ABC POSITION DESCRIPTION

Division:	News	Position Title:	Political Reporter
Department:	Radio Current Affairs	Classification:	Content Maker, Schedule B (rostered 2 weeks), Band 6-7
Location:	Parliament House, Canberra	Position No:	P357464
Reporting to:	Executive Producer		

Purpose: Accomplished journalist who can demonstrate a flair for covering politics and national affairs with strong broadcast skills including live reporting, interviewing and production.

Key Accountabilities:

- Create engaging, shareable content in national affairs, politics and/or government and develop new audiences. Provide context to and analyse complex political issues.
- Provide live on-air reports and agenda-setting coverage of the highest standard, maintaining the agenda setting reputation of ABC News.
- Identify and report local and state based issues relevant to a national audience and give context to those issues.
- Develop and maintain contacts, break stories, and provide analysis and context on daily political events and broader relevant issues.
- Work collaboratively with various teams in Sydney bringing unique insights from the Parliament.
- Maintain an understanding of broader political trends and develop long term editorial plans with program executive producers.
- Actively promote the ABC values and apply all relevant workplace policies and guidelines.
- All ABC staff are required to cooperate with any reasonable instruction, procedure or policy relating to safety, and take reasonable care for their own safety and that of other persons who may be affected by their conduct while at work. Additional WHS responsibilities apply to Managers and Supervisors, Divisional Directors and Other Officers.

Key Capabilities/Qualifications/Experience:

- 1. Accomplished journalist with strong reporting and research skills. Demonstrated ability to generate original stories in national affairs, politics and/or government.
- 2. Broad Experience reporting state and national affairs with the ability to identify local and state based issues relevant to a national audience and give context to those issues.
- 3. Strong broadcast scripting and writing skills. Able to use the medium and program format to accurately report, give context to and analyse complex political issues. Ability to file from the field to tight deadlines.
- 4. Strong broadcast presentation skills. Experience with live reporting and interviewing an advantage.
- 5. Strong technological skills. Able to use the latest broadcast equipment and studio technology to produce highquality content in the office and in the field.
- 6. The ability to write RCAFF material for an online and digital audience.
- 7. An understanding and willingness to use social media for broadcast content.
- 8. Collaborative approach to working in a team environment under significant pressure.
- 9. Thorough knowledge of relevant ABC Editorial Policies, Style Guide, and Corporate Policies. An understanding of and commitment to the ABC's <u>aims</u>, <u>values and workplace policies</u>.