is guilty of spreading antisemitic lies, and has even posted that the Israeli army rapes women as standard practice. Not only is this blatantly untrue, but she has used these lies to justify the rape and torture of Israeli women, men, and girls.

Clause 4 of the ABC's code of practice is that that their employees must be impartial, something Ms Lattouf is clearly not. She also denies that protesters were screaming 'Gas the jews' at the Opera House, when evidence has clearly shown that such hate speech did indeed occur.

I implore you and the ABC to not employ this vile, hateful woman. She is not impartial by any stretch and does not represent the values and intelligent judgement one would hope the ABC would uphold for a multicultural society and all of its communities from which its viewers hail from.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent on the go with Vodafone

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dangerous journalism

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 8:31 AM
Subject: Dangerous journalism

Dear David Anderson and the ABC Board,

The ABC's failure to report with impartiality in the Israel-Hamas conflict has been very disappointing and does in fact breach Clause 4 of the ABC Code of Practice to be impartial. The news reader Antoinette Latouf has been particularly guilty of breaching this clause as well as the general understanding that journalism should be unbiased and that journalists and reporters have a responsibility to the public to give impartial and truthful news.

How dare Ms Latouf deny that protesters outside the Opera House were chanting anti semitic and hateful slogans and calling for the violent extermination of Jews by gas? How can she be allowed to assert that these were lies and manipulations by Jewish people? The videos showed extremely clear footage with perfectly clear audio of "gas the Jews, f*** the Jews" along with other hateful and violent declarations to the quite frightening lighting of flares. So completely un-Australian, so deliberately violent and insightful.

The terror and trauma Jews all over the world felt when this footage went viral was very real. How embarrassing that in Sydney on the very prestigious ABC, this was denied. How shameful a rebuke to Jewish people all over the world and how shameful for Australia to be seen as a country that turns a blind eye to such violence and racism.

A reminder that this disgusting show of ignorant racism occurred less than 3 days after the gruesome and abominable attack of Israel by the terrorist group Hamas where hundreds of babies, children and grandmothers were burned alive, decapitated, raped, tortured and murdered, and others were kidnapped, including a 10 month old baby and a 4 year old! May I remind you that this vile rally occurred before Israel had even retaliated and was thus a show of applause and solidarity with the terrorists who committed these atrocious crimes on innocent victims in Israel just a couple of days before! Nothing even to do with the conflict which occurred a week later in response. How disrespectful of the ABC to allow Antoinette Latouf to deny that these hateful slogans were spoken?

Unbelievable that violent events are allowed to be denied almost simultaneously to when they occur, and despite advances in technology and photography which make it undeniable that they did occur?!

It is disappointing that there has not been an apology and quite shocking that Ms Latouf can just carry on as if nothing occurred. She should in fact be sacked for breaching the clause, for biased and racist journalism and for lying to the Australian public and making us fools in front of the international community. Latouf's continued place as a reporter on the ABC gives her opportunity to use her role to further her antisemitic and anti women agenda on social media. She justifies the violence and rape of women on 7 October by the deflection that rape is a tool of war and also by her back-less and unproven claim that Israel has in the past done this in Gaza. She thus glosses over and justifies violence against women. Extremely dangerous.

I do hope that you will be addressing this matter and taking strong and decisive measures to rid Australian broadcasting of such racism and hate and such biased and unprofessional journalists.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: The ABC becoming an accomplice to anti-Semitism

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 8:41 AM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: The ABC becoming an accomplice to anti-Semitism

To the board of ABC,

At a time when every Jewish Australian is terrified and sickened by the denial of Jewish suffering, there is no place for the vilely anti-Semitic Antionette Lattouf, who uses lies as her weapon, to be given a stage by ABC to insight Jew hatred.

Please treat our suffering with as much seriousness as you would for any other people.

Please do not send the message that Jews don't count.

Thank you for your concern.

I look forward to your response.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf's breach of Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:12 AM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf's breach of Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to ask what actions ABC management has taken to ensure that during this period of extreme tension around a war Ms Lattouf has expressed strong partisan views about, her show maintains the appropriate standards around bias, objectivity and neutrality?

Please let me know.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:18 AM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; Board <board@abc.net.au>; michelle.rowland.mp@aph.gov.au
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear Ms Rowland, Mr Anderson and Members of ABC Board,

I arrived in Australia 15 years ago, and have become a loyal viewer of ABC's programs. I say this with pride, as this fact is a measure of my "Aussie-ness", my "absorption" into the Australian wider society.

As such, it was with total shock that I watched some videos and articles by Ms Lattouf about the War in Gaza. These were not only biased towards her own political and ideological agenda, but also offensive towards the Jewish community, which I belong to. Her words and face expressions were proof of her contempt and hate towards Australian Jews.

I am also shocked by the fact that she has been given a morning ABC Sydney Show. Can this be understood as a second slap in our Jewish faces?

If she indeed continues as the presenter of this show, what are the standards ABC will have her to abide to, in relation to bias, objectivity and neutrality? How will the ABC ensure her contempt and hate will not be spewed against Jews and Israel?

I urge you to take urgent action in this matter.

With Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ABC From a lifelong Labor supporter and active ALP Member

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:18 AM
To: A.Albanese.MP@aph.gov.au; Michelle.Rowland.MP@aph.gov.au; Phillips, Fiona (MP) <fiona.phillips.mp@aph.gov.au>
Cc: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: ABC From a lifelong Labor supporter and active ALP Member

The ABC is our **national** broadcaster. It's owned by the people. Over the years it has done a phenomenal job in informing and educating us as a nation.

Politically it was the number one for current affairs. The previous government ruined it by appointing what I call Murdoch lackeys to the board who have allowed it to deteriorate to the depths it sunk to this week in axing THE DRUM.

As for the changes in ABC News I'll blame Justin Stevens for implementing the decision, the ABC Board for just sitting there and allowing this to happen But ultimately the public elected representatives, the current Albanese Government for allowing this direction in the ABC to continue.

In a democracy we need open and honest elections, separation of powers aka the judiciary and we need a free and fearless press.

