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Mr Jim Carroll  
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**RE: The Feed - "Basketbrawl" program**

I write to you on behalf of the Australian Basketballers' Association (ABA) and our members, including the Australian men's national team, the Boomers.

We wish to express the ABA's significant disappointment and displeasure regarding the segment "Basketbrawl" on SBS program The Feed, aired on Wednesday 4 July.

This clip trivialises the dangerous and threatening situation our players were confronted with in Manila and completely dismisses the current wellbeing of our players. It attempts – unsuccessfully – to satirize a very serious and confronting incident.

Concerningly, the segment exacerbates the stress under which our players now find themselves. SBS has covered mental health issues of athletes on programs such as *Insight*. It is disheartening that the possible consequences to player's mental well-being have clearly not been considered during the program's editorial process.

As an Australian national broadcaster, we expected the SBS to hold itself to higher standards.

Regards,

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