



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

| Label | Description |
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| Position Title: | POLITICAL EDITOR 7.30 |
| Position no: | 30004676 |
| Team: | [News] |
| Department: | 7:30 |
| Location: | Canberra |
| Reports to: | EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, 7.30 30003367 |
| Classification: | Content Maker |
| Schedule: | [Schedule B] |
| Roster cycle | [2 Week Rostered] |
| Band/level: | [Band 9] |
| HR Endorsement: | 5/05/2025 |

Purpose

To break national political news and present political analysis that relies on superior political contacts across the spectrum on 7.30 and online from the Canberra Parliament House office.

Key Accountabilities

- Provide live on-air reports and agenda-setting coverage of the highest standard, maintaining the agenda setting reputation of ABC News.
- Report federal political stories, providing the ABC's audiences with context and analysis of the national political landscape on 7.30 and its various online platforms.
- Provide editorial direction and leadership to the program as required on the program's political coverage. Plan coverage of and report on major political events, including elections.
- Develop and maintain superior contacts across the political spectrum, break stories, and provide analysis and context on daily political events and broader relevant issues.
- Work collaboratively with the Executive Producer, Presenter and the 7.30 editorial team in Sydney bringing unique insights and breaking news from the Parliamentary Press Gallery.
- Maintain an understanding of broader political trends and develop long term editorial plans with program producers.
- 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. Senior broadcast journalist with excellent writing and presentation skills, a record of breaking political news and demonstrated editorial leadership.
2. Demonstrated ability and flair for reporting on Politics, Parliament and Government. Able to use the long-form reporting medium to analyse and give context to complex political issues.
3. An effective communicator, able to lead and represent a small, highly productive and creative television current affairs team. Demonstrated high level interviewing and scriptwriting ability.
4. Expert research and fact checking skills and demonstrated high level editorial/creative leadership.
5. Proven ability to provide insightful analysis of politics which draws on a deep understanding of the policies, issues and personalities at the heart of politics.
6. Demonstrated outstanding contacts, with high level sources from all sides of politics and party organisations.
7. Able to work effectively in the field.
8. 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.
9. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.
10. **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.
11. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships with people from a range of diverse backgrounds.

