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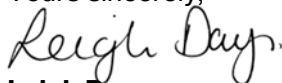
DATED: 28 April 2026

Dear Mr Johnston,

2nd Letter - Thematic review of the BBC's reporting on the climate breakdown

1. We write again on behalf of our client, Mr Jon Fuller, further to our first letter dated 7 April 2026 (the "First Letter") and your interim response by email dated 20 April 2026 (the "Interim Response").
2. Whilst our client welcomes the BBC's commitment to the Review, he remains extremely anxious about the ongoing delays in the BBC obtaining formal approval for the Review to commence. The subject matter of the Review, namely climate breakdown, is one of the most pressing issues facing humanity right now, and it is already leading to mass loss of life. It represents an unprecedented emergency, requiring immediate action. In light of which, it is not reasonable for the BBC to delay any further.
3. Consequently, our client needs to be told within the next 14 days the timetable for the commencement of the Review. If he is not, then we will advise him on his options in respect of bringing a claim for judicial review in respect of the failure on the part of the BBC to act lawfully and in a timely manner.
4. In addition, whilst our client also welcomes the proposed independence of the Review, it must be conducted in order to ensure meaningful change. That means the external reviewers must be truly independent. However, our client does not accept your position in the Interim Response that it is only the external reviewers, who decide the timescales for, and approach to, the Review. Those are matters clearly and appropriately within the BBC's remit when setting the terms of reference and in choosing which external reviewer to commission. We therefore repeat that all of the Terms listed in the First Letter must be adopted by the BBC when commissioning the Review. The BBC can either frame the Review in a way that is helpful (for example by: scoping issues in, which will lead to robust findings; ensuring the reviewers have the requisite scientific knowledge; setting an ambitious timetable commensurate with the urgency of the situation; and inviting views from the public), or in a way that is unhelpful. Our client encourages the BBC to choose the former.

Yours sincerely,



Leigh Day