



# Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

## World Hindu Council

### Hindu Australians Condemn False Reporting by ABC, SBS and 9NEWS on Shri Ram Mandir in India

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 was a historic day for Hindus around the world, as it demonstrated the love and devotion in the hearts of a billion Hindus for its history, spirituality and faith.

Everyone moved beyond political differences and came together to celebrate culmination of 500 years of patient wait by the Hindus around the world to see its most revered God Bhagwan Shri Ram move from a makeshift tent to a proper sanctified temple. The Hindu Australians are joyous, ecstatic, and emotional celebrated this event across the country.

In the usual shameful display of biased reporting and Hindu hate [ABC](#), [SBS](#) and [9News](#) came up with articles making false accusations on the Hindu community and hurting the sentiments of all Hindus in Australia and around the world.

Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. on behalf of the Hindu community of Australia and more than 250 Australian Hindu Organisations, Temples and Associations (HOTA Forum), condemns ABC, SBS and 9News for peddling false narrative and hate against Hindus.

Australia prides to be a successful experiment in multiculturalism but sadly the public funded media outlets provide an incorrect and biased reporting on historic events close to the hearts of Hindu Australians and promotes Hindu hate in Australia.

We question that why and on what basis ABC, SBS and 9News source these biased opinions and incorrect facts from Hindu haters like Avani Dias, Meghna Bali, and Som Patidar. We refuse to believe that ABC, SBS or 9News cannot find any reporter who can present an unbiased and factual or at least an alternate view to balance the reporting.

We ask ABC, SBS and 9News to immediately remove the news articles from their websites with an apology to the Hindu community and only publish it once it has included all facts and statements from the people who support the construction of temple.

Such false narratives promote anti-social Hindu phobic extremists against the peace loving, hardworking and contributing Hindu Australian community and will disrupt peace and social harmony in our society. This amounts to malicious and irresponsible reporting.

We ask the government and Australian Press Council to take strong action to prevent such false reports and **call on the ABC, SBS and 9News to include more diverse sources for their reports on India and Hindus** as it affects us deeply in Australia.

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