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Last name	First name	Date	Details
P	Anon	15/04/2026	Subject: Hopefully your job will be cut soon
	Nicholas	15/04/2026	I couldn't think of more useless pack of retards. Subject: Broadcasting Standards Authority will 'probably' be scrapped, Goldsmith says Dear BSA, Thanks for all the hard work you have done, and I wish you well in your new careers. Kind regards
C	Richard	13/04/2026	How dare you people decide all of a sudden you can censor speech in New Zealand solely because of your political beliefs. And dont tell me thats not the case. Im a person who has Maori in them and i still say you have no right to decide because of your agenda I didnt hear you say anything when a prominent maoris wife came on using prolific use of the f word Or i suppose your going to say thats ok? People like you lot are helping NEW ZEALAND turn into a communist state and the people of this country maori and white wont stand for it.
B	Richard	13/04/2026	Hi Paul, I see your "tempted to scrap" the BSA. Just scrap it. It's been hijacked by a few people with their own agendas and is no longer fit for purpose. Reminds me of this snail. The Zombie Snail: Hijacked by a Parasite (🐛) Unelected snobs and wankersfull of yourselves and think your better and smarter than everyone else...I will rejoice in the day when you are disbanded.
A	Malcolm	8/04/2026	ONE person complains about Sean Plunket
A	Gordon	6/04/2026	(The Platform) using the word "Mumbo-jumbo!" What about the thousands who think Sean was correct? The President of the USA writes:- Do you want The BSA and politicians to decide what is offensive, what is racist and what is hate-speech? I wouldn't trust them as far as I could kick them! And don't try and drag it out till the election. We know how you lot work!
A	Leigh	4/04/2026	Subject: BSA stooges fuck up for the last time. ie Byebye Stasi Agents..... so says Blinky Bill and his UpA gumTree mates, QLD
A	Richard	3/04/2026	Subject: Freedom of speech Hello Take your mits off the Platform it brings to light many issues that mainstream media don't acknowledge in this country Personally I don't believe it comes under the umbrella of the BSA and should be left alone Regards
	Bevan	3/04/2026	After reading the news about the BSA trying to first of all take over Internet speech and now trying to take down Sean Plunket I am moved to email my distress about this situation directly. 3 things you should know: 1. BSA's role is not policing the Internet 2. Did you know the Gov can get rid of the org entirely? (Basically this is a death-march) 3. No one online seems to respect these decision on either side of the isle. I think you are completely out of touch with reality.
	Shaun	3/04/2026	Subject: Supreme leader Hey comrade, I am curious; if parliament said 'no', but you said 'yes', does that make you the supreme authority in the land? Just want to know whether to bother voting next election. Also curious where your lawyers got their degrees from as such extraordinary statutory interpretation might save us the hassle of maintaining a judiciary. Grateful to pay my tax to support such work. Thanks, Pleb.
	Greg	3/04/2026	Subject: Who is Stacey Wood? It's clear she's failed since 2022 Her resignation is CLEARLY now accepted. Sent from our NZ Laws! Kia Ora Comrade So great to see that you are closing down that horrible voice that we don't like from the Platform. If everyone was left to listen to these views then we would never get to have the Te Tiriti revolution that we need to have whereby we restore Maori to the rightful rulers of Aotearoa. I have lots of complaints that I would like to make about The Platform. Please let me know what types of complaints will stick and how I can best frame them (intersectionality - racist, gender/trans, Palestine etc). I will keep up the mahi for positive change.
A	Philip	3/04/2026	

B Steve 3/04/2026 The BSAs recent over reach is fucked. You have no control on us .. the public.. talkback on line or otherwise.
Try that shit going forward.. us (the public) we be sure the BSA wants to close itself rather than face what will happen. Not saying i will personally do it. But ive heard :)

You're over reach in my eyes is illegal. Again try it and the public will pull you all from your seats and onto the streets.

Yeah. I agree with the Platform. Tikanaga moari is utter woke mambo jumbo.
So what you going to do ablut it? Arrest me? Hahah come try.
The public will destroy you.
Plans in motion ive heard.

Mario 3/04/2026 The BSA has no right over the internet. Hopefully you will get disbanded
Jason 2/04/2026 Dear Ms Wood,
I am writing from the United Kingdom to complain in general at your over-reach in deciding that the Broadcasting Standards Authority has remit over online organisations such as The Platform.
This complaint is not about The Platform or your own made-up definition of a broadcaster. It is about a Government body whose powers, including of punishment and the ability to impose fines, are in place only due to legislation deciding on its own that it has the ability to start enforcing action against organisations. It is not the BSA to decide to expand its powers. It is for the Government of the day.
I note in your self-serving press release you admit the BSA has been seeking a change of this nature from the Government for some time. You don't get to start making up the law because you've got bored waiting. You also told Mike Hosking last year you would prefer legislation on this matter - thereby conceding it is a matter for the Government. Your powers come from Government legislation. The limit of those powers is under the legislation.
You are not elected. The Government is. You have a minister you can approach seeking to update legislation as you believe it should be. That is the correct course of action and the one you should now take.
You further undermine your position by the BSA saying: ""Having determined the Act applies to programmes streamed by an online broadcaster, further research and public consultation is required to address the implications for any equivalent New Zealand broadcasters and to review our policies, procedures and codes in light of the determination." You are literally saying you do not have the requisite knowledge to impose your new framework as a regulator properly, fully and impartially.
Even if anyone accepted it is right for you to write up your own laws, it is frankly a nonsense for you to start a regime with the power to impose financial penalties when you admit you actually haven't bothered to do the work to have it operating properly. Or even competently.
Presumably the BSA would not believe others can simply decide to amend or ignore any New Zealand legislation as they see fit. I assume you would be most upset if I, for instance, decided to ignore legal ownership of 119 Ghuznee Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011, write myself a little report and then take possession of that building and your office. Of course that is a ridiculous notion but the logic of someone deciding in their own self-interest to make up their own law and demand everyone else falls in line with it is the same.
It is not as though the BSA is particularly good at its job. A few years ago you were provided with evidence the Mike Hosking Show had carried a significant and defamatory inaccuracy. While you agreed the comment was inaccurate, you declined to uphold the complaint because the whole show was not inaccurate. Facts (much like the legislation you should be working to) are binary. May I suggest you actually carry out the functions you have been charged with properly and leaving the law-making to the lawmakers.
You may not like Mr Plunkett or his organisation. You may be correct that the legislation needs re-visiting the media landscape in the internet-age needs. But do not think you have the power to start effectively writing your own law and then seek to impose penalties on organisations.
It is my belief that, as well as seeing The Platform as a convenient thin end of the wedge because of differences of ideology, you think you will eventually win because you can out-spend Mr Plunkett in the courts because you will have the limitless resources of the taxpayer. Again, that is a shameful position. If you are so confident the BSA's new position is legally sound, I challenge you and Susie Stayley to stump up the legal fees yourselves personally. You won't lose anything since you'll be confident in winning, it will be level legal playing field and it will prove the depth of your professional judgement on this matter.
I am also laying a formal complaint for the BSA breaching its own embargo - which you as a former journalist will appreciate - by publishing its ruling early. Please inform me of how the report came to be published ahead of the embargo, what re-training is being carried out and what is being done so that in future such an embarrassing shambles is averted.

Adi 2/04/2026 Kiaora,
Congratulations on your move to silence The Platform. Keep pushing and hopefully you can put an end to all the wrong thinkers out there. Any chance you can kill off the Free Speech Union? The Right shouldn't be allowed to criticise the Left's morally superior views.
Well done BSA.
A

A Malcolm 2/04/2026 You left wing Morons need to fuck off abd get a lifeplease read the following:
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A jackass is, literally,
a male donkey
. Colloquially, it is used as a noun to describe a stupid, foolish, obnoxious, or detestable person. It is often used as an insult to indicate that someone is acting in an unreasonable or rude manner.

Merriam-Webster +3
Usage Examples:
•"Don't be such a jackass; apologize to her."
•"He was acting like a total jackass at the party."
•"The driver who cut me off was a complete jackass."
Synonyms:
•Ass/Asshole
•Fool/Idiot
•Jerk/Obnoxious person
•Dolt/Blockhead
•Donkey (literal)

Merriam-Webster +4
Contextual Usage:
•As an insult: "Stop acting like a jackass!"
•To describe someone: "He is a complete jackass."
•Literary/Literal: A male donkey.
•Politics: Historically linked to a political symbol of the Democratic Party.
This is exactly what and who you are.... Tall poppy's who think your above everyone else ...be careful who you censor...my freedom of speech will not be trampled on or taken away especially not from the likes of you!!!

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C Nick 2/04/2026 Re: Decision ID2025-063 (WK and The Platform Media NZ Ltd) – Notice of Intention to Seek Judicial Review
To the Board,
I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and consumer of digital media to formally contest the Authority's decision of 31 March 2026, in which the BSA claimed jurisdiction over internet-based, linear streaming services. This letter serves as formal notice that I consider the BSA's new "purposive" interpretation of the Broadcasting Act 1989 to be ultra vires (acting beyond legal power). If the Authority does not stay this decision and revert to its long-standing acknowledgement that it lacks a mandate for internet-only content, I will seek a Declaratory Judgment in the High Court and refer the matter to the Ombudsman for investigation into unreasonable administrative behavior.
The Legal and Historical Basis for My Objection:
1. Historical Acknowledgment of a "Regulatory Gap"
For over 20 years, the BSA has explicitly stated in its own annual reports and public FAQs that it does not oversee internet content. This position was confirmed by the New Zealand Law Commission in its 2012 review (The News Media Meets the New Media), which stated clearly that the 1989 Act was not fit for the digital age and that internet-only providers fell into a "regulatory gap" that only Parliament could close. By suddenly claiming this power now, the BSA is attempting to bypass the democratic process of legislative reform.
2. The Misinterpretation of "Broadcasting" (Section 2)
The 1989 Act defines broadcasting as transmission via "radio waves or other means of telecommunication" for reception by the public via "broadcasting receiving apparatus."
• Technical Reality: Internet streaming uses "Unicast" (point-to-point) technology. It is a private data exchange between a server and an individual device.
• Apparatus: A smartphone or laptop is a multi-purpose telecommunication terminal, not a "broadcasting receiving apparatus" in the technical or legal sense intended by the 1989 Parliament.
• The Spectrum Link: Jurisdiction has always been tied to the use of the Radio Frequency Spectrum. Without a spectrum license, there is no "public resource" justification for BSA oversight.
3. The "On-Demand" Statutory Exclusion
The Act explicitly excludes transmissions made "on the demand of a particular person." As the internet functions on a "pull" basis—where a user must actively navigate to a URL and request data—all internet streaming is technically "on-demand." Your decision to distinguish "live" streams from "on-demand" content is a distinction without a technical difference and ignores the clear wording of the Act's exclusions.
4. Breach of Section 6 of the Bill of Rights Act (BORA)
As a Crown entity, the BSA is legally required to prefer a meaning of the law that is consistent with the rights and freedoms in BORA. Section 14 protects the freedom to receive and impart information. By choosing the broadest possible interpretation of your own power, you have failed in your duty under Section 6 to prefer a narrow, rights-consistent interpretation.
Conclusion and Demand
The BSA cannot grant itself new powers simply because it believes a "gap" exists in the law. That is the sole domain of Parliament. Your "breath-taking audacity" in this matter (to quote the Deputy Prime Minister) threatens the constitutional order.