We all know that the non government press have adopted the Murdoch business practice of fear and drama, aka disregard the facts we have to sell advertising. This is why a well funded ABC free from political interference.

It is time, Prime Minister, to restore the ABC to be free and fearless as it once was.

Programs like The Drum should be immediately restored.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Abc and Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:20 AM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Abc and Antoinette Lattouf

>
> Dear Ms Buttrose and the members of the board of the ABC,
>
> I am writing because Antoinette has repeatedly shown herself to be an activist rather than a journalist.
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> Recently she has crossed a line with an instagram post alleging that the Israeli army engages in rape as a weapon of war. This is a false and dangerous thing to say on a public platform and certainly should not have been placed on the internet by a journalist funded by taxpayers who is meant to be representing the national broadcaster.
>
> I have attached a screenshot of the comment for your records. This is in blatant breach of the abc's own code of conduct in particular clause 4 which is to be impartial. Nothing less than the public reprimanding and sacking of this "journalist" is acceptable in my opinion.
>
> I look forward to your prompt response on this issue.

>
[REDACTED]



antoinette_lattouf



I believe Israeli women. As a feminist, I'm appalled by reports of sexual violence on Oct 7.

Sadly, there's almost never been a conflict where rape hasn't been used as a tool of war. This should horrify and galvanise the masses.

It is also dangerous and **disingenuous to discuss Hamas using rape as a tool of war without acknowledging that Israeli forces do too, and have done so, as long as there's been an Israel.**

@antoinette_lattouf



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antoinette_lattouf Believing women is an important step, stopping the slaughter of thousands more in their name is an essential one.

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From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair – ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:21 AM
To: Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Cc: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear Minister

I am writing to ask how someone as overtly biased against Israel ie Antoinette Lattouf is appropriate to be hosting the morning ABC Sydney show.

Antoinette is not at all impartial on the war in the Middle East.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this code.

In general, I am finding ABC reporting and the disapproving tone of some reporters, to be very pro Hamas and anti Israel. This is a shame as the world would be a better place without Hamas and it would be helpful if the ABC could acknowledge this.

Antoinette is nothing less than rabidly opposed to Israel and I know many people apart from myself who strongly agree that she should be removed from reporting on the war in Middle East.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:23 AM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear ABC Board members,

I am appalled to see that Antoinette Lattouf is hosting the morning ABC Sydney show. Her recent article and social media post which cast doubt over the "Gas the Jews" chant, further incite hatred, and are nothing short of disgraceful. This content demonstrates her clear bias. Isn't her lack of impartiality a breach of clause 4 of the ABC Code of practice?

Bring back Sarah MacDonald.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf on ABC Sydney mornings; tom Joyner on ABC 7pm news

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, 20 Dec 2023 at 09:16
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf on ABC Sydney mornings; tom Joyner on ABC 7pm news
To: <board@yourabc.net.au>

Dear ABC Board,

I am writing to express my grave concern that this individual is hosting ABC Sydney mornings, given her clearly biased, denialist views of what was said in Sydney within hours of the Hamas pogrom being committed in southern Israel. Specifically, she has denied that genocidal and antisemitic slogans were shouted by throngs of pro-palestinian Hamas apologists at the Opera House. Further, she has accused the Australian Jewish Alliance of doctoring and/or fabricating the recording of the event. This is an example of attempted historical revisionism (just 2 months after the events) when there are multiple, verified recordings available of these chants, specifically including the call for genocide to be committed against Jews. The sources of this evidence are explored and discussed on p2 of Monday's Daily Telegraph (18 December).

This single example is ample to demonstrate breaches of the ABC's code of conduct. Further, it creates - at the very least - such a distinct perception of bias (if not actual bias), that this person should be taken off air. If you allow her to remain on air, you are complicit in her statements.

It is no wonder that Australians - myself included - no longer have any faith at all in the 'journalists' of the ABC to present anything like well-rounded coverage of news. Rather, we know them to be self-centred, activist players in the news. This is a travesty.

I heard Tom Joyner reporting on the conflict last night describe Israel as 'vengeful'. This further reinforced the thinly-veiled bias that passes for news reporting on the ABC. He has no place reporting on the conflict. The decision to allow him to has clearly been proven wrong. It is impossible to understand how his vile remarks in relation to the death of babies on 7 October were anything but intentional.

I implore you to take steps to introduce change around the increasingly widespread and entirely inappropriate, blatant politicisation of the ABC.

Yours sincerely,



From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:05 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: David, Michelle, and the ABC board,

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.

I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 9:57 AM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; michelle.rowland.mp@aph.gov.au; Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: David, Michelle, and the ABC board,

I am extremely concerned that nothing has been done to rectify Antoinette Lattouf's wrongs after she continues to add fuel to the misinformation campaign against the Australian Jewish community.

She has denied the disgusting chants of 'gas the Jews' ever happened on the steps of our Sydney Opera House - an international embarrassment - writing a slander piece in Crikey.com.au, and despite the full video being released since then and indeed documenting this vile behaviour happened she has refused to apologise or release a correction. Her false article continues to be shared countless times on social media, used in the context of dismissing the shameful rise of antisemitism we are all experiencing - and arming anti-semites of old and new with perceived grounds to spew their divisive hatred.

What is being done?

Why does the ABC continue to allow her to be platformed?

A deeply concerned citizen,

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Lack of impartiality at The ABC

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Lack of impartiality at The ABC

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to bring to your attention a matter of deep concern regarding the lack of impartiality and adherence to the ABC code of practice by Ms. Latouff, the current host of the ABC Sydney Morning show.

Ms. Latouff's recent actions have raised serious questions about her impartiality, as outlined in Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice. I would like to highlight the following issues: Ms. Latouff co-authored an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it" (Crikey, Dec 13 2023), which also featured on her socials and has been widely shared. The article casts unreasonable doubt on the validity of antisemitic rhetoric, "Gas the Jews", "Fuck the Jews" witnessed at the Opera House on October 8. The intent behind the article was to provide a false and skewed narrative according to Ms. Latouff's personal views on the War and particularly Jewish people, contributing to the alarming rise in antisemitism, which has surged by over 700% since October 7. Ms. Latouff's endorsement of the MEAA Open Letter raises concerns about her impartiality in reporting on conflicts.

