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**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 June 2018 9:50 AM  
**To:** Gregson, Scott; Anderson, Michael; Heys, Nicholas  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up question / Indigenous art [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks Scott.

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Thanks for the reminder – have just shared a draft with the team and will get you something today.

Regards

Scott

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Hi all

Just following up on this. Scott, appreciate you have a lot on so copied in Nick and Michael as they often prepare these sort of responses on our behalf and might be able to draft something for you.

Best  
Elise

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Hi all

I've just heard back from Grace; they've been in the middle of shooting. Good news Delia is we are not needed on camera for an interview at this stage, as I know your schedule is already jam packed at the moment.

Grace would like on the record something to the effect of that we have a number of active investigations into fake Indigenous art (without naming any individual businesses), and we would have concerns where etc etc. She was particularly interested in understanding the law in relation to misleading and deceptive and what we would think that would look like.

Scott, would it be possible for you to ask Melinda's team to draft something they are comfortable with sharing with the program? Not a huge rush, this may go to air the Sunday after next but depends on the Voice, apparently.

Thanks and best  
Elise

**From:** Rickard, Delia

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Thanks for that feedback. Happy for us to do this on camera.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018 02:26 PM AUS Eastern Standard Time

**To:** Ayres, Lisa Anne; Davidson, Elise; Rickard, Delia; Peter, Wendy

**Cc:** de Gruchy, Rayne; Gregson, Scott

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Thanks all,

There are a few sensitivities here including matters before the court. This said, I think there is a clear line of contribution we can make on the broader issues, our past activity in the area and our ongoing interest through current investigations.

I support agreeing to on camera and pleased to work on possible talking points.

Regards

Scott

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Elise given that conduct impacting Indigenous Australians is one of our enduring priorities I think it is worth doing the interview on camera.

As you are aware we continue to be named in the hearings of the Standing Parliamentary looking at these issues.

Lisa Anne

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Thanks Delia. To clarify, this would not be in relation to anything before the Courts, i.e. Birubi.

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While my instincts are to agree to do an on camera, however, given that we're in court, I'd take advice from Wendy on the request. As we've provided backgrounding the need for us to do it is reduced.

Cheers  
Delia

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Hi Scott, Delia

See below from 60 Minutes. Thanks for your time and detailed background you provided yesterday, Scott, it was great.

Delia – Rod is not checking emails for the rest of today so looping you into this request. We were asked to provide background for a forthcoming 60 Minutes story on fake Indigenous art.

All - do you think we should consider this request to speak on camera on the record? We would not have to name the businesses, obviously, but I think it a good opportunity to talk about the *type* of conduct/practices we find concerning, and send a wider deterrence message.

Regards  
Elise

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Hello Elise,

Thanks so much for lining up the chat yesterday with Scott Gregson. Really appreciate it.

Given it was only for background purposes, [REDACTED]

I was hoping to include a line about it in our story.

No problem if not.

Many thanks,

**Grace Tobin**

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