I demand that the Authority:
1. Stay the enforcement of Decision ID2025-063 immediately.
2. Issue a formal acknowledgment that the BSA will not investigate internet-only content until such time as Parliament passes a specific "Digital Media Act."
If I do not receive a satisfactory response within seven working days, I will proceed with a formal complaint to the Ombudsman and prepare to join or initiate a High Court challenge under the Declaratory Judgments Act 1908.
Yours faithfully,

Kay 1/04/2026 Hi
Get your resume up to date. You're going to be looking for a new job very soon. All of you.
What a bunch of ideological morons. Who do you think you are?

O Anon 1/04/2026 First name
Fuck you
Last name
Arseholes
Email address
Wankers@bsa.co.nz
Address
5 arsehole ave, Wellington
Programme title
BSA Show
Channel/Station
My arse
The BSA are a bunch of authoritarian commie vermin. I hope the lot of you lose your jobs - you definitely deserve to.
1) The Platform does not come under your purview, 2) given that tikanga seems to be whatever suits the natives best, it most definitely qualifies as mumbo-jumbo, 3) anyone suggesting that saying so is racist is an A-grade fuckwit and 4) anyone taking such a complaint seriously would have to be similarly classified.

A Murray 1/04/2026 Hi,
Really! It is not your job to award the BSA more powers! That is the job of our Parliament.
Could you please retract your decision and announcement! I hope that 'heads will roll' in your organisation as a result of this illegal edict!
Citizen and tax payer of NZ.

B Dave 1/04/2026 Hello BSA
Please do us all a favour and leave it alone before we have to get Parliament to disband you.
Do we need to go back to 1966 and move transmission offshore 12 miles and use starlink to prove a point so that there is no transmission from a New Zealand device so as to be under the same rules as Say: The Joe Rogan Broadcast to name just one who offers effectively the same thing as multiple New Zealand based internet content providers. Is Joe under your jurisdiction as well if he says anything negative relating to Maori and someone raises a complaint to you? Let's face it you cannot patrol the internet and nor should you as I for one do not necessarily prescribe to your values it would seem.
Having just read your (Finding) in its entirety it appears you make the rules up to suit yourselves and to justify your own existence instead of going to Parliament to legislate on the matter.
I see no need or you as an entity anymore and actually resent having to pay tax for your services.

A Andrew 1/04/2026 Tea kunger is mumbo jumbo. Thought you might be interested.
Bret 1/04/2026 I wish to add my concern at the draconian overreach of the BSA. The targeting of The Platform for referencing a Maori belief system is appalling (I am married to a Maori).
I never thought this country would come to this.
I will be joining many others who are concerned with preserving free speech in lobbying for the dissolution of the BSA.

Darrin 1/04/2026 The platform is spot on you racist people.
Tebro Maori is made up mombojumbo.
Get your heads out of your arse and the sand

Sean 1/04/2026 You are irrelevant to anything in the modern world.
Why don't you fuck off to australia you woke useless cunts.
Thank you
Enjoy your day

Ryan 1/04/2026 I'll say mumbo jumbo whenever I want the BSA is arm of the left wing activist you are pathetic fuck you mumbo jumbo

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Anne 1/04/2026 Dear Sir/Madam
RE: Your decision @ <https://www.bsa.govt.nz/decisions/all-decisions/wk-and-the-platform-media-nz-ltd-and-nz-media-holdings-2023-ltd-id2025-063-31-march-2026/>

We strongly disagree with the assumption that you have taken upon yourselves to police the Internet of Free Speech to the detriment of the people of New Zealand. You have not been given this right by any vote by the public or the right by Government with the public's consent. We would suggest you rethink this decision and hope that this is done forthwith.

A Stephen 1/04/2026 Listen up you retarded fuckwits. STAY AWAY FROM THE FUCKING INTERNET!
You have no fucking business going anywhere near the net.
You cunts need to keep your fucking noses out of there.

A Thomas 1/04/2026 Good afternoon,
Nothing you've said there excuses your attempt at bureaucratic mission creep.
An online presentation, such as a podcast or social media channel, is not being broadcast to the public, because the data is only sent to the people who have opted to receive it. This is exactly the same reason why emails and postcards are not subject to the BSA.
You need to think about what the words 'broad' and 'cast' mean.
It is not the BSA's job to decide the limits of the BSA's authority; that way lies authoritarianism. You are correct in saying that the legislation leaves room for ambiguity, but in such a situation you have a moral and ethical duty to err on the side of liberty.
Your authority is, and should remain, appointed and defined by Parliament. You are attempting to set yourselves up as a self-appointed authority over issues which are clearly outside your jurisdiction.
Therefore, if someone complains about something which is not being cast broadly, your only acceptable option is to say "we will not act on this complaint, unless and until Parliament explicitly grants us the authority to do so".
We are not living in North Korea here. This is supposed to be New Zealand.
I hope that one day you will develop enough humility and self-awareness to understand just how dangerous your behaviour is. In the meantime, I fully support Mr Peters' call for your organisation to be abolished.
I trust that this leaves no ambiguity as to my opinion on your behaviour.
Regards,

A Steve 1/04/2026 Subject: Buh bye BSA

Look forward to the day in the very near future when you bunch of lefty idiots are put out to pasture by the coalition Govt.
Can't wait for that to happen.

A Dave 1/04/2026 Subject: Waste of Space

BSA you have no mandate to tell The Playroom what it can and cannot say
Free speech reigns
If you don't like it then piss off to China you tossers
You have no right trying to get the government to change broadcasting standards because you tossers don't like the fact you have no say on what The Platform says
I agree with them that Tii Teriri is mumbo jumbo
Bigger off and get proper jobs you low iq clowns
Subject: Mumbo jumbo

A Robert 1/04/2026

A Tony 1/04/2026 Your attempted overreach is astonishing you bunch of fuckwits, stick to your knitting.
I hope you all get sacked.
RE: Formal Objection – Determination of Jurisdiction over Online Broadcasters
To the Members of the Authority,
I am writing to formally deplore the decision published today confirming the BSA's claim of jurisdiction over online-only broadcasters, specifically The Platform.
As a Science and Technology teacher, I find the Authority's "plain English" interpretation of the Broadcasting Act 1989 to be a technically flawed attempt to stretch 20th-century legislation over 21st-century digital architecture. Your release states that online livestreams constitute "telecommunication" under the Act to avoid what you term a "significant gap in protections" [1]. This is a transparent move to contain and control a digital space that was never intended to be governed by a state-appointed panel.
Your ruling suggests that you are "required to consider" these complaints because Parliament has not updated the Act in 20 years. This is a significant overreach. It is the role of Parliament—not an independent Crown entity—to decide if the internet should be a regulated space. By bypassing legislative debate to "maintain modern relevance," you are effectively policing free speech on the internet without a democratic mandate.
The internet thrives on the very "rapidly evolving technology" you cite. It does not need a "taste and decency" filter. New Zealanders are digitally literate; we do not need a panel in Wellington to protect us from live talkback that we have actively chosen to stream.
I urge the Authority to cease this expansion into online media and leave the regulation of the internet to the elected representatives of New Zealand.

A Carole Baskin 1/04/2026 Adios!
Good riddance to bad rubbish. Can't wait to watch you woke shunts get completely disestablished.
I hear Pak'nSave is hiring!
All the best XD

A Ken 1/04/2026 I heard this morning regarding the landmark decision of your authority, who or what body made this Landmark decision

A Hayden 1/04/2026 Subject: fuck you nicely

To the self appointed grifter and self proclaimed authority of mumbo jumbo
You are a bunch of plonkers, you have no authority, ha ha , you unhinged power grabbing leftist do gooders.
GFY!
I approve this message of my free speech and that of a concerned free citizen!

Lindsay 1/04/2026 Madam.
I wish to register my complete disgust in your decision to censure Sean Plunket and the Internet casting show The Platform.
While your brief as published is:
The Broadcasting Standards Authority (BSA) is an independent Crown entity in New Zealand that develops and enforces broadcasting standards for radio, free-to-air, and pay television.....Nowhere does it suggest Web Based broadcasts, Tic Toc, Social Media, or any other internet based medium.
This goes completely against the basis of Free Speech in New Zealand. Should this be your attitude you have now opened the flood gates for complaints from anyone who hears/reads something on-line which offends them.
This decision needs to be withdrawn and your whole organisation needs to be reclassified.

Jan 1/04/2026 I am writing to express my disgust at this 'ruling' which you have no jurisdiction to make. Parliament needs to determine this not you.