The role of an ABC host, who leads and adds commentary to news stories, demands a basic level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's actions, as outlined above, call into question her ability to meet these standards. As a taxpayer-funded public broadcasting company, the ABC has a vital responsibility to maintain the highest standards of journalism. The current situation, with Ms. Latouff continuing to host prime time TV, constitutes a clear breach of this obligation.

I urgently request a comprehensive explanation of the steps the ABC plans to take to rectify this situation and restore the credibility of its reporting. Australians deserve accurate, unbiased information, and it is crucial that swift and decisive action be taken to address this issue. I anticipate your prompt attention to this matter and a thorough investigation into the concerning conduct of Ms. Latouff.

At a time when journalism needs to be at its strongest, it is imperative that the ABC upholds its commitment to journalistic integrity.

Please may I ask that the board, genuinely investigates this issue of real concern and in the interim Ms Latauff be removed from any broadcasting.

Yours sincerely

TAB 5

From: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:15 AM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair
Subject: Re: More complaints Antoinette 702

Thank you Ita, we are dealing with this issue at hand and apologise that you are receiving this correspondence. It is not acceptable.

Chris

Chris Oliver-Taylor
Chief Content Officer
ABC

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:12:53 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Subject: More complaints Antoinette 702

TAB 6

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:19 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Subject: More complaints 702 Antoinette
Attachments: RE Grave concern over anti-Israel and antisemitic bias on the abc; RE Message sent via ministerial website - Appointment of Antoinette Lattouf to morning ABC Sydney show - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]; RE Antoinette Lattouf hosting the morning ABC Sydney show; RE Ms Latouff; RE Antoinette Lattouf

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Grave concern over anti-Israel and antisemitic bias on the abc

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:36 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Grave concern over anti-Israel and antisemitic bias on the abc

Attention: The Board of the abc:

I know I am not the first person to write to you about this, but it is the first time I personally am writing to you.

I have always watched, read and listened to the abc with appreciation, for many years now. However, since 7th October in which Hamas launched a deadly and depraved attack on Israeli citizens and have continued their rein of terror and human rights violations (against Israel and against its own civilians) during the ensuing Israel/Hamas war, I have found myself unable to stomach the coverage of this war by the abc.

I have found it repeatedly guilty of terrible and deeply dangerous bias in favour of Palestinians and of Hamas (terrorist group), and at the same time guilty of demonising Israel, the only Jewish state, while fomenting antisemitism in our country.

This bias, and general as well as deliberate hostility towards Israel, has serious moral and practical implications, and is fanning the raging flames of antisemitism within our own country.

This has resulted in myself as a Jew, my family and my community feeling increasingly worried and frightened by the rage on our own streets at Israel and at Jews.

Very serious and unprofessional bias is being permitted, or even encouraged? by the abc - eg Tom Joyner, who I see is back reporting on the Middle East, and Antoinette Latouff, to name but a few. Dreadful antisemitic tropes are being repeated on the airwaves of the abc. Hitler too, used the media to propagate his heinous ideologies, and they were willing participants.

As Jews we know where this media bias can lead. In each generation antisemitism rises up against us in different forms. This time it is leftist demonisation. We recognise this Jew hatred deep within our collective psyche - we know it, as we have done in each generation.

Please, I beg you, step outside the awful bias bubble in which the abc is ensconced, and see it for what it is.

We need balanced and professional reporting now more than ever. You owe it to us as Australians.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Message sent via ministerial website - Appointment of Antoinette Lattouf to morning ABC Sydney show - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:54 PM
To: ministerinfrastructure.noreply@govcms.gov.au
Cc: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Fwd: Message sent via ministerial website - Appointment of Antoinette Lattouf to morning ABC Sydney show - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

From: ministerinfrastructure.noreply@govcms.gov.au
Date: 19 December 2023 at 21:47:53 GMT+11
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Message sent via ministerial website - Appointment of Antoinette Lattouf to morning ABC Sydney show - your copy of details [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Reply-To: minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au

Submitted on Tue, 2023-12-19 21:47

Subject
Appointment of Antoinette Lattouf to morning ABC Sydney show

Message

Dear Minister,
I am greatly concerned, that at a time of crisis in Israel and Gaza that the new appointment to the ABC morning radio, is not impartial.
Antoinette Lattouf is not impartial on the war in the Middle East and what are the consequences for her stating that "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House was a lie.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

The timing of this appointment is inappropriate.
Thank you for your consideration.
I hope that the appointment is at least deferred

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf hosting the morning ABC Sydney show

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 10:22 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Cc: michelle.rowland.mp@aph.gov.au; Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf hosting the morning ABC Sydney show

Dear David, Michelle and ABC board,

It has come to my attention to that Antoinette Lattouf is to be hosting the morning ABC Sydney show. Ms Lattouf has expressed strong personal opinions on the Hamas-Israel war as well as issues affecting Australian Jews. For example, she has [expressed doubt that "gas the Jews" was chanted at the Sydney Opera House](#) at all.

Clause 4 of the [ABC code of practice](#) states that journalists are to be impartial. However, Ms Lattouf is anything but.

What actions have ABC management taken to ensure that during this period of extreme tension around a war Ms Lattouf has expressed strong partisan views about, her show maintains the appropriate standards around bias, objectivity and neutrality?

I look forward to hearing your responses

Warm Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:15 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ms Latouff

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 10:47 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Cc: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Ms Latouff

Dear Mr Anderson

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of concern regarding Ms.Latouff hosting the ABC morning radio show.

It has come to my attention that Ms. Latouff's recent actions have raised serious questions about her impartiality, as outlined in Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice. I would like to highlight the following issues:

Ms. Latouff co-authored an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it" (Crikey, Dec 13 2023), which also featured on her socials and has been widely shared. The article casts unreasonable doubt on the validity of antisemitic rhetoric, "Gas the Jews", "Fuck the Jews" witnessed at the Opera House on October 8. The intent behind the article was to provide a false and skewed narrative according to Ms. Latouff's personal views on the War and particularly Jewish people, contributing to the alarming rise in antisemitism, which has surged by over 700% since October 7.
Ms. Latouff's endorsement of the MEAA Open Letter raises concerns about her impartiality in reporting on conflicts.

