



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER
Position no:	50033699
Team:	[News]
Department:	TAS News
Location:	Launceston
Reports to:	EDITOR, NORTHERN TASMANIA 50046535
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule A]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 5]
HR Endorsement:	26/02/2025

Purpose

Utilise a range of diverse contacts, sources and investigative techniques to break news across platforms. Work with the Local Editor Northern Tasmania, TAS Deputy Editor and TAS News Editor to deliver exclusive, engaging content using innovative storytelling techniques.

Key Accountabilities

- Generate exclusive stories for local, state and national audiences, utilising a wide network of contacts, trusted sources, research and data techniques.
- Write concise and accurate copy and scripts, using creative storytelling techniques. Keep current with production methods, software and online reporting tools.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues across News, sharing experience and knowledge across local and national teams.
- Exhibit high-level communication skills. Take direction and offer guidance and leadership. Manage your time and that of colleagues in production situations when required.
- Identify and manage editorial risks, working closely with news leaders and ABC Legal to manage those accordingly. Proactively follow ABC editorial and corporate policy.
- 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 in regional areas and the outer suburbs to find and tell stories that are relevant to 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. Relevant tertiary qualifications or demonstrated equivalent skills, knowledge and experience.
2. Proven experience as an investigative reporter in a broadcast or digital environment, with a well developed list of sources and contacts. A demonstrated accomplished ability to break exclusive stories that have statewide and national impact, and hold all levels of government to account.
3. Proven ability to identify key talent and convince sources and contacts to participate in coverage.
4. Accomplished capability to write clear, concise copy and/or broadcast scripts, exercising considerable independent editorial judgement. Experience across all platforms preferred.
5. Ability to deliver complex issues in a way that both engages and informs audiences across a range of broadcast, digital and social platforms. A strong understanding of how audience insights and analytics can inform innovative storytelling is a distinct advantage.
6. Demonstrated excellent communications skills, with an ability to work individually or as part of a wider investigative team. Proven experience collaborating with subject experts such as data journalists, together with a wider production team.
7. Experience and well developed ability with a variety of production techniques, including long-form digital and interactive presentations. Ability to quickly absorb training in video production, presentation and graphics.
8. Ability to manage a range of stakeholder relationships, including collaborations with other ABC News teams.
9. Demonstrated ability to share knowledge and train and mentor junior staff in investigative journalism techniques. Excellent time management skills.
10. A proven ability to source and maintain contacts across the broader Australian community.
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.