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B Mark 1/04/2026 Dear Prime Minister Luxon and Minister Goldsmith,
I am writing to express concern regarding the Broadcasting Standards Authority's recent move to assert jurisdiction over online platforms such as YouTube. This represents a significant shift in how media is defined and regulated in New Zealand, with potentially far-reaching consequences for freedom of expression. There are two key issues I would like to raise:
Firstly, complaints about online content are commonplace across a wide range of viewpoints and platforms. It is therefore concerning that the BSA's apparent entry into regulating online media has begun with a politically aligned target—specifically, a centre-right YouTube channel. This raises legitimate questions about consistency, neutrality, and whether this action risks being perceived as selective enforcement.
Secondly, the broader implication of this approach is more serious. If a YouTube podcast or similar online content is considered a "broadcast," then it follows that a vast portion of internet content could fall within the BSA's scope. This risks fundamentally redefining the internet—from an open public forum into a regulated broadcast environment. In a free and democratic society, individuals must retain the ability to express opinions that others may disagree with or even find offensive. While there are limits around harm, the threshold for regulatory intervention must be clearly defined and carefully applied. Expanding broadcast-style regulation into online speech risks creating a chilling effect, where individuals and creators self-censor out of concern about complaints or sanctions.
I am particularly concerned by the response that this issue is "an operational matter." When a regulatory body appears to be extending its scope in ways that affect fundamental rights such as freedom of expression, it is inherently a matter of public policy and ministerial responsibility. Characterising it otherwise risks creating the impression that accountability is being deferred at precisely the point it is most needed. In an election year, this becomes even more important. Public confidence in institutions depends on clear responsibility and transparency, especially where rights and freedoms are concerned. Additionally, such regulation would have limited practical effect in a global digital environment. Content produced offshore remains readily accessible to New Zealand audiences, meaning domestic regulation may disproportionately impact local voices without addressing the wider ecosystem.
For these reasons, I respectfully suggest that this issue warrants direct ministerial engagement and clear public guidance. It should not be left to evolve solely through regulatory interpretation. I would appreciate clarification on the Government's position regarding:
The intended scope of the BSA's authority in relation to online content
Whether legislative change is being considered or relied upon implicitly
What safeguards exist to ensure viewpoint neutrality and protect freedom of expression
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Yours sincerely

Stuart 1/04/2026 Good morning
I am emailing to lodge my displeasure with the decision that the BSA have come to about the internet broadcasting programs mainly The Platform that you seem to want to control what is said on the program. I'm all for freedom of speech
Why has your decision been released by Stuff and Stuff released it before 10-30am. You told the owner of the Platform the decision, wasn't supposed to be public until 10-30am this morning it's seems like double standards to me. I think it's discussing how you can make up your own rules as you wish and how your not answer able to anyone bloody disgusting in my view.

Q Anon 1/04/2026 Dear BSA,
Please do the country a huge favour and close the doors and turn out all the lights, permanently.
Thank you

A David 30/03/2026 Good morning,
I'd like to register a formal complaint.
About the BSA dept itself.
The BSA behaviour in attempting to police the internet is appalling. Your using public funds abuse and self-reviewing of your decisions is gob smacking. No public hearings or right of response. I hope that your behaviour is corrected to stay within the guidelines that you were formed to do. And not what people in your department want to do.
Thanks

A Ian 10/03/2026 Have you decided to claim coverage of internet sites including The Platform?
Thanks

No you don't.
Read the legislation.
Best course of action now. Is restructure the BSA.

C Peter 31/01/2026 Dear Assholes
We do NOT want , like or need you motherfuckers regulating the internet sites and deciding what we public can read or say.
The BSA regs do NOT cover internet sites despite what some shithead of a lawyer's drivel may claim
Shove off and put your regs 'where the sun don't shine!'.

A Ian 19/12/2025 Good Morning
You clearly have no coverage of or the ability to police the internet and it is highly likely the government will address this in the New Year.
The so called complaint that triggered your attempt to cover The Platform was almost farcical.
There is a distinct possibility that the BSA will be completely restructured by government. Perhaps the body has reached its use by date.
Freedom of speech is precious.

Marshall 25/10/2025 Hello,
I'm concerned with the current BSA overreach.
I don't feel any institution has the right to impede on free speech and decide what people can and can't listen to.
I would like to know more about why the BSA feels this is appropriate.

Caz 24/10/2025 Heard you muppets are changing your website to cover up what a bunch of idiots you are
Sucked in BSA you're gonna get your clocks cleaned over there and good riddance to you pricks.

A Jesse 24/10/2025 I would like to make a complaint against Joe Rogan, Big Hairy Network, and also Gold Survival Channel - Official News. Joe Rogan makes offensive commentary and this is hate speech because I think its hateful. Please get him to pay 500k and give it to the gays for Hamas terrorist group.
Second complaint is against Big Hairy Network, are they broadcasters ? If so can 'em.
Third complaint is against a racist homophobic, transphobic channel that is traditional and makes mockumentaries such as mocking british people pretending to be a survival guide like Bear Grylls.

B Malcolm 23/10/2025 Please find attached [as Appendix A] a copy of the open letter I have provided to Hon Paul Goldsmith, copied to the Prime Minister and Attorney-General, regarding the Broadcasting Standards Authority's jurisdiction and related matters of statutory interpretation.
This correspondence is shared with the Authority purely for record and awareness.

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- C Dave 23/10/2025 Hi Stacey
FSU being listed as a broadcaster was a mistake? Pull the other leg Stacey. More likely the BSA has been subject to ideological capture by humourless and illiberal progressive forces.
Prepare for a culture shift.
- B Nick 23/10/2025 Hi Paul [Goldsmith],
I would like to add my voice to deluge of voices against the BSA trying to take The Platform and Sean Plunket to Court for his opinion on Tikanga.
Kiwis don't want unelected bureaucrats unilaterally appointing themselves as the censor of the modern internet. The BSA can't just go and get submissions from Wellington lefties and then appoint themselves the 'only source of truth' either.
Internet is not and does not use telecommunications and is NOT covered by the relevant Act. The Internet is an entirely different technology and you should be pointing this out to them. It would be a complete waste to the taxpayer for this to go to Court.
A lot of Kiwis are over others getting offended and complaining and playing the victim. There are increasing Maori voices that want to move on from being 'victims' of colonisation and passing this outlook on to their children. These are your National voters!!!
Tikanga is respecting the way other people do things ie. in parliament, in your home, at work etc etc. On The Platform the 'tikanga' is free speech. Their motto is 'Open. Tolerant. Free'
The BSA is closed, intolerant and captured.
Please watch this on Tikanga:
<https://x.com/AuntyHeihei/status/1978369448399544376>
Thanks
- A Sally 22/10/2025 Thank you for your reply of 20 October 2025 regarding my concerns about the Authority's current handling of complaints involving online streaming services.
I appreciate your explanation and your acknowledgement that the Broadcasting Act 1989 was not designed with modern online media in mind. However, I remain seriously concerned that the Authority is going beyond its legislated scope by accepting and investigating complaints about purely online content such as that provided by The Platform.
The Act defines "broadcasting" as programmes transmitted to the public by any means of telecommunication, yet this wording was written in an era before the rise of independent internet streaming. The Authority's decision to apply this definition to non-traditional, online-only platforms risks creating a precedent of regulatory overreach—one that extends BSA powers into areas not expressly granted by Parliament.
It is also important to recognise that the comment made by Sean Plunket was commentary and opinion, not a broadcast purporting to state fact. New Zealand's legal framework, including section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, explicitly protects the right to freedom of expression. Commentary and opinion—particularly on matters of public interest, culture, or governance—are at the very heart of that protection. Whether or not one agrees with the tone or choice of words, it is vital that independent commentators retain the right to express strong or controversial views without fear of regulatory sanction. To treat such commentary as a potential breach of broadcasting standards risks chilling open debate and undermining the diversity of perspectives that a free society depends upon.
Furthermore, the concept of tikanga Māori, while recognised and respected in many legal and governmental contexts, is not formally defined in legislation. Its meaning and application can vary between iwi, hapū, and regions, and it continues to evolve over time. Because of this, individuals may reasonably hold differing views about what tikanga encompasses or represents. Expressing uncertainty, criticism, or scepticism about such an undefined and evolving concept should not, in itself, be grounds for regulatory censure. Open discussion and differing interpretations are essential aspects of a free and democratic society.
While I recognise your commitment to protecting freedom of expression, I would argue that taking jurisdiction over internet-based speech undermines that very freedom by subjecting digital commentary and discussion to a regulatory regime never intended for it. This is especially troubling when you have yourself noted that the current law is outdated and in need of reform. Until such reform occurs, applying the Act in this way may appear inconsistent with the rule of law and the principle that powers of statutory bodies must be clearly defined and limited.
I therefore ask that the Authority reconsider its decision to assert jurisdiction over this case until or unless Parliament explicitly extends your mandate to online-only services. I also ask that this concern be formally recorded as part of the BSA's ongoing jurisdictional review.
- B John 22/10/2025 FYI
This broadcast may be the subject of a legal complaint , as it also uses the 'mumbo jumbo ' words , plus a lot of slanderous and false material over a wide range of New Zealanders :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOekmUdnN80>
If the BSA are to be the police of the internet of all things, of free speech, of all broadcasts on all media types including social media, live streaming and podcasts
then you have a lot of work to do ,
an extremely large lot of work !
get to it.
best regards
Ps and while you are about it then please request ALL social media sources / individuals of broadcasts, podcasts, live streamers, to file the required BSA Annual returns and pay the broadcasting fees, that will amount to tens of thousands of Kiwis.
- A Justin 22/10/2025 Just wanted to add to the no doubt overflowing inbox of people suggesting you back off the idea of trying to police our freedom of speech, by adding webcasters or online platforms to the list of business's you supposedly govern.
By declining requests for interviews on the Platform is only making the matter worse for your organisation and has exponentially increased their audience. Front up and own your feeble decision!
However, congratulations are also in order for bringing to our attention as taxpayers the viability of your organisation going forward.
I'm sure this is a can of worms you'll be regretting opening.
I'm sure this will be another email deleted from your inbox without a response or consideration.
- C Anon 22/10/2025 Transcript of voicemail:

"Hi, I'd like to complain about the Broadcasting Standards Authority, who for two years now have not acted on complaints about serious breaches regarding the war in Israel and Hamas, but today posted added the Free Speech Union to their list of- of broadcasters that you can complain about. Corruption is high with you guys and I'd like to know what- who's head's gonna roll for this. You're a disgrace and the- the head of your organization should resign for this. Disgusting."
- C Steve 22/10/2025 I made a complaint to you last year regarding One News reporting safety related weather forecasts with no English translation. (See below). I was very disappointed with your lack of upholding my complaint and giving the broadcaster full editorial discretion on this matter. Since your email, I have used my discretion to completely turn my back on legacy mainstream broadcasting media and I chose to move to the free speech webcasts of Sean Plunket and The Platform.
I will continue to exercise my discretion to fully back Sean Plunket and The Platform against your complete and utter overreach against them. I fully hope that the BSA are thoroughly investigated and your positions are completely terminated.
- B Chris 21/10/2025 BSA appartachiiks,
re Sean Plunket
Who the heck gave you the authority to attempt to shut down free speech in New Zealand?
Very concerned.

