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**From:** Outside of scope  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 April 2023 2:49 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope  
**Subject:** RE: Offer to meet with ACC legal/medical expertise re: CTE cases

Thanks Outside of scope Will send a calendar invite for you to forward to Outside of scope and Outside of scope

Just checking how we can structure the meeting to maximise our time. I am not sure how much Outside of scope and Outside of scope know about NZR's interventions at all levels of the game? Would this be helpful, or shall we just cut to the chase and talk about the cases?

Thoughts?

Agenda:

Time		
10:00am	Welcome and introductions	Outside of scope NZR Outside of scope ACC
10:10am	Overview of Concussion and CTE approach for both organisations  OR  Direct questions about the cases	NZR – Outside of scope and Outside of scope ACC – Outside of scope and Outside of scope
10:30am	Q&A – legal and medical expertise (only required if we provide the overview)	
10:50am	Final discussion points or next steps	Outside of scope and Outside of scope

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Yes, anytime from 10am onwards.

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Does Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May work in the morning?

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**From:** Outside of scope  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 April 2023 1:13 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope  
**Subject:** RE: Offer to meet with ACC legal/medical expertise re: CTE cases

Thanks Outside of

I am actually away 28 April – 05 May aswell – sorry!

How about the following week?

Out  
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Hi Outside of

Does May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 130pm onwards work for you and your colleagues?

We can host here if you like and zoom [Outside of](#) in 😊

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**From:** Outside of scope [redacted] >  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 April 2023 4:42 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope [redacted] >  
**Subject:** RE: Offer to meet with ACC legal/medical expertise re: CTE cases

Unfortunately [redacted] is in Auckland.

So – myself and [redacted] from our legal team would be I person but [redacted] would be online.

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**From:** Outside of scope [redacted] >  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 April 2023 3:59 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope [redacted] >  
**Subject:** RE: Offer to meet with ACC legal/medical expertise re: CTE cases

Just checking [redacted] are we able to have the meeting in person?  
Happy to come to ACC if that works best or we can host.

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**To:** Outside of scope [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Offer to meet with ACC legal/medical expertise re: CTE cases

Kia ora **Outside of**,

Hope you had a great weekend.

I have had a chat with my colleague **Outside of** who works in this area and is more than happy to meet with you all.

**Outside of** is away over the next 10 days but is available from 13 April onwards to support this conversation.

Do you want to suggest a few days/time that might work for you all after 13 April? I will be on leave Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April but otherwise available.

Thanks

**Out  
side**

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**From:** **Outside of scope** >  
**Sent:** Friday, 31 March 2023 2:24 pm  
**To:** **Outside of scope** >  
**Subject:** Offer to meet with ACC legal/medical expertise re: CTE cases

Kia Ora **Outsi  
de of**

Following up from our last meeting, I have checked with **Outsid  
e of** and **Outsi  
de of** who are both keen to take this opportunity.

If between you and I, we can connect them with the right people at ACC to discuss any learning opportunities and current best practice, this would be a great first step.

Happy to help as required.

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**From:** Outside of scope  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 March 2023 3:09 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope  
**Subject:** FW: Probable CT media enquiry response

Kia ora team,

Please can you let me know if you would still like me to set up some time to discuss this further with some of my ACC colleagues from other parts of the business?

Outside of scope I know you have been in touch with Out and some of his team, so I wanted to check if you have all you need or if you would like any further info/discussion.

Thanks,

Ou

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**From:** Outside of scope  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 March 2023 3:07 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope; Outside of scope  
**Cc:** Outside of scope; Outside of scope  
**Subject:** Probable CT media enquiry response

Kia ora Outside of scope

Hope you've had a good start to the week.

I am following up on our conversations from last week about the recent media enquiry we have received from Dylan Cleaver. We are unable to share the full response due the personal nature of some of the information included but, below is the para we have provided in response to the question about prevention. In addition, our full response *does not* suggest that ACC accepts a causal link between concussion and CTE, but rather aims to outline the complexities and the current state of the evidence.

