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Dear Mr Bannister,

Thank you for your email regarding correspondence with Gosford producer, Brad Storey.

We have spoken with Mr Storey who accepts that he used inappropriate language in his correspondence to you, which he regrets. He admits that in this instance he reacted personally to the SSAA wording in the media release regarding Walter Mikac. Mr Storey is a friend of Mr Mikac's wife second wife Kim Sporton and this affected his judgement in this instance. He admits, and we agree, that this was inappropriate and we apologise.

Mr Storey also pointed out that no air time was given to gun control issue or to spokespeople from either side of the debate on 92.5 ABC Central Coast on the day in question. The topic was not discussed on air because there were other pressing and immediate local issues that were prioritised on the particular day the press release was issued.

Mr Storey has assured me that he has no issue with the SSAA and would welcome further correspondence. As you rightly point out, the ABC aims to cover all stories accurately and impartially, and to include all relevant perspectives appropriately. We are confident we do that in relation to the gun control issue. The SSA should feel perfectly safe in forwarding any and all information to us as required, and that information and the perspective of the SSAA will be treated on its merits.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Regards,



Cath Dwyer

Local Manager, Sydney and Gosford