

ABC Regional apologise for the regrettable and serious editorial lapses in the *Statewide Drive* programs of 20 and 21 April, and would like to assure you that these matters have been discussed with the *Drive* program team, who will complete supplementary editorial training in light of these findings. As a result of your complaint, a correction noting that the OCR found that claims of widespread breaches could not be substantiated was put to air by *Statewide Drive* on 20 July and stated:

Nicole Chvastek: *“Before we move on, I’d like to return to an issue that we covered in late April, where allegations were raised by highly credentialled ecologist Professor David Lindenmayer whose peer reviewed research found there has been widespread and systematic breaches of a Victorian law banning logging in areas protected for drinking water supply.*

*While the Office of the Victorian conservation regulator’s investigation of these allegations found VicForests breached the law at two locations, it decided **not to take action**, saying that it found no evidence of demonstrable environmental harm.*

*We should have made clear in our coverage of Professor Lindenmayer’s research that the Regulator told the ABC that concerns of systemic and widespread breaching of slope prescriptions by VicForests could not be substantiated ... we apologise this was not made clear in our April coverage.”*