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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Australia Day

The ABC online article is incorrect about Australia Day.

The ABC has clearly got this one wrong.

The name of our national day is well understood and supported, and for the ABC to suggest otherwise -- that in some way Invasion Day is interchangeable with Australia Day -- is clearly wrong.

The name of Australia Day is reflected in legislation across Australia. More important, it is reflected in the usage of the overwhelming majority of Australians.

While the ABC has editorial independence, and I do not control what it says, I call on the ABC to correct this inaccurate article.

The obligation on the ABC Board is clear under the Act: to ensure that the gathering and presentation of news is accurate and impartial.

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