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Dear Mr Leach

THE PROJECT

Thank you for your correspondence regarding *The Project* broadcast 29 October 2017 on TEN. We regret that your organisation is dissatisfied with the comment in question.

The material broadcast on commercial television is regulated by the *Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice* (the Code). The Code has been registered with the Australian Communications and Media Authority and has been formulated after extensive consultation with government advisory bodies, community interest groups and the public generally.

The Code includes specific requirements for news and current affairs programs covering, amongst other things, that factual material must be broadcast accurately and viewpoints represented fairly. This applies to material facts and material misrepresentations of viewpoints.

News programs must present news fairly and impartially. Clause 3.4.3 of the Code provides that current affairs programs such as *The Project* are not required to be impartial and may take a particular stance on issues.

You refer to a comment by guest Dr Karl Kruszelnicki story. Dr Karl appeared on the program to discuss his latest book, "Karl, The Universe and Everything". This included discussion of Wi-Fi security and childhood amnesia. Upon review we consider the broadcast complied with the Code. Dr Karl expressed his viewpoint as permitted under the Code. Further information was also provided on the program website:

According to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), there is no established scientific evidence that the low exposure to RF EME from Wi-fi adversely affects the health of children or the general population.

For more information, see <https://www.arpansa.gov.au/understanding-radiation/radiation-sources/more-radiation-sources/wi-fi>

We do appreciate your concerns and your feedback has been discussed with the program producers. To the extent your complaint falls within the scope of the Code, if you are not satisfied with our response, you may refer the matter to the Australian Communications and Media Authority.

Yours sincerely

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Regulatory Manager