Are response went back to Dylan this afternoon.

Any questions just let me know,

Ou

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## **Concussion prevention**

ACC continues with the work delivered through sports injury prevention partnerships including:

- *A focus on Fair play (the rules are there to protect the players),*
- *Skill and tech (good technique can help players avoid getting into an 'at risk' position),*
- *Physical condition (ensuring players are prepared for the physical demands of the sport),*
- *Supporting sports codes to develop and implement concussion policies based on the ACC Sports concussion guidelines,*
- *Community wide education on how to recognise a concussion and what to do next.*

*The release of the new international consensus statement on sports related concussion is expected by May 2023, we will consider what this means in a New Zealand context and update our guidelines.*

*We continue to work with all of our sports partners to understand where changes to the rules might be needed to improve player safety.*

*We know that good early management of concussion improves patient outcomes. ACC has developed and implemented an ongoing programme of work to improve the management of concussion in primary care, this includes upskilling of GP's, option of an extended appointment time to allow for a more comprehensive assessment, use of a standard assessment tool to support clinical decision making and increased consistency of care.*

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**Subject:** Fwd: CTE media query - the spinoff

Kia Ora Outside of scope and Outside of scope

See below from Outside of scope Any chance of supporting a response? Apologies as I am on leave in Australia so have no capacity.

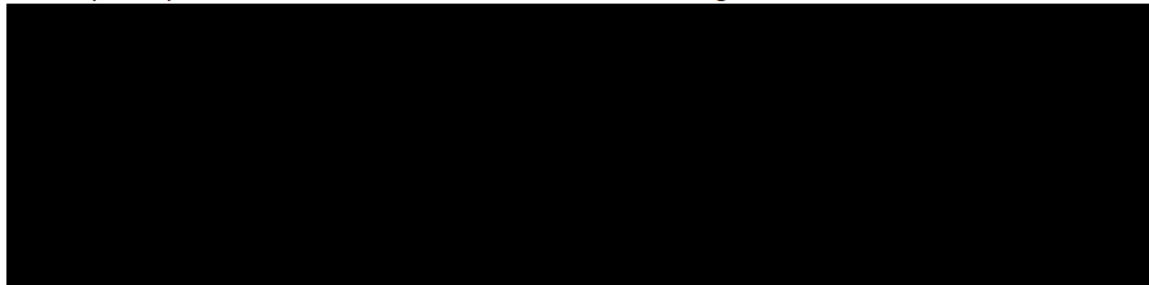
Outside of scope good luck with the piece. I can connect when I am back next week.

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**To:** Outside of scope  
**Cc:** Outside of scope  
**Subject:** CTE media query - the spinoff

Kia ora Outside of scope

Hope you had a good holiday.

We have had a media enquiry from Dylan Cleaver; he is developing a feature article for the spinoff about an ACC client with an accepted case of probable CTE as a result of injuries suffered while playing rugby.

We are preparing a response to address the key questions from Dylan. It is quite a short turnaround (Thursday deadline) so we wanted to let you know about this as early as we could.

Do you want to share with **Outsi** and **Outsid** and then perhaps we can set up some time to discuss on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning?

Thanks,

**Out**  
**side**

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**To:** Outside of scope > Outside of scope  
**Cc:** Outside of scope | Outside of scope  
**Subject:** RE: CTE media enquiry - in confidence

Kia ora 

The story will also get pushed out to next week.

I am happy to make some time on Friday morning to talk further if you like?



