Hindu Council of Australia

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Hon Peter Dutton, MP
Leader of Opposition of Australia

Dear Peter,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express the deep disappointment and concern felt by the Hindu community and the Indian diaspora in Australia regarding the recent ABC Four Corners program on 17th June. The repeated portrayal of our community in this program was perceived as biased, unbalanced, and misleading, causing significant distress among community members.

The ABC Four Corners program is a respected investigative journalism platform, known for its commitment to impartial reporting and uncovering the truth. However, the recent episode fell short of these standards. It presented a one-sided narrative, overlooking the diverse and multifaceted nature of the Hindu community and the Indian diaspora in Australia. The repeated selective presentation of facts and the omission of critical context have unfortunately led to a skewed perception of our community, fostering misunderstanding and prejudice.

It is important to note that this is not an isolated incident. There has been a pattern of biased and unbalanced reporting by the ABC concerning the Hindu community and the Indian diaspora. Such repeated misrepresentations not only damage the reputation of our community but also contribute to an environment of mistrust and division.

We respectfully request your intervention in this matter to ensure that media platforms, especially those funded by taxpayer dollars, adhere to principles of fairness, balance, and accuracy in their reporting. It is imperative that the voices and perspectives of all communities are represented equitably, and that any investigative journalism is conducted with due diligence and a commitment to the truth.

We believe that a strong, multicultural Australia is built on the foundations of respect, inclusion, and mutual understanding. We hope that, under your leadership, we can address these concerns and work towards a media landscape that truly reflects the diversity and richness of our nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your support in ensuring fair and balanced media representation for all Australians.

Yours sincerely,

Sai Paravastu
National President