



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	POLITICAL REPORTER CPH
Position no:	50063160
Team:	[News, Analysis, Investigations]
Department:	Canberra Parliament House Bureau
Location:	Canberra
Reports to:	BUREAU CHIEF 50026900
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 5-6]
HR Endorsement:	4/02/2022

Purpose

Create and contribute to political and national affairs journalism that engages existing and new ABC audiences with focus on content that reflects the issues affecting national Indigenous communities and affairs.

Key Accountabilities

- Consistently produce timely, cross platform political content using relevant production systems.
- Maintain solid knowledge of political processes and issues and ability to report on these with authority.
- Actively engage with key Indigenous political figures and organisations, and stay across national Indigenous affairs stories in Canberra to find and tell stories that are relevant and in line with the News strategy, “More Relevant to More Australians”.
- Generate stories that are relevant to a broad section of Australians and reflect the cultural, geographic and socio-economic diversity of the country.
- Break stories and develop original content for as wide an audience as possible across various platforms.

- Provide timely and clear communication to the Parliament team and the rest of the ABC. Actively participate in story discussions and share knowledge around the network on ideas on stories relevant to First Nations communities.
- Develop and maintain strong contacts with national peak bodies and Indigenous community groups across Australia including political contacts and build good relationships within the ABC.
- 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. Advanced editorial judgement with an ability to meet tight deadlines
2. Accomplished writing and reporting skills across platforms, including solid broadcast delivery.
3. Considerable knowledge of political issues at local, state and federal levels. Proven ability to break and find original stories. Experience reporting on Indigenous communities.
4. Ability to create engaging, shareable content and develop new audiences in the process.
5. General organisational and planning skills in managing competing priorities in a busy and complex news environment
6. Experience using different technologies including web content management systems. The capacity to generate, produce and distribute stories and curate content.
7. Demonstrated ability to develop strong contacts through a variety of methods, using those networks to break national stories and deliver engaging content to a wider audience.
8. Demonstrated teamwork and communication skills with an ability to share ideas and work collaboratively in the Bureau and across the broader ABC.
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.
15. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultures and an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. And, ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

