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ABC NEWS IN 2019

- The Drum moves to prime-time
- Expanded roles for Patricia Karvelas, Jeremy Fernandez, Karina Carvalho
- Australia's best election coverage

ABC current affairs panel show **The Drum** will move to a new time-slot on ABC TV in 2019 with an expanded format.

The Drum will run for an hour from 6.00pm AEDT as a lively lead-in to the flagship ABC 7pm News, replayed at 7.00pm AEDT on the ABC NEWS channel.

Julia Baird and **Ellen Fanning** will continue to share hosting duties during the week.

"The new timeslot gives more Australians the opportunity to join the liveliest, smartest conversation on the key issues of the day," said ABC Director, News Gaven Morris.

Other highlights revealed today include:

Patricia Karvelas – With an expanded role from 4.00pm weekday afternoons on the ABC NEWS channel, PK will bring viewers the news-breaking interviews and informed analysis of politics and national affairs that already make *RN Drive* essential listening

Jeremy Fernandez and Karina Carvalho – Monday to Thursday on ABC NEWS channel from 8.00pm-9.45pm, two of Australia's top news presenters deliver comprehensive coverage of the main stories of the day at home and abroad.

Democracy in full colour – In a critical federal election year, the ABC will again be the home of election and politics coverage with Australia's best and most trusted political team and **Vote Compass**, the largest survey of voter attitudes ever undertaken in Australia

More details on all of these and more coming in the new year.

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