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# ABC Statement in response to Noel Pearson, Monday 21 November

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The ABC provides more coverage of Indigenous issues and has a broader Indigenous staffing profile than any other Australia media outlet.

It has given an extended platform and broad audiences to a range of Indigenous commentators including Noel Pearson, Josephine Cashman, Marcia Langton and others to canvass issues like welfare dependency, alcohol abuse and violence against women.

With its 60 locations across Australia, the ABC covers the everyday experiences of Indigenous communities and provides a range of programs to give voices to Indigenous Australians and to showcase their achievements.

The ABC has also been at the forefront in recognising Indigenous talent. ABC Radio, ABC TV and ABC News have set up Indigenous units to better reflect Indigenous culture in staffing and in story-telling. These initiatives have delivered programs including the award-winning series *Redfern Now* and *Gods of Wheat Street* and the recent hiring of journalist Stan Grant, whom Mr Pearson has described as “speaking for black Australia”.

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