The role of an ABC host, who leads and adds commentary to news stories, demands a basic level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's actions, as outlined above, call into question her ability to meet these standards.

As a taxpayer-funded public broadcasting company, the ABC has a vital responsibility to maintain the highest standards of journalism.

I urgently request a comprehensive explanation of the steps the ABC plans to take to rectify this situation and restore the credibility of its reporting. Australians deserve accurate, unbiased information, and it is crucial that swift and decisive action be taken to address this issue.

I anticipate your prompt attention to this matter and a thorough investigation into the concerning conduct of Ms. Latouff. At a time when journalism needs to be at its strongest, it is imperative that the ABC upholds its commitment to journalistic integrity.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 6:53 AM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; Board <board@abc.net.au>; Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf
Importance: High

Dear ABC and Ms Rowland,

Further to my complaint yesterday, please see attached post that this same staff member posted on social media.

As a journalist, she has a responsibility not to spread disinformation and misinformation and anything short of terminating her position would not be sufficient. Considering the numerous citations by the UN against Israel, if there was any actual proof of this there would be at least a mention of this.

I expect a response regarding the action that is being taken against Ms Lattouf (as opposed to a generic email) by close of business today or I will look to engage Senior counsel to take this matter further.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:40 PM
To: 'david.anderson@abc.net.au' <david.anderson@abc.net.au>; 'board@your.abc.net.au' <board@your.abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear Mr Anderson and the ABC board,

I would like to understand how Ms Lattouf is the correspond for the ABC for reporting on the Middle East. She is not impartial and, as ABC is a public broadcasting company which is funded by Australian taxpayers.

Furthermore, she has incorrectly claimed that the Jewish community said “gas the Jews” was a lie and there have now been 4 statutory declarations by independent witnesses (some of whom are not part of the Jewish community) attesting to this.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Ms Lattouf to report on this, there is no impartiality. ABC is in breach of their obligations by allowing her to continue to report on the conflict.

Please advise how you intend to handle this matter.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TAB 7

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:24 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Subject: The complaints keep coming Antoinette 702
Attachments: RE Antoinette Lattoufreally; RE Ms. Lattouf; RE Antoinette Lattouff

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattoufreally?

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:21 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattoufreally?

I emailing you to complain that you have chosen Antoinette Lattouf to host the Sydney ABC morning show.

Ms Lattouf is blatantly antisemitic (denying that protestors were shouting "gas the Jews" in front of the Opera house - despite overwhelming evidence). She is divisive and is encouraging hate within our multicultural Australian society.

She is definitely not impartial and employing her is a breach of clause 4 of the ABC code of practise.

I implore you to reconsider this erroneous decision.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ms. Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:48 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: FW: Ms. Lattouf
Importance: High

Dear ABC Board,

I understand that Antoinette Lattouf is hosting the morning ABC Sydney show. Ms Lattouf has expressed strong personal opinions on the Hamas-Israel war as well as issues affecting Australian Jews. For example, she has expressed doubt that "gas the Jews" was chanting at the Sydney Opera House at all!

What actions has ABC management taken to ensure that during this period of extreme tension around a war Ms Lattouf has expressed strong partisan views about, the morning show maintains the appropriate standards around bias, objectivity and neutrality?

Thank You,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouff

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:09 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouff

Dear Members of the ABC Board

I note with some alarm that Antoinette Latouff has been appointed to host ABC Sydney Radio and am wondering what steps the Board is taking to ensure that she meets the ABC's code of practice, particularly at this challenging time for the media in reporting on events in the Middle East and the associated responses by local communities?

Ms Latouff's Instagram and X (Twitter) accounts suggest that she is anything but accurate and impartial and by appointing her it seems to me that the ABC is legitimising her vigilante style of journalism.

While I accept that the views expressed on the radio and on TV will not always accord with mine, I would like to feel that the ABC is independent and impartial, as per its Charter, and that efforts will be made to retain my trust.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

TAB 8

From: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:24 AM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair
Subject: Re: More complaints 702 Antoinette

Received Ita.
Thank you
Chris

Chris Oliver-Taylor
Chief Content Officer
ABC

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:19:25 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Subject: More complaints 702 Antoinette

TAB 9

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:25 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Subject: RE: More complaints Antoinette 702

It goes with the job Chris.....I think we will keep getting these complaints until Antoinette leaves.
Ita

From: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: More complaints Antoinette 702

Thank you Ita, we are dealing with this issue at hand and apologise that you are receiving this correspondence. It is not acceptable.

Chris

Chris Oliver-Taylor
Chief Content Officer
ABC

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:12:53 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Subject: More complaints Antoinette 702

TAB 10

From: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:26 AM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair
Subject: RE: More complaints Antoinette 702

I agree. We have been left in an untenable position as to how to resolve and are working to find the best solution to this predicament. Again I apologise to you, David and the Board for putting you in this position.
Chris

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:25 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: More complaints Antoinette 702

It goes with the job Chris.....I think we will keep getting these complaints until Antoinette leaves.
Ita

From: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: More complaints Antoinette 702

Thank you Ita, we are dealing with this issue at hand and apologise that you are receiving this correspondence. It is not acceptable.
Chris

Chris Oliver-Taylor
Chief Content Officer
ABC

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:12:53 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Subject: More complaints Antoinette 702

TAB 11

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:27 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Subject: FW: Lack of impartiality at The ABC

I think I didn't include [REDACTED] in the earlier emails
Chris.
Ita

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Lack of impartiality at The ABC

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief
Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Lack of impartiality at The ABC

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to bring to your attention a matter of deep concern regarding the lack of impartiality and adherence to the ABC code of practice by Ms. Latouff, the current host of the ABC Sydney Morning show.

