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Fairfax Metro's national political coverage will be restructured to create a breaking news operation, strengthen the work of the national reporting pool and build a digital-first news culture.

This will better resource national affairs coverage between the three metropolitan dailies - The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age and The Canberra Times - while protecting the strength and standing of our mastheads. It will enable breaking news to be launched through an expanded National Times site within the major metropolitan websites. The Canberra Times will contribute two reporters to the Canberra pool and receive all pool copy.

All Herald and Age Canberra staff now report to me, except for the bureau chiefs and Sunday correspondents. Lenore Taylor and Katharine Murphy remain senior Herald and Age correspondents, but will work with me in the roles described below. The changes will take effect in late January

#### THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Chief Political Reporter Phil Coorey

National Affairs Correspondent Lenore Taylor

Lenore will contribute on a project basis to a new national investigations structure to be launched in the new year. She will also contribute breaking news, views and analysis to the National Times stream.

Sketch writer Jacqueline Maley

#### THE AGE

Political Editor Michelle Grattan

National Affairs Correspondent Katharine Murphy

Katharine will also write a daily politics blog for the National Times when Parliament sits.

Sketch writer Tony Wright

(Tim Colebatch, who is on extended leave, remains Economics Editor of The Age)

#### THE BREAKING NEWS/NATIONAL TIMES TEAM

Online Political Editor Tim Lester

Online reporters Jessica Wright, Judith Ireland

#### THE CANBERRA BUREAU TEAM

Bureau Chief of Staff/ Environment David Wroe

David will coordinate the work of specialist correspondents in the pool and liaise with the Sydney and Melbourne news desks. He will continue to report on environment and climate change.

Foreign Affairs Dan Flitton (Senior Correspondent)  
Foreign Affairs, immigration and politics.

Defence and National Security Dylan Welch  
Defence, Home Affairs, AFP, intelligence agencies, Customs, Veterans Affairs

Health Mark Metherell

Economics Peter Martin  
Treasury, Finance, tax, trade, superannuation, financial services, Industry, Trade

Business Clancy Yeates  
BusinessDay (reports to National Business Editor) NBN, Resources

Social Affairs and Indigenous Affairs Dan Harrison  
Welfare, Community Services, Indigenous Affairs, Attorney General, High Court

Arts and Culture Jacqueline Maley

Regional and Rural Affairs Richard Willingham  
Regions, transport, infrastructure, agriculture

Education and Media Bianca Hall  
Education, Media, youth, sport

Bureaucracy and Policy TBA

A new role to watch the public service, government agencies, the lobbies and the lobbyists. Contributes to national investigation

#### BREAKING NEWS

Tim Lester will lead the new breaking news unit, directing the two dedicated online political reporters and drawing breaking news, views and analysis from bureau correspondents and the bureau chiefs as required through the day.

All Canberra staff will be expected to think digital first: if a story is going to break during the day it belongs online and we must aim to break it first.

The breaking news operation will begin early on weekdays and the team will work in tandem with bureau correspondents to cover the main events of the day.

Tim will drive video content for online and iPad

#### THE NATIONAL TIMES

The objective is to make The National Times the most popular, authoritative and entertaining online site for national affairs coverage while reinforcing the reputation of our great mastheads.

It will be the channel for all national political reporting, commentary and analysis across all Metro websites, including breaking news coverage. Big stories will be drawn to the top of the main websites on merit and linked back to the National Times.

All National Times content will be managed by National Times editors and the Online Political Editor, reporting to me .

The National Times site will be reconfigured to give top billing to breaking news, breaking views, a live politics blog and strong social media links.

The site will strengthen the profile of our best staff commentators and columnists and introduce a new range of voices in columns and blogs.

## THE BUREAU CORRESPONDENTS

The work of the bureau rounds will be coordinated by bureau chief of staff David Wroe. There will no longer be a daily Canberra print newslist. Correspondents will file briefs directly to the national newslists in Sydney and Melbourne and will deal directly with masthead news editors.

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