

'Sick to my stomach': Olympic legend Dawn Fraser calls out Anthony Albanese over his silence on ABC's Gina Rinehart murder segment

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Olympic legend Dawn Fraser has labelled Prime Minister Anthony Albanese a “spineless imbecile” for his silence over an ABC segment calling for the murder of Gina Rinehart.

BREAKING: Gina Rinehart to sue the ABC over vile sketch

Olympic legend Dawn Fraser has called Anthony Albanese “spineless” over his failure to condemn the ABC for a segment calling for the murder of Gina Rinehart.

The national broadcaster has faced growing [public backlash](#) after it refused to remove and apologise for the skit which encouraged viewers to sodomise and murder the Hancock Prospecting boss.

Ms Rinehart has since [launched legal action against the ABC and several senior executives](#) after the broadcaster failed to apologise and remove the episode of Race Around the World.

Despite growing public resentment, neither the Prime Minister nor [any of his senior ministers have called for the ABC to apologise](#).



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Ms Fraser, one of Australia's most decorated Olympians, said Mr Albanese's silence made her "sick to my stomach".

"I am sick to my stomach to think we have a government funded network ABC showing vile pieces to air about one of Australia's greatest supporters Gina Rinehart and our vile Prime Minister has not come out and condemned the content," Ms Fraser wrote in the post.

"You are a spineless imbecile Albanese and you get more disgusting as the days gone on.

"To let this vile crap on ABC go to air and not come out and say anything against it shows the insipid little degenerate you are."

The Prime Minister has failed to speak publicly [about the segment](#) which has drawn widespread public criticism.

Senior ministers and government officials, including [eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant](#), have refused to call for the ABC to apologise.

Communications Minister Anika Wells conceded the segment was "unacceptable" but maintained that the ABC had "editorial independence".



Australian Olympic legend Dawn Fraser condemned the Prime Minister's silence on the ABC segment.

Picture Daily Telegraph / Monique Harmer

Acting Prime Minister Richard Marles followed the same run sheet, telling News24 it was “entirely unacceptable”.

But both fell short of calling for an apology.

“I haven't seen this vision or this video, so I want to make that clear,” Mr Marles said.

“But certainly, as it's been described to me, you know, from my perspective, this sounds completely unacceptable and I'd want to make that clear.”



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has fallen silent on the issue. Picture: NewsWire / Martin Ollman.
Mr Marles said he thought the ABC's referral to the Ombudsman was a "good step".

"Obviously it has editorial independence. But I think it is appropriate that this has been referred to the Ombudsman," the Acting Prime Minister said.

Ms Fraser's post, which has garnered more than 10,000 likes on Facebook, comes as Ms Rinehart and Hancock Prospecting handed out more than \$1.2 million to Australian swimmers at the Commonwealth Games.

The medal bonuses have been bequeathed to swimmers and para-swimmers as part of the company's long-standing patronage of the sport.

Ms Fraser, a four time Olympic gold medallist and former world record holder, said she was "disgusted and embarrassed" at the criticism levelled at Ms Rinehart.

"I'm disgusted and embarrassed to think that anyone that chooses to support our athletes can be ridiculed, denigrated and shown no respect to a person that has nothing and asked for nothing while all she does is help our sporting teams," she said in a post last week.

"Gina Rinehart if only you were around when I was swimming I would have been absolutely unbelievably grateful for your generosity like I know our swimmers, rowers, synchronized swimmer, volleyballers, just to name a few, are now for your generosity.

"NO one has the right to tell someone what to say. What happen to freedom of speech in this country ?????"



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It comes after the ABC aired a skit that depicted a French-revolutionary-style violent attack on Ms Rinehart and encouraged the audience to act "when the revolution comes".

"Because when the revolution comes will you hide under the bed or will you know exactly how to shove a stick right up Gina Rinehart's butt hole, stirring it round, mixing her guts up nice and smooth, to make one big sausage roll to make something out of nothing," the ABC broadcast into family homes around the country.

The ABC defended the segment as ["editorially justifiable"](#).



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News24.com.au then revealed on Friday that Ms Rinehart had launched legal action against the broadcaster.

The ABC [released a statement on behalf of the Kate McGuinness](#), the controversial filmmaker who wrote the film, where she apologised to "anyone I've offended".

Hancock Prospecting wrote to ABC Managing Director Hugh Marks last week asking [for an apology and for the clip to be removed](#) – to which Mr Marks did not respond.

Hancock Prospecting then sent extensive legal letters to the ABC's Chair Kim Williams, Deputy Chair Lisa Caffery and Mr Marks late on Thursday evening.

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"On 23 July 2026, Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (Hancock) wrote to the ABC Board regarding the publication and continued publication of material concerning its Executive Chairman, Mrs Gina Rinehart AO," a statement by Hancock Prospecting read.

"Hancock called upon the ABC to immediately remove the material from all ABC platforms, publicly apologise to Mrs Rinehart, and undertake a comprehensive investigation into how the material came to be commissioned, approved and published, together with full accountability for those responsible.

"One week has now elapsed. The ABC's Board and senior management have provided no substantive public response, nor any substantive response to Hancock or Mrs Rinehart, and have taken no steps to remove the material from ABC platforms, despite widespread public condemnation and the serious risks its publication and continued publication pose to Mrs Rinehart.

"Hancock has now formally placed ABC Chair Kim Williams AM, Deputy Chair Lisa Caffery and Managing Director Hugh Marks on notice of detailed allegations of serious contraventions of multiple Australian criminal and civil laws arising from the ABC's publication and continued publication of the material."

An ABC spokesperson told News24.com.au "The ABC has received correspondence from lawyers acting for Ms Rinehart and will respond to it in due course.

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"The ABC Ombudsman is independently reviewing audience complaints in relation to the 12 July Race Around the World episode in accordance with the ABC's complaints handling process."

The ABC has [referred the segment to the Ombudsman](#) after numerous audience complaints.

The ABC Ombudsman is an internal office which reports directly to the ABC board.