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## **TEN'S MATT MORAN WINS PRESS GALLERY JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD**

TEN News journalist Matt Moran was last night awarded the prestigious 10<sup>th</sup> annual Paul Lyneham Award for Excellence in Journalism for the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery following his exclusive coverage of the recent ADF sex scandal.

Announced during the Press Gallery Mid-Winter Ball, the judges praised Moran's coverage of the Skype incident - where an 18 year old female cadet was unknowingly filmed while having a sexual encounter with a fellow cadet - and the aftermath of the event.

They agreed that "his exclusive interviews with the young woman at the centre of the controversy were illuminating and respectful and conducted with great sensitivity."

"Without his interviews with the young woman and the bravery shown by her in going public with what had happened to her, this story may well have been buried by the ADF. Instead, a series of inquiries are now underway into this incident and into the whole vexed issue of the treatment of women in the ADF."

TEN's Head of News, Jim Carroll, congratulated Matt on his award saying his journalistic efforts on the ADF scandal were outstanding.

"Matt showed that this kind of story can be told with compassion and empathy while still delivering the stark detail that can trigger governments and organisations into action," Mr Carroll said.

"Matt had only been in Canberra a short time but has already made his mark. He represents the best qualities of news journalism at TEN and we are incredibly proud of him."

Matt joined TEN's Canberra bureau in February this year, moving from the TEN newsroom in Perth. On winning the award, he said: "It's a great honour to be recognised with this fantastic award and it was a real team effort from TEN. By Kate's bravery and willingness to tell her story it's helped a lot of other people to find the courage to speak out about their own concerns."

"Matt has made a terrific impact in a very short time in Canberra," said TEN's political editor and Canberra bureau Chief Hugh Riminton. "His work on the ADFA scandal showed great maturity and judgement."

"This is a prestigious award, much sought after by some of the most senior journalists in the land," said Riminton. "We will be hearing a lot more of Matt Moran."

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### *Information about The Paul Lyneham Award*

The Award is sponsored by the National Australia Bank. Mat Moran will receive a \$5000 cheque and have his name inscribed on the Paul Lyneham perpetual trophy. Designed by cartoonist Bruce Petty, the trophy is

permanently displayed at the National Press Club. Past winners include Matt Price, Tony Walker, Laura Tingle, Paul Daley, Mark Riley, Lenore Taylor, Katharine Murphy, Lyndal Curtis, and Nicola Berkovic.

The Lyneham family congratulates Mat Moran and thanks the three judges, the National Australia Bank, the National Press Club and the Federal Press Gallery Committee for making this year's Paul Lyneham Award such a huge success.

The Paul Lyneham Award is uniquely restricted to members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery and is made possible by Paul Lyneham's family, wife Dorothy Horsfield, daughter Chloe and sons Joel & Mathew Lyneham.

This year the Lyneham family were honoured to have former editor of *The Age*, Michael Gawenda, former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and currently the National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking, Dr Tom Calma, and Professor Paul Pickering, politics historian from the Australian National University, to judge the award.