



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	NATIONAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT
Position no:	30001154
Team:	[News]
Department:	Canberra Parliament House Bureau
Location:	Canberra Parliament House
Reports to:	EDITOR POLITICS, CANBERRA PARLIAMENT HOUSE 50064552
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 7-8]
HR Endorsement:	6/11/2024

### Purpose

Lead national affairs coverage on a wide range of subjects across all ABC platforms. Play a lead role in key breaking news events across politics and stories of national interest.

### Key Accountabilities

- Research, write, compile and present accurate, concise and clear stories and/or lead coverage with significant program impact across platforms in line with the ABC's Editorial Policies on a daily basis.
- Contribute to the development of program style and philosophy. As required, guide coverage for high profile programs including 7:30 and AM.
- Be proactive and consistently lead the discussion of original story ideas with newsroom leadership teams, making a highly creative and innovative contribution to program content.
- 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 to find and tell stories that are relevant for them and in line with the News strategy.

- Research story material, identify suitable sources, and arrange and conduct interviews to support your own and others' output, ensuring a consistently high standard of relevant and compelling content, including complex major coverage under difficult circumstances.
- Present live-to-air reports and contribute to rolling coverage at a consistently high standard and participate in live Q&As of a complex nature.
- Lead editorial initiatives which have noticeable impact on the ABC's public profile; advance ABC strategies, output and audience engagement. Lead editorial teams to successfully complete major and complex story assignments, coverage, projects or programs.
- Seek out opportunities to add value to original material by providing additional links, video and audio for News webpages, revising for other outlets such as News Online. Use other technological/social media opportunities that may become available.
- Broaden the ABC's contact base and develop relationships with key institutions/players. Cultivate a broad range of contacts and regularly update your own contacts book and contribute to maintaining the office diary/contact system.
- Take on senior production roles in the newsroom as required and share information and learning with colleagues. Have a major focus on team building, leadership and staff development, providing coaching and feedback where required, and assist with the selection and assessment of staff as required.
- 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. Extensive experience as a senior reporter with outstanding journalistic skills.
3. Outstanding research skills and demonstrated high-level editorial/creative judgement. Demonstrated high-level knowledge, skill and capability in newsgathering and story production.
4. A creative self-starter with proven ability in consistently breaking original stories.
5. High level presentation skills for all multimedia programming, including for Q+As and open-ended live coverage. Effective multimedia production techniques.
6. A thorough understanding of the digital news environment is essential, and experience working in a cross platform filing environment is desirable.
7. Strong networks, together with knowledge of major social, economic, political and cultural issues. A high-level understanding of audience needs and interests in relation to news and current affairs.
8. High level ability in the use of multimedia editing and production systems as well as the use of social media as a newsgathering/research tool and to connect to audiences is desirable. Experience in shooting and editing video is highly desirable.
9. Proven ability to work collaboratively and to show leadership in a team environment.
10. A demonstrated and ongoing interest and passion in finding and telling stories that reflect Australia's diversity.
11. A proven ability to source and maintain contacts across the broader Australian community.

12. 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.
13. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.
14. **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.
15. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Experience in building an inclusive and supportive culture where diversity is valued.