Grant 21/10/2025 To whom this may concern at the BSA
 Concerns over BSA Jurisdiction and Free Speech on Online Platforms
 I am writing as a concerned New Zealand citizen regarding a recent Broadcasting Standards Authority (BSA) provisional interlocutory decision (No. ID2025-063, copy attached) asserting jurisdiction over The Platform Media NZ Ltd, an online media outlet, and the potential implications for free speech in New Zealand's media landscape.
 The BSA's decision stems from a complaint by [the complainant's] about comments made on The Platform's live talkback programme on 22 July 2025, where the host referred to Māori tikanga as "mumbo jumbo." The BSA ruled that The Platform's online broadcasts fall under the Broadcasting Act 1989's definition of "broadcasting," enabling the Authority to assess compliance with section 4 obligations, specifically "good taste and decency." While the complainant alleges the remarks were racially offensive, my concern lies with the broader question of whether the BSA has the authority to regulate online platforms and whether this risks stifling free speech.
 The Platform has positioned itself as a staunch advocate for free expression, providing a space for open discourse in an era where some perceive an increasing trend of censorship in media. The BSA's assertion of jurisdiction over online platforms, as outlined in its purposive interpretation of the Broadcasting Act, raises questions about the balance between regulatory oversight and the right to free speech. Specifically:
 1. Does the BSA's authority, as applied to online platforms like The Platform, align with its role and is this consistent with the principles of the Broadcasting Act 1989?
 2. Could the application of standards such as "good taste and decency" to online media inadvertently suppress legitimate speech, particularly on platforms that prioritise robust debate?
 3. What measures is the Ministry taking to ensure that regulatory frameworks protect free speech while addressing harmful content, especially given the absence of a specific code of broadcasting standards for online platforms, as noted in the BSA's decision?
 The Platform's role in fostering open dialogue is vital in a democratic society, and any regulatory overreach could threaten its ability to operate freely. I urge the Ministry to review the scope of the BSA's jurisdiction over online media and consider clear guidelines to safeguard free speech while addressing genuine harms. I would appreciate your response outlining the government's position on this matter and any planned initiatives to balance these priorities.
 Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Mike 20/10/2025 Hi Stacey,
 Re Shaun Plunket and his comments. Free speech is an expression of an absolute right to say what you like.
 We have laws to govern incitement to violence and we do not need the BSA to stand over us and threaten with a big stick which you do not have.
 Perhaps the days of the BSA are numbered as your actions indicate that your role is no longer relevant.
 Back off.

A Kevin 20/10/2025 S Staley,
 I am a mainstream Kiwi
 I have no faith in Lawyers & Judges to begin with wasn't always that way but it is now
 2 tier system
 Bsa attacking the online platform I listen to.
 I don't listen to Tvnz Rnz haven't done for years as I think they are Fake media.
 I think they should be shut down along with Bsa and the millions of dollars put into Roading , Water other Public Services
 Mainstream Kiwis are sick of this sort of stuff we aren't stupid .
 Too many organisations like Bsa being paid for by Taxpayer which is dead money.

Gail 20/10/2025 Good evening Susie
 I regularly listen to The Platform and have been following the conversations about Sean Plunket using the term "Mumbo Jumbo" which is an extraordinarily innocuous term used to describe something that it's my understanding means something that's either confusing or bewildering. Surely common sense will prevail and the complainant will be seen as someone who has made a "Frivolous, Vexatious or Trivial" complaint about The Platform rather than be genuinely offended by someone describing Maori Tikanga as mumbo jumbo. So what? The fact that this complaint has gone this far beggars belief. I considered making a complain myself to BSA regarding "Paddy Gower Has Issues" on TV3. He finished each episode saying "See You Next Tuesday". While he doesn't actually say the word it's obvious what he's meaning, which ranks as number one on the list of "Totally Unacceptable" words but apparently that's okay? I didn't lodge a complaint because I knew it would be a fait accompli and consigned to the rubbish bin. I thought we had moved on from the days where Radio Hauraki had to go offshore 60 years ago to broadcast as a private radio station (1966 to 1970). It's really scraping the bottom of the barrel and New Zealand as a nation needs to grow up and start behaving like adults.
 See you next Tuesday is a euphemism for the derogatory slang word cunt.
 BSA decisions
 The following summaries and examples demonstrate the BSA's approach in decisions declining to determine a complaint (cited by decision number; all decisions are available here).
 Section 11(a): Frivolous, vexatious or trivial
 The BSA will usually apply the ordinary meanings of the words frivolous, vexatious or trivial. Obviously, there is some overlap in the meanings of these terms.
 A frivolous complaint is one which the BSA considers to be unworthy of being treated in the same way in which it would treat a complaint which is not frivolous or which has some merit. Frivolous means not serious or sensible, or even silly.
 A trivial complaint is one which is of little or no importance and is at such a level not to justify it being treated as a serious complaint.

Alfred 20/10/2025 Morena Ms Wood,
 This week, veteran journalist Sean Plunket, recieved a complaint from the BSA that recent comments on his online livestream breached some imaginary broadcasting standards.
 At what time did the BSA decide it superseded the NZ Parliament, and could make up its own rules?
 The right for freedom of speech, and freedom in general, was desperately fought for by our ancestors, in two world wars. To remove those freedoms is not only an insult to their sacrifices, but it chips away at the democracy's that those brave souls gave their lives for us all to have.
 I urge you to seriously reconsider pushing this current agenda, and reject any further expansion of the BSA's remit. While the BSA has an important place, it is also important that the BSA know their place.
 Kiwis' speech rights should not be compromised.
 Whakamihī.

Harry 19/10/2025 In this case, there must be another reason why the complaint against the platform was upheld by you.
 If your statement is true:
 "The Platform is in a different position because it is not a member of Media Council and there is no 'other applicable standards body/regulator"
 and you are also not the default authority where there is "no 'other applicable standards body/regulator"
 Then why was the complaint upheld? I'm trying to understand the framework/policy in which you operate. Surely this is not a random decision that felt good at the time?

A Leigh 18/10/2025 "hi Chair" Miss Blondie....keep your sticky little fingers, hands off our mate Sean Plunket and stick to your knitting. No doubt, at the tax payers expense, you will be wanting to triple your staff and budget with another lost cause.....policing the Network, but remember the parable of Governor Adrian Orr, decapitated by greed.
 How small minded you are to take offence at Tikanga being called mumbo jumbo.
 The Mormon, Catholic, Episcopalian churches etc are mumbo jumbo to many people but I don't see the BSA taking any action when someone calls their beliefs irrational nonsense.....or the BSA calling out the Greens when they recite genocidal chants " from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free ".
 Now you have John Gillespie, ex TVNZ....the worst garbage broadcaster in the land, on board your flotilla, there will be an open revengeful war with The Platform, all of course at the tax payers expense.
 so you small minded, silly little people, have fun tilting at windmills.
 so says
 Blinky Bill and his ex pat UpAgumTree mates, QLD

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B	Anon	17/10/2025	Transcription for first voicemail: "You fucking cowards." Transcription for second voicemail: "Oh well, that's convenient, isn't it? So your website's down with a JavaScript error, which- on a PC- I don't seem to be able to bypass, which means that you're not taking complaints. And- it's past 9 o'clock on a Monday, within your working hours, and about the third phone call to you, which you never answer. Looks like your complaints department- yeah, everybody must be extremely happy because you're not receiving any complaints. How convenient, isn't it? Look, you guys need to get your act together, mate, because everybody knows what COVID was about, bro. You know, inflation, mate. You couldn't get it in, so you had to cause an event. And your- you- you propaganda arms of the news aren't talking about it, are they? No, COVID never happened. Not on the network news, not on your talkback radio. No, you just try to ignore it. Well, it ain't going away."
B	Ian	17/10/2025	To the BSA, It seems the bsa is stepping out of it's role and wants to censor the internet now. This does bring into question WHY does the bsa even still exist and with its desperate attempt at extending its powers with out any government mandate is just laughable. CEO Stacey Wood, you need to resign as you seem incapable of performing your duties to the high standard we expect from a highly paid govt Servant. I predict that calls for your resignation will get very loud and your position will become untenable in the near future. Thank you for waking us all up. Letters are being written, phone calls to the Minister being made, the people mobilizing against a bureaucrats over reach and snowball is getting bigger by the hour. Have a great day.
	Daniel	17/10/2025	Hi Tossers PULL YOUR HEADS IN!!!!!!
	Bob	17/10/2025	Hi Paul [Goldsmith] Just sending this email re the BSA trying to overstep its powers by trying to control The Platform an online Free Speech platform. The BSA should be told to withdraw its complaint against Sean Plunket of The Platform and apologise for overstepping their brief. Or even better the BSA could be disbanded saving the Taxpayers money. Kind Regards Bob
A	Andy	17/10/2025	Whether the BSA has jurisdiction over internet broadcasts I will leave others to decide. But when you start to try to shut down peoples opinions on controversial topics, then you are clearly stepping on the rights of kiwis. We need to defend our rights to voice opinions ,including one's that other people may not agree with
A	Glenn	17/10/2025	To all, I just listened to the episode with Mike Hosking (link below), and I was appalled by how softly Mike treated Stacy Wood. The BSA claims that if you have a microphone and your studio looks like a radio program, you are operating as a broadcaster. How on earth do idiots like this get these jobs? Stacy Wood should be sacked just for making that statement. Her words could land the BSA in serious trouble. I could set up a live program from my bedroom with a microphone and some soundproofing, and suddenly I'd be under the BSA's jurisdiction? If that's their logic, they're setting themselves up for a huge problem. Their stupidity will end up costing taxpayers a lot of money — money that could be better spent. The BSA has already signed its own termination notice with what they've written. This overreach is dangerous. The organization is trying to control what is said so they can manipulate the narrative and steer society's thoughts and feelings. That's evil. It strips away our freedom to think and feel independently. The BSA has crossed the line and should be shut down immediately. I am sending this letter to Parliament and all broadcasters to raise awareness of their dangerous overreach. Here's the link to the podcast: [Podcast Link] This organization is an assault on free speech and liberty. It must be stopped.
A	Janet	17/10/2025	Sincerely, Dear Susie Staley, I will be contacting the Minister, Paul Goldsmith, about your recent attempt to shut down free speech on a platform that does not legally come under your remit and is an illegal attempt to shut down free speech. I will also inform the Minister that it is high time the BSA was shut down because it does not do a proper job in upholding the law as regards broadcasting. I have put in two complaints in recent years to the BSA, one concerned a broadcaster suggesting on air that a heavy object be thrown through the windscreen of people who were protesting in vehicles. The other concerned a well-known cartoon programme that chucked off at a living person who was in a coma. Both of those complaints, one of suggesting violence against protestors and the other chucking off at people with disabilities were turned down by you, and yet you have the temerity to take a lame complaint against an online platform that is not anywhere near as serious as the complaints I made and also not legally under your remit to police. You are a public servant and should be ensuring that the BSA upholds the law where suggestions of violence are broadcast on radio and programmes chucking off at people with disabilities in a coma are broadcast on TV. You have no leg to stand on because you have not upheld the law for years and now you're attempting to create your own law. Enough is enough. Resign. Public servants making up their own rules as they go along is NOT ACCEPTABLE.
	Warwick	17/10/2025	Hi, you must be out of your tiny minds to waste tax payers money on representing the BSA on such a foolish woke ideology Warwick