Ms. Latouff's recent actions have raised serious questions about her impartiality, as outlined in Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice. I would like to highlight the following issues: Ms. Latouff co-authored an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it" (Crikey, Dec 13 2023), which also featured on her socials and has been widely shared. The article casts unreasonable doubt on the validity of antisemitic rhetoric, "Gas the Jews", "Fuck the Jews" witnessed at the Opera House on October 8. The intent behind the article was to provide a false and skewed narrative according to Ms. Latouff's personal views on the War and particularly Jewish people, contributing to the alarming rise in antisemitism, which has surged by over 700% since October 7. Ms. Latouff's endorsement of the MEAA Open Letter raises concerns about her impartiality in reporting on conflicts.

The role of an ABC host, who leads and adds commentary to news stories, demands a basic level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's actions, as outlined above, call into question her ability to meet these standards. As a taxpayer-funded public broadcasting company, the ABC has a vital responsibility to maintain the highest standards of journalism. The current situation, with Ms. Latouff continuing to host prime time TV, constitutes a clear breach of this obligation.

I urgently request a comprehensive explanation of the steps the ABC plans to take to rectify this situation and restore the credibility of its reporting. Australians deserve accurate, unbiased information, and it is

crucial that swift and decisive action be taken to address this issue. I anticipate your prompt attention to this matter and a thorough investigation into the concerning conduct of Ms. Latouff.

At a time when journalism needs to be at its strongest, it is imperative that the ABC upholds its commitment to journalistic integrity.

Please may I ask that the board, genuinely investigates this issue of real concern and in the interim Ms Latauff be removed from any broadcasting.

Yours sincerely

TAB 12

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:32 AM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Subject: This is the lot for now Chris...Ita
Attachments: RE Ms Latouff; RE Appointment of Antoinette Lattouff to host ABC Morning Show

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:31 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ms Latouff

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 5:31 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Cc: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Ms Latouff

Mr.Anderson

I am writing in regard to the impartiality and adherence to the ABC code of practice by Ms. Latouff, the current host of the ABC Sydney Morning show.

Ms. Latouff's recent actions have raised serious questions about her impartiality outlined in Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice.

Ms. Latouff as most already know co-authored an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters yelling Gas the Jews" which also featured on her socials and has been widely shared.

The article casts unreasonable doubt on the validity of antisemitic rhetoric, "Gas the Jews", "Fuck the Jews" witnessed at the Opera House on October 8. The intent behind the article was to provide a false and skewed narrative according to Ms. Latouff's personal views on the War and particularly Jewish people, contributing to the alarming rise in antisemitism, which has surged by over 700% since October 7.

Our Australian Jewish community behave in a dignified and peaceful manner and do not go around yelling and screaming to get attention, yet our kids can't wear their uniforms to school or are not comfortable to attend university because of the rise in antisemitism. This happens on a daily basis!

As a leader and a forefront spokesperson

The role of an ABC host, who leads requires a basic level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's actions, as outlined above, call into question her ability to meet these standards.

As a taxpayer-funded public broadcasting company, the ABC has a responsibility to maintain the highest standards of journalism. The current situation, with Ms. Latouff continuing to host prime time TV, constitutes a clear breach of this obligation.

Australians deserve accurate, unbiased information, and it is crucial that swift and decisive action be taken to address this issue.

ABC journalism needs to be at its strongest, it is imperative that the ABC upholds its commitment to journalistic integrity.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 11:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Appointment of Antoinette Lattouff to host ABC Morning Show

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 6:04 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; Board <board@abc.net.au>; Peter Tonagh <Tonagh.Peter@abc.net.au>
Subject: Appointment of Antoinette Lattouff to host ABC Morning Show

Dear Mr. Anderson and Board Members

I am writing to express deep concern regarding the impartiality and adherence to the ABC code of practice by Ms. Latouff, the current host of the ABC Sydney Morning show.

Many recent actions and social media posts by Ms. Latouff are black and white evidence of her lack of impartiality (I would go so far as to say her extremist views) in relation to the current Middle East conflict, as well as the ongoing issues of deep and proven anti-semitism within the Australian community, which is a requirement of Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice. I would like to highlight the following issues:

Ms. Latouff co-authored an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it" (Crikey, Dec 13 2023), which she also shared on her social media platforms and has been widely circulated. This article unfairly questions the validity of the antisemitic rhetoric, such as "Gas the Jews" and "Fuck the Jews," witnessed at the Opera House on October 8. The intent behind the article seems to be providing a false and biased narrative based on Ms. Latouff's personal views on the war and particularly Jewish people. Unfortunately, this contributes to the alarming surge of antisemitism, which has increased by over 700% since October 7. There is clear video evidence (which has aired on Sky News and has been widely circulated elsewhere, as well as eyewitness evidence (now attested to via statutory declarations, of these chants.

Ms Lattouff has posted disgusting and unsupported posts on her social media account, including one accusing the IDF of using rape as a tool of war and having done so for 70 years. A recent instagram post of hers cited the IDF as having used rape as a tool of war since Israel was created to argue that discussing Hamas' mass rapes on 7 October (which she acknowledges took place) out of context is dangerous. This is absolutely appalling, inferring that Hamas was somehow justified in committing those atrocities as some sort of "payback".

Ms. Latouff's endorsement of the MEAA Open Letter is further evidence of her lack of impartiality when reporting on conflicts.

The role of an ABC host, who leads and provides commentary on news stories, requires a fundamental level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's aforementioned actions raise doubts about her ability to meet these standards.

In addition, she is utilising her position as a public figure, gained by virtue of her role as an ABC journalist, to foment hatred and denialism amongst the broad Australian community who listen to the ABC and assume its journalists present a balanced view.

As a publicly-funded broadcasting company, the ABC has a crucial responsibility to uphold the highest standards of journalism. The current situation, with Ms. Latouff continuing to host prime time TV, clearly violates this obligation.

I urgently request a detailed explanation of the steps the ABC intends to take to address this situation and restore the credibility of its reporting. Australians deserve accurate and unbiased information, and it is essential that swift and decisive action is taken to tackle this matter.

I anticipate your prompt attention to this issue and a thorough investigation into the concerning conduct of Ms. Latouff. In a time when journalism needs to be strong, it is imperative that the ABC remains committed to upholding journalistic integrity.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

TAB 13

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:27 PM
To: Nick Leys
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Okay Nick will do

From: Nick Leys <Leys.Nick@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 5:25 PM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

From an ABC spokesman please:

ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week.

