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Commercial TV - Australian content compliance results

- In May and July 2021, the ACMA published 2020 compliance results for Australian and children's content quotas, for metropolitan and regional commercial television licensees, respectively.
- Broadcasters reported that:
 - all broadcasters provided more than the required overarching Australian content transmission quotas for primary and non-primary channels
 - some, but not all, of the first release Australian content sub-quotas were met.
- All broadcasters met the first release Australian documentary and repeat Australian children's drama sub-quotas. The following networks met the following sub-quotas:
 - Network 7, and its affiliates, met the first release Australian drama sub-quota
 - Networks 9 and 10, and their affiliates, met the first release Australian children's drama sub-quota, and the 'all children's programs' sub-quota
 - Network 9, and its affiliates, met the 'all Australian pre-school programs' sub-quota
 - Network 10, and its affiliates, met the triennial sub-quota for first release children's drama for the 2018-2020 triennium
 - No network met the first release Australian children's programs sub-quota.
- Compliance reports for the 2021 calendar year are due to be reported to the ACMA in March 2022. These will be the first reports against the new requirements set out in the new Australian Content and Children's Television Standards.