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A Keren 17/10/2025 Hello,
Regarding your attempt to close down free speech by taking The Platform to task for saying what we all think out here in the real world.
Hopefully, you have thrown your own little empire under the bus.
You are not needed . . . in the real world we don't engage with terrestrial TV or MSM.
Assume you are trying to make yourselves 'relevant'
So, I would like to make an official complaint.
I find this offensive.
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/politics/360819067/bizarre-midnight-video-takuta-ferris-doubles-down-his-criticism-non-maori-supporting-labour-election>

Please ensure this is investigated thoroughly.
Talk tomorrow with my next complaint.

Keren
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A Gordon 17/10/2025 Attn: Stacie Wood,
The Broadcasting Standards Association,
Re your Sean Plunket complaint. He or The Platform ARE NOT broadcasters!
AND, anyway he was correct in using the words "mumbo jumbo."
AND
I say, Maori Taonga is a lot of mumbo
jumbo! That doesn't mean, like OTHER cultures, I don't "respect" it. Anyway, they don't respect or recognise "our" culture OR Parliament's rules, standards and protocols. Remember Rawiri Waititi saying:
AND
I think Te Pati Maori are racist, liars and hypocrites!
AND
Yes, I know what the law says, but I believe--like thousands of others--Maori DID cede sovereignty in 1840. (Of course, they are free to speak their language and can pursue their culture, today). That's great!
AND
I strongly believe granting mountains and rivers "human" and legal status, is wrong and very confusing. Read-- "stupid!"
AND
Saying Maori science takes precedence over "ordinary" recognised science is wrong, dangerous and very confusing.
AND.... AND.... AND....
All the above is NOT hate speech--it is FREE SPEECH.
Sorry Stacie, I got carried away. Getting back to The Platform--it is not a broadcaster!

D Anon 17/10/2025 Transcript of voicemail:
"Oh hello, Broadcasting Standards Authority. I've got a bone to pick with you guys. What the hell do you think you're doing? Hey? Having a go at the internet, trying to regulate the internet. Are you guys dreaming? Seriously? Where did you get that idea from? Uh... leave the internet alone. Stick to your- stick to your lane, mate. Okay? Thank you very much. Bye-bye."

D John 17/10/2025 Hi there just adding my voice of concern at the bureaucratic overreach of trying to control Te Platform.
Im 71 years old, live in [town] and still drive a concrete truck full time. You seem to want to encourage more antipathy to faceless bureaucrats by this blatant power grab and abuse of process.
1) I love and value te Platform, and it's flaunting of the reality and value, of free speech.
2) I along with most sensible people, see bureaucracy as a necessary evil that we have a duty to keep within it's lane.
Now you've come to the fore I for one will do my tiny bit to advocate for your abolition.

Charlotte 17/10/2025 Dear Team,
I have just caught up on the BSA's ridiculous action against The Platform.
This is obviously a personal hit against one broadcaster.
Your govt department has now lost any credibility you once claimed to have.
I look forward to the BSA's decommission.
Regards
Ex. Journalist & Broadcaster.

Brian 17/10/2025 Withdraw your attacks against this online platform, you have no jurisdiction over the internet or the principles of free speech.
As a taxpayer, I disprove of the vast sums you may waste on any legal actions, which you will definitely lose.
You have hereby raised the question of your legitimacy, and questions are made whether your organisation should be shut down.

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D	Dave	17/10/2025	Just a couple of questions, Why do you think that you can step outside of your legislated remit? Why do you think you can use intimidating language when dealing with the "complaint" regarding Sean Plunket and the Platform? Why will you talk to other" broadcasters" but refuse to talk to the Platform and their subscribers? Why do you think someone died and made you God?.
	Hugh	17/10/2025	Hi how come your chasing the platform Why not stay in your lane Close the door save us some money Or even chase some of the racist tik tok Outfits, you might be getting some complaints about them. Cheers Hugh
A	Graeme	17/10/2025	To Whom it Concerns, Your taxpayer funded organisation needs to go, a Stalinist cotary of irrelevant and unwanted pratts. Your heavy handed overreach in attempting to extinguish the Platform is unwanted in this country. Wind up your parasitic organisation before citizenry and political pressure does so.
	Joanne	17/10/2025	Hello, Following the public discussions of the past few days regarding your position with online broadcaster The Platform, I would like to lodge a complaint with the BSA because this is clearly a biased attack on a person and small business that you want to stifle their right to free speech.
	Karen	17/10/2025	Both the process you have used and the nature of the complaint that has triggered your actions, are unacceptable. I want to make an official complaint regarding your seemingly witch hunt on the platform content. We new zealenders do not wish to have our opinions silenced. Sean does not allow bad content,he does have standards. However we the listeners will not stand by and have you try to silence our platform Why do you think the normal msm playforms are being deserted??? They are one sided and controlled. How on earth could mumbo jumbo be offensive??? Quite frankly i cannot believe you chose to die on this hill when te pat maori and greens have incited violence and full on race hate...we will not as nzders allow your over reach.... So do your selves a favor and back off.. Jacinda is no longer in charge here, she was run out of the country for her over reach... Regards Karen Sent from Android device
A	Sally	17/10/2025	Good morning, I am writing to complain that the BSA is stepping outside its legislated role of handling complaints of materials of broadcasting standards. Recently you have taken on a complaint regarding a streaming service which is NOT broadcasting, but is connected to over the internet. This opens a Pandora's box of possibilities of harassing any individual person who chooses to do online speech. Freedom of speech and thought is at risk here. The Platform is an independent streaming service that I choose to support because of their fair and balanced manner, when mainstream broadcast media fails more and more to be fair OR balanced. A stop to this and an apology to The Platform and Sean Plunket are called for when a witch hunt has clearly been undertaken by Stacey Wood and the BSA.
	Sue	17/10/2025	Dear BSA I am writing to express my outrage at your attempt to silence Sean Plunket of The Platform. The complaint about him referring to Tikanga as mumbo-jumbo is trivial in the extreme. The majority of New Zealanders appear ro hold the view that all religious beliefs are mumbo jumbo, including me. You have allowed broadcasters to read poems inviting maori to kill white men which is actually outrageous. Perhaps you could turn your focus on the activist reporters in our mainstream media which the taxpayer pays for.
B	Matthew	17/10/2025	My complaint is against you bsa, your comments about censorship over online journalism like the platform is a overreach of your powers and is going against free speech. Also you claim the platform made racist comments??? Seriously what about tpm the most hateful people in this country who openly call for a civil war between Maori and pakiha.
D	David	17/10/2025	As a former RNZ reporter and subbie (and regional TV), and media director for the Catholic Church (NZ), I was interested to hear that the BSA is deciding on a complaint about the Platform and the mumbo jumbo comment about Tikanga. I make the case that you are jumping the gun here as there should be serious and wide discussions about new webmedia uses first. Modern online platforms like substack who create channels for New Zealand media and expert professional commentators will never be subject to the BSA process. And that's just the start of this minefield. I ask you to think about the effect of AI on broadcasting. This is a response from Elon Musk's AI channel called GROK. Can AI be used to simulate a traditional broadcasting channel (Me to GROK) Yes, AI can simulate a traditional broadcasting channel by generating and curating content, scheduling programs, and delivering personalized streams to viewers. Here's how: · Content Creation: AI can produce video, audio, or text content, like news segments, talk shows, or music playlists, using tools like text-to-speech, deepfake visuals, or music generation models. For example, AI can create realistic voiceovers or virtual hosts. · Scheduling and Curation: AI algorithms can mimic a TV or radio schedule, selecting content based on audience preferences, time slots, or trends. Machine learning can analyze viewer data to optimize programming, similar to how streaming platforms recommend shows. · Personalization: Unlike traditional channels, AI can tailor broadcasts to individual users, adapting content in real-time based on viewing habits or feedback, creating a "channel" unique to each viewer. · Delivery: AI can stream content via platforms like the web or apps, simulating a 24/7 broadcast. Tools like automated video editing or live text-to-video generation can ensure a continuous feed. · Interactivity: AI can integrate interactive elements, like chatbots or real-time polls, mimicking live TV engagement but with more customization. For instance, an AI-driven "news channel" could scrape real-time data from the web or X, generate scripts, and broadcast them with a virtual anchor. Companies like Synthesia or Runway already enable AI-generated video content for such purposes. The BSA serves a purpose but it may outreach itself here unless you are trying to provoke some form of national debate. I was a news gatekeeper in the old analogue days and know those days are long gone. Regard

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A Thomas 17/10/2025 Good morning,
I'll keep this brief. I am not complaining to the BSA about a broadcaster. I am complaining about the BSA itself.
The BSA has long allowed itself to become weaponised by prudish authoritarians, and has been a significant part of pushing the euphemism treadmill.
I understand, and fully support, the idea that there should be standards for the accuracy of information, and issues like defamation or incitement.
But that's not the same as policing offensiveness.
Offense is very subjective; offense is taken, not given. Different people get offended by different things. For me, the thought that a government agency would even consider penalising someone for saying something offensive, is several orders of magnitude more offensive than any amount of profanity could ever be.
It was obscene enough when you were policing TV and radio. You're now in the news for attempting to police the internet. That is the thin end of the wedge pushing us towards totalitarianism.
Now, you might try to justify your actions by saying that you are allowed to impose your subjective views of offense on people. You might even say, as they did in the 1940s, that you are "just following orders".
But by now you are probably aware of how I feel about those kind of excuses.
This is your opportunity to do the right thing.

