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Dear ROGER KARGE

This email provides a copy of your comments recently submitted to the ABC via the online email form located on this webpage :
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Yours sincerely,

ABC Audience Support

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Your Comments: In this ABC Australian Story : Voice From the Heart | Megan Davis, Lucy Davis makes the claim on behalf of the family's ancestry that, "My grandmother Elizabeth Ober was a South Sea Islander woman. She was taken and brought here from Vanuatu. They would basically kidnap people and brought them here to work in the sugar cane industry." [from about 12:18]

The claim that the family's grandmother Elizabeth Ober was taken [kidnapped] from Vanuatu and brought to Queensland is not true and as such is misinformation and misleading to viewers.

Elizabeth Ober was in fact born in Queensland on 1 November 1891 as recorded in the Queensland Births, Deaths & Marriages Records #QLDBDM# 1891/C/8961.

She was not born in Vanuatu but instead grew up with her parents in Queensland until her marriage to John Malary on 22 February 1911 as confirmed in the Queensland Births, Deaths & Marriages Records QLDBDM# 1911/C/2220

Further information can be found here: <https://www.dark-emu-exposed.org/home/the-megan-davis-story-part-2-zf7a9>

I believe that this misinformation was used by the producers of the ABC documentary to mislead the viewers that colonial and pre-Federated Australia was a racist country that treated 'people-of-colour' in general, and Elizabeth Ober in particular, as 'slaves.'

I believe that the ABC is showing uncritical bias, without sufficient fact-checking, in favour of the YES Campaign, by producing a program that viewers would consider to be a 'documentary.' Given the professional tone of the program, viewers would be expected to believe that all statements in it are factual.

Clearly Megan and Lucy Davis's grandmother Elizabeth Ober could not have be 'kidnapped from Vanuatu' given that she was born in Queensland and spent her early life there, as her birth and marriage records confirm.

In our opinion, this is just misinformation by the Davis's and the ABC and a correction or retraction should be issued by the ABC

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