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**Sent:** Thursday, 16 March 2023 12:51 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope | Outside of scope  
**Cc:** Outside of scope > Outside of scope  
**Subject:** RE: CTE media enquiry - in confidence

Hi Louise,

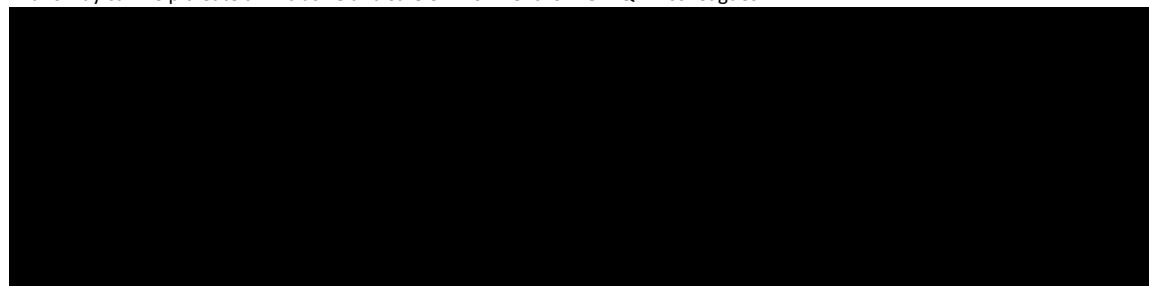
Happy to jump on a call if easier. Is the response not a public statement to a journalist based on the below enquiry?

Cheers,



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To: Outside of scope >; Outside of scope  
Cc: Outside of scope >; Outside of scope  
Subject: RE: CTE media enquiry - in confidence

Hi Outside of scope

Just further to Outside of scope email. We'll be able to share the parts of our response that refer to prevention initiatives with NZ Rugby however, as the response refers to a client's claim we cannot share anything further.

Ngā mihi  
Outside of scope

Outside of scope  
Senior Advisor Media, ACC

Outside of scope  
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Sent: Thursday, 16 March 2023 12:22 pm  
To: Outside of scope >; Outside of scope >  
Cc: Outside of scope >; Outside of scope >  
Subject: RE: CTE media enquiry - in confidence

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Thanks Outside of scope Assume that means the story has been pushed to next week?

Cheers,  
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**To:** Outside of scope; Outside of scope  
**Cc:** Outside of scope; Outside of scope >  
**Subject:** RE: CTE media enquiry - in confidence

Kia ora Outside of scope

Just wanted to acknowledge your email.

We have actually been able to push the deadline out to next week.

I will be in touch later today with some more info on some of the points we discussed yesterday and any further updates.

Back to you soon,  
Outside of scope

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**To:** Outside of scope; Outside of scope >  
**Cc:** Outside of scope; Outside of scope >  
**Subject:** RE: CTE media enquiry - in confidence

Morning Outside of scope and Outside of scope

Thanks for the chat yesterday and nice to meet you Outside of scope. Thanks also for taking all of our questions – there's obviously lots of context to consider from our side.

We'd certainly appreciate any visibility on your comms when possible today.

Much appreciated.

Cheers,

Outsi  
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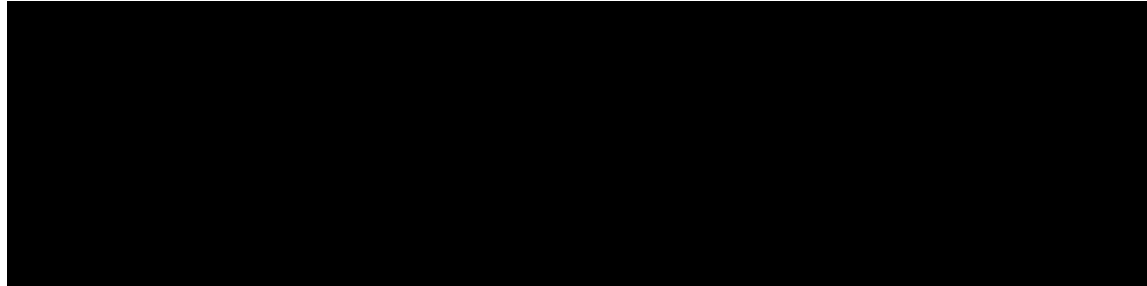
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**From:** Outside of scope

**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 March 2023 12:01 pm

**To:** Outside of scope

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**Cc:** Outside of scope

**Subject:** CTE media enquiry - in confidence

Kia Ora All,

Below are the key questions included in the media enquiry from Dylan Cleaver. I have removed the personal info.