B David 16/10/2025 Hi,
By law you are not allowed to decide your own remit. Stay in your lane.
Sent from my iPhone

Lea 16/10/2025 Dear BSA aka Bull Shit Artists
You have no right and no jurisdiction over www. aka THE WORLD WIDE WEB.
Unless you didn't notice, it is WORLD WIDE.
So are you going to play Hitler and attempt to control everything that is listened to and watched in New Zealand from every corner of the globe?
Pull your excessively, egotistical heads in and get real.
The WORLD WIDE WEB is NOT yours to police.
Aside from that having the opinion that "tikanga is mumbo jumbo" is not racist, it is just an opinion.
Freedom of speech rules.
Regards

G John 16/10/2025 Dear Ms. Wood and Members of the BSA,
I am writing to express my deep frustration and anger over the Broadcasting Standards Authority's recent actions in attempting to extend its jurisdiction to regulate online platforms such as The Platform and its founder, Sean Plunket.
Your decision to assert authority over internet-based broadcasters is nothing short of an alarming act of overreach. It represents an unjustified expansion of power that was never intended under the Broadcasting Act 1989. The Act was clearly written to cover traditional television and radio broadcasts—not podcasts, livestreams, or digital talk platforms. The BSA's attempt to reinterpret its mandate through what appears to be an internal or "secret" process is deeply troubling.
This behaviour undermines both public trust and the fundamental principles of free speech in New Zealand. By unilaterally deciding that an online commentator like Sean Plunket now falls under your jurisdiction, the BSA has moved dangerously close to becoming a censorship body rather than an impartial standards authority.
Freedom of expression is not a privilege granted by regulators; it is a right protected under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act. The BSA's recent decision disregards that right and sets a dangerous precedent for anyone who dares to speak freely online. If the Authority can redefine its own powers without parliamentary oversight, then no voice—no matter how independent or dissenting—is safe from regulatory intrusion.
It is not the role of the BSA to police public opinion or to determine which ideas are acceptable in the digital space. That is the domain of open debate, civil law, and the court of public opinion.
I urge the BSA to immediately withdraw its claim of jurisdiction over online media, issue a public explanation for this overstep, and reaffirm its commitment to protecting—not constraining—freedom of expression in New Zealand.
Yours sincerely,

B Dave 16/10/2025 Hello
I see this Authority think it is alright to impinge on freedom of speech on the internet by telling organizations who do not by legal definition meet this Authorities definition of broadcasters, that they should conform to the Authorities idealistic views.
One might say Mission creep.
Stop it.
Leave people alone, we do not want or need your input.
I feel the need to write to Minister Goldsmith to let him know that there is no need for this Authority anymore, as it is out of date.
We could Save the tax payer millions by removing this outdated organization.
Then with luck you will no longer be there to try to push your misguided ways on society.
Let me Guess,
Next you will be trying to dictate what Joe Rogan has to say on any given subject!
Good luck with that.
Kind Regards

B Janet 16/10/2025 I have an opinion about Tikanga, it may not be the same view Sean Plunket has but I defend his freedom and right to state his opinion.
My opinion may not be the same as yours but you too also have the freedom and right to believe and say what you think.
But you DO NOT HAVE the right to manipulate what you think all of NZ should think and say, in your very privileged role, and I will defend until I die the rights of our people to think independently and to never be afraid to speak out.
Feeling very unhappy.
Motueka

A Kevin 16/10/2025 I believe in free speech.
I listen to the Platform
I Think all Races are equal
I believe you should think carefully before targeting The Platform
I think the BSA should be disestablished and save my tax payer money.
Dont do it
Taupo

B Justin 16/10/2025 Tēnā koutou,
 1) Who I am and why I'm writing
 I am Justin [...], a New Zealand taxpayer and audience member concerned about the Broadcasting Standards Authority's recent assertion that it has jurisdiction over online only content, specifically content published by The Platform. Media reports indicate the BSA has issued a provisional interlocutory decision asserting jurisdiction to consider a complaint about online comments made in July. I am writing to formally complain about this proposed exercise of power and to seek transparency under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). NZ Herald
 2) Summary of my concerns (complaint)
 •Ultra vires and inconsistent public guidance. Your FAQs state the BSA does not oversee social media and does not oversee on demand services (save for limited exceptions), yet the Authority now proposes to regulate an online only operation. This inconsistency creates legal uncertainty and is unfair to audiences and content providers. Please explain this departure and update public guidance to avoid confusion. Broadcasting Standards Authority
 •Premature policy making by adjudication. The Government has been reviewing the right way to regulate online platforms. It is inappropriate for a small tribunal to pre-empt Parliament by creating de facto internet regulation through interpretation alone. dia.govt.nz
 •Proportionality and the NZ Bill of Rights Act. Your own Codebook recognises the high threshold required before limiting freedom of expression (s14 NZBORA). There is a serious risk of a chilling effect if novel jurisdiction is asserted over online commentary and debate. Please explain how the BSA has satisfied proportionality, minimal impairment, and overall justification standards in this instance. Broadcasting Standards Authority
 •Natural justice and appearance of pre-determination. Public reporting suggests the Authority formed a provisional view of jurisdiction before hearing from affected parties. Please explain how the Authority is safeguarding natural justice given the novelty of the jurisdictional claim and its inconsistency with published FAQs. NZ Herald
 •Practical enforceability and capacity. The BSA describes itself as a small team. Please explain how the Authority proposes to consistently apply and enforce standards across the vast universe of online only content providers without selective enforcement or perceived bias. Broadcasting Standards Authority
 3) Requests for immediate action
 •Pause this asserted expansion of jurisdiction and withdraw the provisional interlocutory view pending transparent consultation and/or legislative guidance.
 •Publish a clear statement of reasons setting out the statutory basis for regulating online only content and reconciling that with your public FAQs. Broadcasting Standards Authority
 •Confirm that any consideration of complaints about online only content will be stayed until public guidance is updated and stakeholders consulted in good faith.
 [...]

B Tony 16/10/2025 Leave The Platform alone.
 You have NO authority over them and I like many others believe in free speech in this country.
 Stop this harassment and persecution immediately!

C Matt 16/10/2025 Good Afternoon
 Please find a letter for the BSA's CEO, Stacey Wood, attached [as **Appendix B**].
 If the administrator in charge of this email address could see that she gets it, the signatories would be grateful.
 Thanks for your time.

A Paul 16/10/2025 To whom it may concern
 Can you please advise me as to whom I can direct an official complaint against the activities of the Broadcasting Standards Authority in view of their appalling decision to attempt to close down The Platform. The BSA know they do not have the law on their side but can destroy an outlet of free speech by breaking them financially in a court case that is ideologically driven by political element of bureaucracy showing a perverse desire to behave in a way that is unacceptable in a democratic society with a blatant disregard to responsible use of taxpayer funding.
 Kind regards

Kelvin 16/10/2025 To whom it may concern,
 What the hell is wrong with the BSA.
 It seems it is crawling with woke, left-wing zealots who quiver at the thought of free speech! The world is sick to death of your insufferable woke garbage, churned out by your echo-chamber clone groups, patting each other on the back like you speak for everyone. Newsflash: you don't! Your self-righteous nonsense is out of touch, and we're done with it!
 Get your woke nose out of the Platform and the contrived offence.

Nigel 16/10/2025 Regards
 Dear Paul,
 This QUANGO needs to go. Staley and here ideologues add no value to NZ and are clearly running a biased operation without balance and integrity. How vigorously have they pursued One News and their patently biased reporting? I took the time to read the BSA 2024 Annual Report. I will never get that time back. What a load of unmitigated bullshit. How much is this ridiculous operation costing NZ? Now they want to have jurisdiction over internet-based content. FFS, fire the lot of them and do NZ a huge favour.
 Thank you,

Martin 16/10/2025 The link below to a piece by David Farrar offers the BSA board some good advice.
 The BSA has not a hope in hell of regulating online content.
 What were you thinking?
<https://pointfordernz.wordpress.com/2025/10/16/why-the-bsa-board-must-go/>

B Stephen 16/10/2025 I'm aware of a concern you believe you have as to your role in broadcasting.
 Let me assure you that any concern is only held by you.
 My concern is you think too much of yourselves and maybe you should have a break.
 I will certainly recommend it. And will be letting my sitting member of Parliament and cabinet know.
 Kind regards

A Mark 16/10/2025 Hello
 Just letting you and all at the BSA know that I am disgusted at your attempt to bully The Platform and Sean Plunkett. Your organisation needs to be closed down forthwith. I have ZERO confidence in your provision of balance or truth. I trust that the consequences of your actions will haunt you for years to come.
 Yours sincerely

B Craig 16/10/2025 Yes id like to complain about the bsal
 You don't decide what I listen too!
 I'd like to see this the government de-fund you!
 Regards

D Mark 16/10/2025 Why did you give Mike Hosking a interview this morning and you're not giving Sean plunket an interview. Not a very good look. On Sunday (I am not a racist but) they were disrespecting the white man. Saying are you ashamed of your pakeha ancestry etc etc it was a racist program from the people who made the program , people who fronted it, the show's guest. Why would pakeha be ashamed for. Why would you let that b***** on TV for. The white man built this country.If that is your standards for TV BSA IS A JOKE
 Mark
 PS Give Sean Plunket an interview.
 Or are you scared of Sean plunket

A Tony 16/10/2025 Please stop the BSA over reach censorship and it's attempt to regulate the platform and podcasts
 I object to this BSA action
 I object to the over reach
 I object to the censorship
 Please act now to stop this clear personal attack by the BSA on freedom free speech and democracy

C Alan 16/10/2025 Leave our free speech station alone , and don't waste taxpayers money on your woke idealism
 Dave 16/10/2025 Hello Stacey
 It is self evident the BSA has exceeded its statutory authority. More concerning is the blatant attempt to control free speech. This is unfortunately typical of Wellington centric groupthink however kiwis have had enough of the civil service's attempts to at greater control over what have been long-standing freedoms and rights.
 Expect more resistance to your proposals to extend the BSA remit.

