



# POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER
Position no:	30001914
Team:	[News]
Department:	Regional, Rural & Metro
Location:	Newcastle
Reports to:	DEPUTY REGIONAL EDITOR, NSW 50062578
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 7]
HR Endorsement:	22/11/2024

## Purpose

Generate national news and current affairs stories and coverage on a wide range of subjects across all ABC platforms.

## Key Accountabilities

- Create compelling digital first content that is timely, impactful, and relevant for audiences and consistent with ABC Editorial policies and community expectations.
- Under broad direction, generate, investigate and break complex original local and state significant stories that have an impact on the national agenda.
- Substantially research and scrutinise issues of public interest and undertake very complex planning and production to create distinctive and compelling content that aligns with ABC strategy and contributes to the achievement of the News objectives.
- Create excellent local and state news and current affairs stories that are accurate and timely and demonstrate strong investigative and innovate story-telling skills.
- Develop and produce high level content in text, audio, and video form using a variety of cross-platform newsgathering, editing, filing and production systems.
- Adopt a flexible, collaborative approach with colleagues in Newcastle and across the network to develop engaging stories of common interest, covering a range of subjects and issues.

- Research story material, identify suitable sources, and arrange and conduct interviews to support own and others' output. Present complex items, programs and coverage with speed and accuracy.
- Develop and maintain an in-depth understanding of local, state and national current events and issues. Stay abreast of political, social and economic issues. Broaden the ABC's contact base and develop relationships with key stakeholders.
- Identify and manage editorial risks, working closely with news leaders and ABC legal. Demonstrate excellent communication skills.
- Generate stories that are relevant to a broad section of Australians and reflect the cultural, geographic and socio-economic diversity of the country.
- Actively engage with communities to find and tell stories that are relevant for them and in line with the News strategy.
- Actively promote the ABC values and apply all relevant workplace policies and guidelines.
- Cooperate with any reasonable instruction, procedure or policy relating to safety and take reasonable care for your own safety and that of other people who may be affected by your conduct while at work. Additional WHS responsibilities apply to Managers and Supervisors, Team Directors, and other Officers.

## Key Capabilities/Qualifications/Experience

1. Proven experience as an Investigative Reporter in a broadcast and digital environment and advanced ability to consistently break original stories that have state and national impact.
2. Demonstrated highly advanced journalistic, editorial and research skills and a broad knowledge of subject areas with a passion for finding and telling stories that reflect Australia's diversity.
3. Demonstrated high level experience delivering complex issues in a way that both engages and informs audiences across a range of broadcast, digital and social platforms.
4. A sophisticated understanding of digital, social and broadcast platforms and emerging trends. Proven advanced understanding of how audience insights and analytics can inform innovative storytelling
5. Advanced ability to utilise a variety of production techniques, including long-form digital. Demonstrated creative and innovative approach to storytelling.
6. High-level communications skills, with a proven ability to work individually or collaboratively as part of a wider team. Excellent time management skills to balance long-term and short-term deadlines.
7. Demonstrated extensive editorial leadership with the ability to share knowledge and mentor junior staff in investigative journalism techniques to create distinctive and compelling, multi-platform content.
8. Highly developed ability to manage a range of stakeholder relationships within the ABC and externally.
9. A proven ability to source and maintain contacts across the broader Australian community.
10. A demonstrated and ongoing interest and passion in finding and telling stories that reflect Australia's diversity.
11. Demonstrated understanding and passion to source and create authentic content which represents the broad diversity of the Australian community, including stories that reflect a range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds and Indigenous communities where editorially relevant.
12. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.

13. **ABC Policies:** Understanding of the relevance and scope of ABC policies and the ABC Principles and a commitment to adhere to these; particularly in relation to complying with health, safety and wellbeing requirements in the workplace and acting in accordance with the ABC Principles.
14. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships with people from a range of diverse backgrounds.



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