



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Label	Description
Position Title:	POLITICAL REPORTER 7.30
Position no:	50046998
Team:	[News]
Department:	7:30 Report
Location:	Canberra
Reports to:	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, 7.30 30003367
Classification:	Content Maker
Schedule:	[Schedule B]
Roster cycle	[2 Week Rostered]
Band/level:	[Band 6-7]
HR Endorsement:	12/11/2024

Purpose

Contribute to the national agenda on 7.30 by breaking important stories in original and visually striking ways.

Key Accountabilities

- 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.
- Research, write, compile, and present news and current affairs content that is accurate, timely and innovative covering a range of subjects and issues. Present items, programs and coverage with speed and accuracy.
- Contribute to the national agenda on 7.30 by breaking stories that have an impact and tell those stories in original and visually striking ways in line with 7.30's current production standards, style and expectations.
- Identify strong original stories for the program and be responsible for guiding them from initial stages to final delivery.

- Research story material, identify suitable sources, and arrange and conduct interviews to support own and others' output.
- Suggest and pitch regular story ideas for the program.
- Produce longer term projects as required.
- Keep well informed and aware of local and global economic issues along with maintaining an intimate knowledge of domestic and international corporate, social, economic, and political issues.
- Develop and produce high quality content using a variety of cross platform newsgathering, editing, filing and production systems.
- Develop and maintain an in-depth understanding of national current events and issues staying abreast of political, social and economic issues.
- Broaden the ABC's contact base and develop relationships with key institutions/communities/players.
- 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 editorial skills including the ability to source and analyse information and exercise considerable independent judgement.
3. Highly advanced long-form reporting, writing, investigative and story-telling skills.
4. Demonstrated extensive track record for breaking important stories.
5. A strong grasp of political, social and economic issues. Excellent political, business and general contacts.
6. Demonstrated command of and aptitude for sophisticated current affairs television-making skills.
7. Highly developed understanding of audience behaviour on digital and advanced digital story telling skills to meet those demands.
8. Resourcefulness and an ability to work independently.
9. Demonstrated excellent communication skills.
10. Demonstrated experience in a digital news environment.
11. Proven knowledge of ABC Editorial policies, divisional style guide and 7.30 style.
12. A demonstrated and ongoing interest and passion in finding and telling stories that reflect Australia's diversity.
13. A proven ability to source and maintain contacts across the broader Australian community.
14. 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.
15. **ABC Principles:** Demonstrated commitment to the ABC Principles of We are ABC, Straight Talking, People Focused, Accountable and Open & Transparent.

16. **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.
17. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships with people from a range of diverse backgrounds.



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