N Anon 16/10/2025 We would like to make a complaint about the Stacey and the Broadcasting Authority that it is killing free speech, and it should be disestablished and all of you loose your jobs. Telling someone that says "ti kanga is mumbo jumbo online", that this is against BSA standards, is a breach of the Bill of Rights and freedom of speech under the Law of NZ.
 Absolutely a waste of time and why should you be getting paid at all by our tax money. No thanks.
 We are going to call for the government to disestablish the BSA.
 The BSA cannot stop free speech and Kiwis are not going to be forced into control and coercion by the BSA, which are behaviours that manifest when someone attempts to dominate or manipulate another person's beliefs, actions, or decisions.
 In this situation, the BSA imposes their perspective on another, believing that their way of thinking or living is the only valid path. Stacey we want you gone.

Jackson 16/10/2025 Who on earth do you think you are?
 Soviet style censorship has absolutely no place in this country.
 Despite the best efforts of the likes of you, New Zealand is and remains a democracy.
 You and your pathetic organisation have absolutely zero jurisdiction over Sean Plunket, The Platform, the internet in general or literally anyone who offers their opinion online.
 This pathetic stunt shows you up for what you are, a jumped up, megalomaniac, power obsessed control freak who thinks you can exert influence and censorship over New Zealanders who exercise free speech.
 Unfortunately for you on this occasion you've overplayed your hand. You thought your bullying and intimidation would work on Sean, because you thought he wouldn't have the guts to stand up to you. Fortunately he did. This time you've gone too far and luckily for this country, there are politicians now who are in positions of influence to stop this sort of censorship that you and your pathetic colleagues seek to impose on this country.
 You and your communistic censorship have no place in New Zealand and with any luck you'll be out of a job in short order.

F Anon 16/10/2025 Transcription of voicemail:
 "I heard that you guys are going to start censoring the internet now. Why? Because you found you can't censor enough on TV and the mainstream media so now you have to come after the people's media where they can speak freely and they don't have to listen to your propaganda? You're a pack of absolute, utter, disgusting, lower-than-low bottom-feeders. You are. You're a disgusting, vile organization and I hope you get scrapped under the new government. You're absolute garbage. Absolute garbage."

G Anon 16/10/2025 Transcription of voicemail:
 "Yeah, hello. Um, look, just making a quick call because I wanted to see if I could put in a complaint about some news agencies. But it looks like your- your complaints procedure is not working on your website. It comes up with some JavaScript error. And, uh, seeing as nobody answers the phone, it doesn't matter what day of the week it is, but it's currently quarter past 9 on a- on a Monday, and you guys aren't answering your phone. Um, it makes me think that perhaps you guys are- have- are just totally ignoring any complaints that come in from the general public because people like myself are actually waking up to the fact that you guys are actually a propaganda arm of- of the government and you're not actually doing your jobs in terms of overseeing what's happening with the news. But you're quite happy to oversee anything else. So look, you guys need to get your act together and perhaps start doing your jobs, otherwise you're all gonna be out of jobs very shortly. Okay? Thank you. Bye."

H Anon 16/10/2025 Transcription of voicemail:
 "Yeah, hello. Um, just calling to put in a complaint. Um, it's about YouTube. Um, you've got people like Chantelle Baker being banned from YouTube because they're speaking the truth, and yet you've got other people like, um, 'The Platform' and, uh, and other organizations who are- who are quite happy to lie and tell untruths and they don't get banned. So I'm just wondering what you guys are doing about it. You're supposed to be a standards authority, yet you're not actually doing anything to- to oversee what's happening in terms of- of, um, the truth being spoken on the internet. You guys really need to get your act together and perhaps start doing your jobs, otherwise you're all gonna be out of jobs very shortly. Okay? Thank you. Bye."

E David 16/10/2025 Dear BSA,
 It has come to my attention that you are a bunch of FAGGOTS.
 I ask that you please refrain from your FAGGOTRY.
<https://x.com/TRHOfficial/status/1978332571051213043>

A Peter 16/10/2025 I wish to lodge a complaint with you about your interest in content on The Platform. Calling out tikanga as mumbo jumbo is NOT racist. If your intent is to continue with this harassment, I hope that the broadcasting minister has a good hard look at the roll you have and terminates employment of all staff that initiated this. Hoping you all go...

A Hayden 16/10/2025 Susie Staley & Helen Cruse
 you are a bunch of over paid, irrelevant, left leaning, woke, self serving losers.
 with your letter sent to the Platform, roll it up and go fuck yourselves gently.
 have a super fantastic day.

A Chris 16/10/2025 Leave the platform alone ya wankers. You've allowed racist crap to be broadcast, like that bullshit Captain Cook Poetry, abuse of ordinary kiwis, and where the fuck were you bunch of plonkers. You let it happen. Get a real job. You've been worse than useless in keeping standards. Fuck off to radio land and stay there. I have a youtube channel too, and you can get lost.

A Doug 16/10/2025 Please keep away from the Platform . It is a valuable media outlet! Your mandate does not extend to this

A Dominic 16/10/2025 Transcription of voicemail:
 "Good morning, this is [...] What you guys are trying to do to free speech is a disgrace. You are nothing but Marxist communists. Give us a call back, I'd like to have chat with you faceless bunch. But you wont have the gumption to do that. You're a disgrace to the nation. I'm contactable on [phone number]. Thank you."

Russell 16/10/2025 Good morning
I just want to express my surprise when I read this morning on Stuff that you are going after the media organisation The Platform.
For transparency I am not a subscriber or member of The Platform and have no financial interest in them, I do however occasionally listen to them.
Is it true you are going after them for a comment someone said and you have received 1 complaint for?
If so don't you think that is really a waste of your time and you should concentrate on the things you have been mandated to do?
What is your criteria for someone taking offense or determining what is offensive or worthy of a complaint?
Is it that someone's feeling have been hurt?
Just interested to know your motivation for what you are doing as it does seem over the top to me.
Kind regards

Simon 16/10/2025 Hi BSA,
I'm writing to express my thoughts on the ridiculous complaint you received from an online snowflake. Sean's comment about "Tikanga is Mumbo Jumbo" is simply an opinion and not racist at all. I believe you don't have a valid case here and im looking forward to you guys loosing badly on this and just providing out Platform with PR money can't buy.
Cheers

A Tony 16/10/2025 I object to the BSA attacking the platform
I object to BSA overreach and extension of scope
I object to censorship by the BSA of the platform and the Internet and podcasts
I would like you and the BSA to back off Stick to your knitting and leave the platform alone
How do I complain about your actions against the Platform
This is overreach and censorship
I object
Please back off and leave the platform alone

B Scott 16/10/2025 Very sad day for New Zealand when the bsa tells New Zealanders what they can and cannot say on line , our freedom of speech and our democracy is slowly being eroded by the likes of the Soviet style policy's of the bsa.Thanks

B Murray 16/10/2025 Leave the platform radio station alone,it tells us the truth, the government need to look into your affairs, no more gravy train
C John 16/10/2025 Morning I would like to lay a complaint against the BSA and its overreach on a silly complaint made Re tikanga being hocus pocus [which it is] you have no jurisdiction over online content i.e. wifi delivered content such as The Platform, we are canvassing political parties on the removal of the BSA as you have out lived your usefulness as you cannot control free speech which is part of kiwis democratic right even if you don't like what is being said. The Internet for all its bad stuff has allowed more free speech than ever before and will not be controlled by thought control police such as yourselves regards

A Nick 16/10/2025 So some activist complaining that it was racis for P to say "tikanga is mumbo jumbo"
P told him on yer bike . Snowflake karen goes to BSA .
BSA goes to war .
Your WOKE DEI quango need DOGEing.
Ardern appointed 1984 STASI.

A Ian 16/10/2025 You have clearly exceeded your authority in claiming jurisdiction that is not covered by the broadcasting act. Parliament decide that, not you. Ironically, it may result in the demise of your authority.
Your organisation was designed for different times and it seems, is now not fit for purpose.
Yours sincerely

Stewart 16/10/2025 Good morning,
I will preface my letter by saying that I do not normally write into bodies and complain, as frequently they do not go anywhere however on this occasion I feel strongly enough about your organisations over each, as a government department, which I pay for.
I've just watched a very disturbing Youtube video, in which someone has told the viewing audience about a complaint to they received, from you lot.
The particular complaint, or is it a complaint, covers online media, on YouTube, which is NOT a broadcast and requires the user to actively find the content they wish to watch - which means if you don't want to watch it jog on.
As YouTube media is not a broadcast in any sense of the definition, what is the BSA stance on freedom of speech and imposing, arguably illegally, restrictions on that freedom of speech?
Should this bullshit complaint, because that's what it is, proceed, you turkeys now need to pursue many online YouTube content creators as they will be in breach, however in my opinion you don't have a foot to stand on because it's not a broadcast and your purview extends to broadcasts. I'm pretty sure that neither my taxes nor the rest of New Zealanders' would be able to pay for you lot to pursue every YouTube video that woke Muppet objects to.
For those of us who like to listen to online commentary, that we resonate with, this can be seen as nothing more than Woke ideology over each, and impingement on freedom of speech.
I look forward to see what you have to say.

