



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	POLITICAL PRODUCER
Position no:	50026517
Team:	[News]
Department:	Radio National Breakfast
Location:	Canberra
Reports to:	EDITOR, AUDIO NEWS & CAFF 50060439
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 6-7]
HR Endorsement:	7/04/2025

Purpose

Contribute political content and analysis to a dynamic, agenda-setting, daily breakfast radio program.

Key Accountabilities

- Under broad direction, develop and maintain strong federal political contacts across party lines to ensure good access to key voices on a range of stories, for a daily deadline.
- Monitor political news and political appearances across commercial and ABC radio, television, online and social media streams and brief the EP, presenter and producers of key news as it develops across the day.
- 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 Australia's outer suburbs to find and tell stories that are relevant for them and in line with the News strategy.
- Pitch, research and write briefs and scripts and secure talent for on-air interviews which reflect and develop the news of the day, in accordance with ABC Editorial Policies, working closely with the RN Breakfast presenter, EP, Political Correspondent and Breakfast team.

- Work closely with the RN Breakfast presenter, EP and Political Correspondent on story/interview content, angles and lines of questioning; prepare accurate and timely story briefs, including appropriate audio grabs and background.
- Contribute to RN Breakfast's digital presentation on its website and on podcast apps, in line with best practice advice from the RN online team.
- Ability to work within a small and highly productive team, as well as independently and with broad editorial oversight.
- 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 and/or demonstrated equivalent skills, knowledge and experience.
2. Highly advanced journalist with extensive political reporting experience, with a strong newsbreaking record, excellent research and producing skills.
3. Excellent contacts across the political divide, as well as business and other stakeholders. Demonstrated outstanding ability to generate original interview ideas and stories, and to secure senior political talent for interviews on issues of national affairs, politics and government.
4. Highly advanced editorial skills and the ability to identify issues relevant to a national audience and give context to those issues.
5. Expertise in producing sophisticated and comprehensive briefs on complex topics of politics and policy. Ability to deliver high quality analysis live on air on breaking news and detailed policy analysis an asset.
6. Proven exceptional ability to produce political interviews in a fast-paced daily news environment. Significant experience with live studio broadcasting, reporting and interviewing an advantage. Willingness to work flexible hours when required.
7. Highly advanced understanding of and willingness to use social media for broadcast content as well as producing news content for online streams.
8. Outstanding communication skills and ability to work collaboratively with multiple program stakeholders including the Breakfast host, EP, Political Correspondent and SP, guests, and technical staff. Willingness to work with other members of the Breakfast team to participate in editorial meetings, share ideas and collaborate.
9. A demonstrated and ongoing interest and passion in finding and telling stories that reflect Australia's diversity.
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.



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