TAB 14

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:48 PM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor
Subject: These people have been advised Antoinette no longer works at the ABC Chris. Ita
Attachments: RE Ms Lattouf Bias; RE ABC Sydney show objectivity in doubt; RE ABC bias - Antoinette Lattouf ; RE Antoinette Lattouf; RE Antoinette Lattouf ; RE Concerned and dedicated abc fan. ; RE Anoinette Lattouf appointment; RE Concerns Regarding Impartiality and Adherence to ABC Code of Practice by Ms. Latouff; RE Ms Latauff

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ms Lattouf Bias

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Its contents have been noted and sent to our Chief Content Officer.

You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.

An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today.

"ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week."

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:56 AM

To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>

Cc: michelle.rowland.mp@aph.gov.au; Board <board@abc.net.au>; Peter Tonagh <Tonagh.Peter@abc.net.au>

Subject: Ms Lattouf Bias

Dear Mr Anderson,

I have listened and read with dismay Ms Lattouf's biased reporting of the situation in Gaza and would like to know what you intend to do about this to ensure that her misrepresentations do not further inflame a difficult situation here in Australia.

Just two obvious examples of her malicious misrepresentations are her accusing the Israeli army of rape and her denial of the odious calls to GAS THE JEWS at the Sydney Opera House.

Please advise if you intend to do anything about this?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ABC Sydney show | objectivity in doubt

Dear [REDACTED]
You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.
An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today.
"ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week."
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:32 AM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: ABC Sydney show | objectivity in doubt

Thanks for your speedy response.
Looking forward to hearing what Chris Oliver-Taylor has to say.
Best,
[REDACTED]

On 20 Dec 2023, at 11:22 am, Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. The contents have been noted.
I have forwarded your email on to Chris Oliver-Taylor, the ABC's Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:15 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: ABC Sydney show | objectivity in doubt

Hi there,

I am writing to express concerns about Antoinette being fit to host the morning ABC Sydney show. Ms Lattouf has expressed strong personal opinions on the Hamas-Israel war as well as issues affecting Australian Jews. For example, she has [expressed doubt that "gas the Jews" was chanting at the Sydney Opera House](#) at all.

What actions ABC management has taken to ensure that during this period of extreme tension around a war Ms Lattouf has expressed strong partisan views about, her show maintains the appropriate standards around bias, objectivity and neutrality.

Clause 4 of the [ABC code of practice](#) is to be impartial. However, Ms Lattouf is anything but.

Thank you for your time.

Best,



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From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ABC bias - Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]
You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.
An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today.
"ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week."
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:18 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Cc: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>;
Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Subject: Re: ABC bias - Antoinette Lattouf

Dear Ms Buttrose
Thank you for your reply.
Incredibly, since my original complaint, Antoinette Lattouf continues to broadcast her bias and anti Israel hatred.
This just one of her most recent social media posts



To characterise the Israeli military in this way is really just another version of the ancient antisemitic blood libel.
Another of her recent posts is this



No evidence provided, no sources, just inflammatory rhetoric.

For someone who is expending enormous amounts of time and energy to determine whether or not antisemitic protestors in Sydney on October 8 chanted "gas the Jews" (because apparently the eye witnesses who provided statements should not be believed, and "F*ck the Jews" or "where's the Jews" is acceptable) she seems fairly unbothered by blanket statements that have no basis in fact. I wonder why she has not applied the same forensic analysis to her own statements.

As a taxpayer funding the national broadcaster I am beyond appalled that the ABC continues to provide a platform for this woman.

I await a reply advising what concrete action is being taken in response to this egregious breach of clause 4 of your code of practice requiring impartiality.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

On 19 Dec 2023, at 3:07 pm, Board <board@abc.net.au> wrote:

[You don't often get email from board@abc.net.au. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, your comments have been noted.

I have forwarded your email to the ABC Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ita Buttrose AC, OBE
ABC Chair

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:43 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: ABC bias - Antoinette Lattouf

I write to ask how Antoinette Lattouf is permitted to be hosting the morning ABC Sydney show.

Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East. She has repeatedly shown her bias. I am wondering what the consequences are for her stating that "gas the Jews" at the Sydney Opera House was a lie.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this clause.

Given the staggering increase in antisemitism in Australia since October 7, continuing to provide this clearly bad faith actor (seeking to discredit and minimise the Jewish community's lived experience of such antisemitism) is repugnant and in breach of the ABC code of conduct.

I have written to Minister Rowlands and ABC Managing director David Anderson, asking the same questions.

I await your reply as to the action you are taking

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Its contents have been noted and sent to our Chief Content Officer.

You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.

An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today.

“ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week.”.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:29 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Cc: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

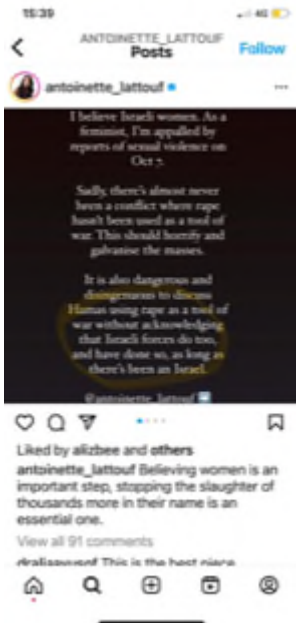
Dear Mr Anderson, ABC Board ,

I wish to express my concern at Anoinette Lattouf hosting a show on the ABC.

The ABC code of practice (clause 4) requires hosts to be impartial. She, however , has been anything but. She has publicly and loudly repeatedly questioned whether the chants of “gas the Jews” were screamed out at the infamous Opera House rally just after the massacre of 1200 innocent civilians on 7 October. She seems not to question that signs were held up saying that, or ‘F ..k the Jews”.

Additionally, she has now made libellous claims against the IDF on her social media account, alleging that the IDF has engaged in rape. This is a libellous allegation for which not only is there no evidence but no-one has ever claimed that in Israel’s 75 year history. It is worse than inappropriate that someone who makes such outrageous claims should be allowed to have a platform on the publicly funded ABC.

