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Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 2:24 PM
To: David N Anderson <Anderson.David.N@abc.net.au>
Subject: FW: Press Freedom

David

Jane Salmon is a long time protestor – I remember her from years ago. But Paul Fletcher’s reply is interesting especially –

“The search warrants were obtained in the course of investigations by the AFP into allegations that Government officials had breached their duties to keep information confidential. “

I thought you might like to see what he said before your meeting tomorrow.

Ita

From: Jane Salmon <janesalmonupstream@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 2:13 PM
To: Fletcher, Paul (MP) <Paul.Fletcher.MP@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Press Freedom

Dear Paul,

Further to the previous note, be aware that Dutton is, semi-objectively, a power-drunk, racist Brisbane cop who cannot count to 43.

Sure, sunstruck hedonistic Dickson bogans scantily educated under Joh vote for him. But history will not forgive Dutton nor Morrison for their active parts in twelve asylum seeker deaths offshore.

Please take the long view. I guarantee you that the ABC targets and is sacred to most of your electorate on the north shore. The wide range of political views represented at the previous protest attest to that.

Never take Dutton’s advice on anything important if you want to keep your own longer term reputation intact.

Jane Salmon
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On 2 Jul 2019, at 12:16 pm, Fletcher, Paul (MP) <Paul.Fletcher.MP@aph.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Ms Salmon

Thank you for notifying me of the recent protest outside my electorate office.

I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of this event.

As regards press freedoms in Australia, over 4-5 June 2019, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) executed search warrants in relation to two separate investigations. The Government understands that the execution of these search warrants have led to some concern amongst the community over press freedom.

The search warrants were obtained in the course of investigations by the AFP into allegations that Government officials had breached their duties to keep information confidential.

The AFP is subject to the rule of law and it is open to the recipients of search warrants to challenge them in court on the grounds that the search warrants were not legally obtained. Both the ABC and News Corp have now commenced such challenges – in an entirely appropriate exercise of their rights.

Press freedom is a bedrock principle of democracy. The Australian Government is committed to a free press. However, press freedom is not absolute. Journalists, just like all Australians, are subject to the law of the land. The freedom to publish has always been subject to other considerations such as laws concerning defamation, concerning a defendant's right to a fair trial, and concerning national security.

There are clear rules and protections in place to support freedom of the press; the Government will continue to make appropriate legislative provision so journalists are able to report on matters in the public interest. Last year, the Government introduced laws which specifically protected the ability of journalists to report on such matters.

The Prime Minister has stated that if there is a suggestion, evidence, or analysis that reveals that there is a need for further improvement of those laws, the Government is open to considering that. However, it is important that the Government proceeds calmly and consultatively in respect of any changes.

In the case of the ABC, Parliament has legislated independence in relation to editorial and operational matters to protect reporting from interference. This means that the ABC, as one of our national broadcasters, has legislative protection for the important role it plays in reporting news and current affairs and telling stories from across Australia.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you.

Regards
Paul Fletcher

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Subject: Fwd: Come to Snap Protest_Paul Fletcher's Office_Tuesday 11 June 1pm_PROTECT PRESS FREEDOM

FYI

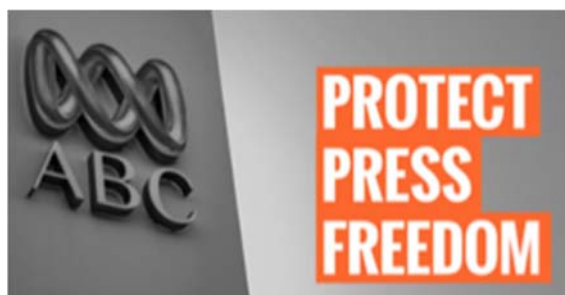
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Subject: Come to Snap Protest_Paul Fletcher's Office_Tuesday 11 June 1pm_PROTECT PRESS FREEDOM

Bradfield residents who are concerned about the attack on democracy are calling for a short protest outside Paul Fletcher Office, Federal Member for Bradfield on Tuesday 11 June, 1pm

Can you please come or promote?



TELL

Paul Fletcher

Federal Minister for Communications & Member for Bradfield

we want him to

PROTECT PRESS FREEDOM

Come to Snap Community Protest

Tuesday 11 June, 2019

1 PM

outside his office at

Suite 1, Level 2, 280 Pacific Highway, Lindfield, NSW, 2070

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