*The person featured in the story has been recognised as having probable chronic traumatic encephalopathy, more commonly referred to as CTE (a diagnosis that can only be confirmed post-mortem) as a result of injuries suffered while playing rugby.*

*I would like to speak to an ACC spokesperson to determine:*

- 1. Whether this was the first such recognition in terms of compensation in NZ;*
- 2. Whether ACC has subsequently formulated any policy around CTE;*
- 3. Whether there are any plans to roll-out prevention information;*
- 4. How many CTE claimants there are.*

*I would also ask the ACC to respond to criticism in the story that the ACC's response to CTE claims has been too heavily dependent on the claimant providing proof rather than probability of the disease.*

Talk later,

Out  
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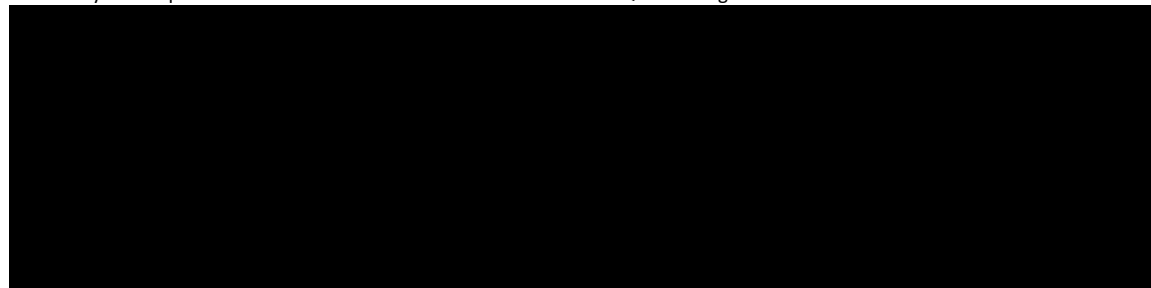
Thanks for letting us know. Would be great to chat tomorrow if you're free?

I can do 10.30am or anytime after 12pm. If you've got any more information in the meantime that's shareable that would be great.

Cheers,  
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Kia ora team,

Please see my note below to Outside of scope – apologies I wasn't sure when she was back from leave.

Let me know what you think and we can set up time to discuss further,

Thanks  
Outside of scope

Outside of scope (She/Her)

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**From:** Outside of scope  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 February 2023 2:47 pm  
**To:** Outside of scope  
**Cc:** Outside of scope  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - TVNZ Sunday

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Thankyou – I hope you and your families are safe aswell.

Thanks very much for sharing this. I am aware of Chris Nowinski and I saw that he was in NZ. I will share this confidentially with Outside of scope and ask her to brief her team as appropriate.

Thanks again and lease let me know if you need anything from us.

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**Cc:** Outside of scope  
**Subject:** FYI - TVNZ Sunday

Kia Ora Outsi  
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Hope you (and your loved) ones are safe in the wake of Cyclone Gabriel!

TVNZ's Sunday show are running a story on Sunday 19 February about a NZ rugby player who has been categorised as having 'Stage 2' CTE. This will be pitched as the first NZ player to receive this diagnosis. The former player played age-group representative rugby for Bay of Plenty in the 90s but has been living in the States more recently. Sadly, he's personally had a challenging time of it and passed away at the age of 50, hence the diagnosis.

Mark Crysall is the journalist with a particular interest in this space and they are following the brain back to NZ where it will be examined by Sir Richard Faull's team at the NZ Sports Brain Bank at the University of Auckland. We believe that this will take place later next week, and prominent neuroscientist and contact sport critic Chris Nowinski will also be in the country.

This is an exclusive for TVNZ so you can imagine they might be keen to promote the story next week via the likes of Breakfast and Seven Sharp. There is also the potential that they will use Nowinski as part of this and NZR are preparing for that to happen.

This may have little or no impact on ACC however, we thought to let you know just in case. We do have background information and key messages that were provided by NZR to the journalist.

Noting that this is confidential given TVNZ's exclusivity around the story. I have included **Outside of scope** in the email in case you have any media related questions.

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