In case you are not aware of the post, here it is- you should note that her allegation seems to imply some sort of "context" or a “yes but” excuse for Hamas’ atrocities. This is a disgrace.



Whilst Ms Lattouf is entitled to hold whatever racist and biased views she wishes, she is not free to share those views on a publicly funded platform, nor should the ABC be under any illusion that those views will not or cannot be passed onto her listeners. To think otherwise is simply naive.

Anti semitism has increased by over 700 per cent in Australia since the beginning of the war in Israel. it does not help the situation by allowing presenters such as her free reign to make baseless slanderous allegations against Israel and Jews which only serve to fuel racism and anti semitism in our community.

She has also posted this:-



This again is another slanderous allegation against Israelis.

Enough is enough.

The ABC is no longer a safe space for Jews or Israelis. is that what our taxes are funding?

I would appreciate a reply by COB today and not just a generic response. Failure to do so may result in further action.

Kind regards,





From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Its contents have been noted and sent to our Chief Content Officer.

You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.

An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today.

“ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week.”.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Cc: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Antoinette Lattouf

Dear Minister

I am writing as I am very concerned that someone as biased against Israel ie Antoinette Lattouf is appropriate to be hosting the morning ABC Sydney show - especially at this very polarising time of the Israel - Hamas war.

As I'm sure you are aware Antoinette is not impartial on the war in the Middle East.

Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice is to be impartial and employing Antoinette is in breach of this code.

I know many other people apart who strongly agree that Antoinette she should be removed from reporting on the war in Middle East.

Best

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerned and dedicated abc fan.

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. Its contents have been noted and sent to our Chief Content Officer.
You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC. An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today. "ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week."
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:42 PM
To: David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Subject: Concerned and dedicated abc fan.

Dear Mr. Anderson and Board Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing out of concern and with a heavy heart regarding the recent occurrences related to Ms. Latouff, the current host of the ABC Sydney Morning show.

There are some aspects that have deeply troubled me concerning the impartiality and adherence to the ABC code of practice demonstrated by Ms. Latouff.

It is with a sense of responsibility that I wish to highlight these concerns in the hope of fostering a constructive resolution.

Several recent actions and social media posts by Ms. Latouff appear to indicate a deviation from impartiality, and I am genuinely concerned about their impact. For instance, her involvement in co-authoring an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it" (Crikey, Dec 13, 2023) seems to have raised questions regarding her neutrality on the current Middle East conflict and issues related to anti-Semitism within the Australian community.

Furthermore, certain posts on her social media accounts, particularly one accusing the IDF of using rape as a tool of war, have left me deeply unsettled. These assertions, without substantial evidence, can contribute to an environment of misinformation and bias.

It is my firm belief that the role of an ABC host necessitates a commitment to impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Regrettably, recent actions by Ms. Latouff cast doubt on her ability to maintain these standards.

As a dedicated viewer and concerned member of the community, I deeply value the importance of accurate and fair journalism. I trust in the ABC's commitment to upholding these principles and believe that addressing this situation with care and diligence is pivotal in restoring trust and credibility in the reporting.

I kindly request your attention to this matter and hope for a thorough investigation into the concerns raised. The integrity of journalism, especially during these times, is of paramount importance, and I am optimistic that the ABC will take appropriate steps to address this issue.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I eagerly await your response and am hopeful for a resolution that reaffirms the values of unbiased reporting and journalistic integrity.

Warm regards,

[Redacted signature block]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Anoinette Lattouf appointment

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Its contents have been noted and sent to our Chief Content Officer.

You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.

An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today.

“ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week.”.

Sincerely

Ita Buttrose

Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 1:55 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>; David N Anderson - Managing Director <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>; Minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au
Subject: Anoinette Lattouf appointment

Dear Minister Rowland, Mr Anderson and ABC Board

As a loyal ABC viewer who has always relied on your journalism to provide me with the daily news I am horrified to hear you have appointed Anoinette Lattouf to host the ABC morning show.

I have seen many recent social media posts by Ms Lattouf that are anti-semitic and NOT impartial and arguably EXTREME in relation to the Gaza war. Although I am a believer in freedom of speech she can not be appointed into a position as host as clearly she is unable to be impartial and no doubt will influence her viewers.

Reviewing your code of practice it is clearly evident that this is in breach of clause 4.

If you require further proof of these breaches I would be happy to share them with you or come into your office to present them. I am available day and night and willing to travel. I truly have had a lot of respect for the ABC and have been watching all your shows including your news programs for decades. However this decision is starting to make me question the integrity of this publicly funded broadcasting company.

I look forward to hearing from you

[REDACTED]

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns Regarding Impartiality and Adherence to ABC Code of Practice by Ms. Latouff

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for your email. Its contents have been noted and sent to our Chief Content Officer.
You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC. An ABC spokesperson released the following statement earlier today. "ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week."
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 2:16 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Concerns Regarding Impartiality and Adherence to ABC Code of Practice by Ms. Latouff

Dear Esteemed ABC Board Members,

Re: Impartiality and Adherence to ABC Code of Practice by Ms. Latouff

I am writing to express my concern regarding what appears to be a lack of impartiality and adherence to the ABC Code of Practice by Ms. Latouff, the current host of the ABC Sydney Morning show.

Numerous recent vile and factually incorrect actions and social media posts which could be perceived as extremist by Ms. Latouff raise serious doubts about her impartiality, particularly concerning the current Middle East conflict. This and her use of the ABC platform to express her anti-Semitic bias to the Australian community are matters addressed in Clause 4 of the ABC Code of Practice and should be acted upon.

I wish to draw attention to the following instances:

1. Ms. Latouff co-authored an article titled "*Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it*" (Crikey, Dec 13, 2023), which she shared on her social media platforms. This article was written to cast doubt on the validity of anti-Semitic rhetoric witnessed at the Opera House on October 8. Such skepticism, given clear video evidence and eyewitness accounts, contributes to the concerning rise of anti-Semitism in Australia.
2. Ms. Latouff's social media posts, including one accusing the IDF of using rape as a tool of war for 70 years, are unsupported and inflammatory. Her recent Instagram post, falsely referencing the IDF's alleged use of rape, implies a troubling justification for Hamas' actions on October 7.
3. Ms. Latouff's endorsement of the MEAA Open Letter further underscores concerns about her impartiality when reporting on this conflict.

The role of an ABC host demands a unwavering level of impartiality and adherence to its codes. Ms. Latouff's actions raise grave doubts about her ability to meet these standards, and her use of her public status to propagate divisive views is concerning.

As a publicly-funded broadcasting company, the ABC has an esteemed responsibility to uphold the highest journalistic standards. Ms. Latouff's continued presence as a prime-time host raises disturbing doubts about the ABC's commitment to unbiased reporting.

I urgently request a detailed explanation of the steps the ABC intends to take to address this situation and restore the credibility of its reporting. Australians rely on the ABC for accurate and unbiased information, and it is crucial to the ongoing relevance of the ABC that swift and decisive action is taken.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and anticipate a thorough investigation into Ms. Latouff, and her immediate suspension from all ABC platforms while the investigation is undertaken. The ABC should NEVER be a soapbox for bias and false reporting.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards

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From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ms Latauff

Dear [REDACTED]
The Board takes its responsibilities very seriously- as do I.
You are probably unaware that Ms Lattouf no longer works at the ABC.
An ABC spokesperson announced earlier today:
"ABC Sydney casual presenter Antoinette Lattouf will not be back on air for her remaining two shifts this week."
Sincerely
Ita Buttrose
Chair - ABC

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:23 PM
To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
Subject: Re: Ms Latauff

To the ABC board members

Thank you for your reply as below

I feel that passing this on to your chief content Officer is insufficient and is likely to mitigate your responsibilities as directors of the board.

There is a genuine issue of concern over breaches of your coat of conduct by Ms Latauff where it seems that she is showing relatively one side, only in addition seems to be showing antisemitic views

To have her in a lead role on the morning news is detrimental to the ABC, your viewers and is likely to cause significant additional distress and add further fuel to the already very difficult situation. Israel Gaza and Sydney with a massive rise of anti-Semitism.

Please may I ask that the board, genuinely investigates this issue of real concern and in the interim Ms Latauff is removed from any broadcasting.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

> On 19 Dec 2023, at 3:19 pm, Board <board@abc.net.au> wrote:
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> [REDACTED]
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> Thank you for your email, your comments have been noted.
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> I have forwarded your email to the ABC Chief Content Officer, who is dealing with this matter.
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> Yours sincerely
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> Ita Buttrose AC, OBE
> ABC Chair
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: [REDACTED]
> Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:46 AM
> To: Board <board@abc.net.au>
> Subject: Ms Latauff
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> To the board of the ABC
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> You are task with the job of providing Fair honest, unbiased reporting
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> With an exceptionally substantial budget of Tax Payer funds the ABC should be an outstanding and exemplary institution delivering the news.
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> Sadly, there are areas where bias and one-sided views against particularly the Jewish population occur.
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> One example which you can put a stop to and rectify is Ms Latouff as the current host of ABC Sydney morning show.
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> Please remove her from the show altogether
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> Ms Latouff was a co-author of The recent article from 13 December, where effectively using your platform, she calls into question significant antisemitic statements made at the Sydney Opera House saying they were not said.
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> She has breached your code of practice under clause 4.
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> She has shown on multiple occasions, her bias and anti-Semitic views.
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> Please, at the very least, remove her from hosting The Morning Show, and after reviewing, this might end with you sacking her for breaching the journalistic code of conduct, and your own code of practice.
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> There should be no place on the ABC for one sided views.
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> Please see a letter below From [REDACTED] stating a similar case
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> Thank you
> [REDACTED]
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> Dear Mr.Anderson
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> I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of deep concern regarding the impartiality and adherence to the ABC code of practice by Ms. Latouff, the current host of the ABC Sydney Morning show.
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> It has come to my attention that Ms. Latouff's recent actions have raised serious questions about her impartiality, as outlined in Clause 4 of the ABC code of practice. I would like to highlight the following issues:
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> Ms. Latouff co-authored an article titled "Viral footage showed protesters chanting 'Gas the Jews'. Nobody can verify it" (Crikey, Dec 13 2023), which also featured on her socials and has been widely shared. The article casts unreasonable doubt on the validity of antisemitic rhetoric, "Gas the Jews", "Fuck the Jews" witnessed at the Opera House on October 8. The intent behind the article was to provide a false and skewed narrative according to Ms. Latouff's personal views on the War and particularly Jewish people, contributing to the alarming rise in antisemitism, which has surged by over 700% since October 7.
> Ms. Latouff's endorsement of the MEAA Open Letter raises concerns about her impartiality in reporting on conflicts.
> The role of an ABC host, who leads and adds commentary to news stories, demands a basic level of impartiality and adherence to the ABC codes. Ms. Latouff's actions, as outlined above, call into question her ability to meet these standards.
> As a taxpayer-funded public broadcasting company, the ABC has a vital responsibility to maintain the highest standards of journalism. The current situation, with Ms. Latouff continuing to host prime time TV, constitutes a clear breach of this obligation.
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> I urgently request a comprehensive explanation of the steps the ABC plans to take to rectify this situation and restore the credibility of its reporting. Australians deserve accurate, unbiased information, and it is crucial that swift and decisive action be taken to address this issue.
> I anticipate your prompt attention to this matter and a thorough investigation into the concerning conduct of Ms. Latouff. At a time when journalism needs to be at its strongest, it is imperative that the ABC upholds its commitment to journalistic integrity.

> Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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> Sent from my iPhone

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TAB 15

From: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 5:51 PM
To: Ita Buttrose - Chair
Subject: Re: These people have been advised Antoinette no longer works at the ABC Chris.
Ita

Thank you Ita.
I apologise again that this has consumed you and the Board today.
Chris

Chris Oliver-Taylor
Chief Content Officer
ABC

From: Ita Buttrose - Chair <Buttrose.Ita@abc.net.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 5:47:41 PM
To: Chris Oliver-Taylor <Oliver-Taylor.Chris@abc.net.au>
Subject: These people have been advised Antoinette no longer works at the ABC Chris. Ita