Susan 16/10/2025 Dear BSA,
This complaint should not proceed. The Platform is not a licensed broadcaster but an online service, and therefore falls outside the BSA's jurisdiction under the Broadcasting Act.
Free speech is a fundamental principle, and there are countless online channels expressing views that may be considered objectionable by some. Singling out The Platform for scrutiny raises concerns about selective application of standards and undermines the right to open debate.
Kind regards

A Bret 16/10/2025 Attn:
The Commissar
Broadcasting Standards Authority
I have just caught up with the story about The Platform's 'threat' from your 'Ministry of Truth' (thank you George Orwell).
Truly sinister

Debra 16/10/2025 To BSA
I would like to express my displeasure at your attempt to swash the rights to freedom of speak. In NZ at present there is a need for people to express themself. Why do you think that the platform has a strong following? Because were tiered of being censored, the platform is a great forum to allow anyone to have there say. I don't always agree with everything that is being said and that's fine it's my choice!
Just as it's my choice not to watch tvnz news or any other government controlled broadcasting platform. Leave the platform alone. This is just another attempt to make New Zealanders conform.
Sincerely

Mac 16/10/2025 While Ti Pati cuzzie, JT and its "leaders" openly state "I wouldn't let my daughter marry any White Mutherfucker", while The Maori Party denigrate our culture and ignore our time honoured systems in Parliament, exhibiting hatred for White New Zealanders and state the same openly, you idiots chase your tails when a person states the obvious; some stone age cultural practices are Mumbo Jumbo.....Tikanga doesn't exist, cannot be written down, is not defined, it's a construct of convenience, of the minute, of the person and can only be considered to be MUMBO JUMBO..in reality if you cant define something, Tikanga,its like saying ghostly things should be considered in law, or that imagination is real and should form part of law, or what I feel today should be considered law....its as nutty as you WOKE GOONS at the BSA

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A John 16/10/2025 Dear BSA,
Who the fuck do you think you are?
The sheer arrogance to extend your brief to online streaming beggars belief.
Stay in your fucking lane.
Kind Regards

C David 16/10/2025 To the staff of the Broadcasting Standards Authority
I have just been reading the complaint that the BSA is laying against 'The Platform'. Talk about overreach by a government organisation. How on earth can you come to the conclusion that The Platform is a broadcaster under the terms of the Broadcasting Act?
You admit that there is no code of broadcasting standards specifically addressing online broadcasting, but resort to claiming that section 11 of the Legislation Act gives you the right to infer that the Broadcasting Act somehow magically covers online programmes.
In view of the fact that the Broadcasting Act came into force in 1989 when internet was just a pipe dream I suggest you read section 10(1) of the Legislation Act which states "the meaning of legislation must be ascertained from its text and in the light of its purpose and its context".
How anyone could contrive from the written text that the Broadcasting Act applied to a nonexistent publicly available internet in 1989 is living in fantasy land.
Surely under New Zealand legislation 'broadcasters' are required to apply for and hold a specific licence in order to broadcast. Those same broadcasters are required to pay an annual levy to the Broadcasting Authority. Clearly The Platform is not a broadcaster as it has neither a licence nor has it paid a levy to the BSA.
Your own website states that "you can complain to us about something you've seen online if the programme was also broadcast on TV or radio". I would assume that the programme at the centre of the complaint was not broadcast on radio or TV, so why is the BSA renegeing on its own published complaint procedures?
As for the actual complaint I have to ask what the hell has happened to life in New Zealand (departed the country ten years ago). I realise the Arden government turfed the Bill of Rights Act in the rubbish bin during the Covid years but maybe the staff at BSA should read section 14 of that legislation which states "everyone has the right to freedom of expression including the right to seek, receive and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form".
I am hard pressed to understand how a personal opinion that 'Tikanga' is mumbo jumbo can be classed as racist comments. According to the online Cambridge dictionary mumbo jumbo means "words or activities that seem complicated or mysterious but have no real meaning".
In view of that definition I would suggest that the BSA is partaking in mumbo jumbo with this incredibly frivolous complaint procedure. In my personal opinion the BSA are making absolute fools of themselves. Do you really want to usher in a New Zealand version of the dystopian lifestyle on display in the UK where people are locked up in prison for having an opinion?
Finally I would point out the sheer ridiculousness of anyone complaining about the use of the word mumbo jumbo online when clearly there are no holds barred to the content that can be accessed online in New Zealand from overseas providers. That fact alone shows that the BSA is totally out of its depth and therefore should stick to what it was mandated to do in 1989, namely TV and radio broadcasting standards.
Regards

Alana 15/10/2025 Hi,
I would like to make a complaint about the blatant racism and inciting of violence in this broadcast, directly linked to the Maori Party, who are paid by all kiwis, via our taxes. I would also like to raise concerns as to why there has been no formal and public declaration by the BSA (you, who represent us, the people of New Zealand) condemning this hate speech and blatant racism. I would also like to make a complaint based on the BSA's blatant favouritism and selective blindness in calling out and attempting to persecute journalists in New Zealand for exercising free speech, whilst ignoring in your face racism. Please explain? What are your guidelines? Can you "broadcast" anything you like, no matter how hate filled and violence inciting the rhetoric is if you are a radical Maori activist, but you cannot share an opinion that may be deemed offensive by some, does not incite violence on any level, but you are unable to produce a whakapapa...? There seems to be a massive double standard and I find this double standard racist in its own right. So therefore, after coming for The Platform, an internet based forum for free speech that has zero tolerance for hate speech and zero tolerance for racism, my main formal complaint is for you the Broadcasting Standards Authority.
I am lodging a formal complaint against you, the BSA, and your bully boy tactics of trying to put people out of business and suppress freedom of speech in New Zealand, yet allowing outright racist vitriol that directly incites violence to still flow freely on the "broadcasting arenas" that you have apparent self-appointed authority over, which now clearly include social media via the internet.
I look forward to hearing your response and how you distinguish between actual, aggressive racism and very clear personal opinion that invites peaceful debate.
Yours faithfully

A Scott 15/10/2025 Dear Stacy Wood and all representatives of the BSA
I heard today that the BSA is trying it on to extend overreach and shut down The Platform NZ.
That form of censorship is politically driven by a spurious nonsense complaint after the complainant did not like a statement that "tikanga is mumbo jumbo". They said it was racist to say this.
It clearly is mumbo jumbo. Just like any religion is mumbo jumbo. These things are not science, not empiric or measurable. Importantly, all of tikanga is not written down and is at times subject to the changeable definition of the most senior member as they see fit or get the best benefit. The Oxford definition of Mumbo Jumbo is "language or ritual causing or intended to cause confusion or bewilderment".
I can inform you with 100% honesty and integrity that tikanga I have been witness to has caused me confusion due to this changeability. It therefore is mumbo jumbo.
Your assessors for the complaint have not understood the language or definition used or the actual meaning. On that basis, the complaint should have been thrown out.
Even if your assessors had trouble finding the definition of "mumbo jumbo" then they should realise that it was referenced in respect to tikanga. Tikanga is not a race. It is an element of culture. In that way, it is not racist any more than saying that "Scientology is mumbo jumbo" (which it is) and then being told that this is a racist comment against North Americans as most Scientologists come from the USA. Clearly that would be nonsense.
It is very obvious that the BSA has a political agenda to shut down The Platform. It has used a complaint that is full of holes to try and effect its desired outcome.
The above commentary is a preamble to this official information request. I would like a copy of all meeting records from the last 3 years, all emails from the last 3 years or other correspondence to or from the BSA in the last 3 years from any government MPs that have referenced The Platform.
Thank you. The action you have taken is very silly.
Kind regards

B Peter 15/10/2025 BSA, YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO WHAT YOU A DOING TO THE PLATFORM YOU DRIBBLING PILE OF WOKE PRICKS !!!!!
BLOODY DISCUSTING
I HOPE YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE BSA.....

E John 15/10/2025 You bastards need to stick to your knitting and leave plunket alone...your politically correct attitude and interference with free speach has no place in new zealand.

A Toy 15/10/2025 Kia Ora, ki te whakaaro nga porangi ka whai koe i a Plunket kei te moemoea koe. Noho i to ara.
Nga mihi clowns
p.s. Tikanga is mumbo jumbo

"Fred" 15/10/2025 Hi there
Please don't do anything to destroy The PPlatform Radio Station.
They have doubled the quality of my life.
Many thanks
Cheers regards and end of message

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R Anon 15/10/2025
LAWFUL NOTICE OF LIABILITY
TO: Members and Officers of the New Zealand Broadcasting Standards Authority (BSA) with recipients to bear witness.
FROM: [...]
DATE: 15-10-2025
RE: Censorship, Risks of Extortion, and Concealment of Evidence, Ongoing International Proceedings
Whereas:
1.The New Zealand Broadcasting Standards Authority (BSA) has stated its intention and in principle decision to claim authority to censor, penalise, or fine individuals and media for expression or publication it deems contrary to its standards;
2.The right to freedom of expression and the public's right to information are protected under Sections 14 and 27 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Articles 18 & 19), and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Articles 18 & 19), to which New Zealand is bound;
3.The New Zealand media sector, including regulatory agencies, has been named in an active Complaint filed with the International Criminal Court (ICC) for acts and omissions contributing to concealment of evidence and misinformation during the deployment of experimental undeclared biological technologies against the population, alleged to meet the definition of Crimes Against Humanity;
4.Further lawful petitions and complaints have been filed and acknowledged under:
The Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act;
The Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act;
The United Nations Human Rights High Commission;
The United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC);
And relevant filings for evidence preservation and verification with the NZ Division of the FBI and related international offices;
5.Any further censorship, suppression of lawful public interest information, or imposition of fines upon those exercising their rights to free expression, may constitute extortion, racketeering, abuse of office, and/or obstruction of justice under both domestic and international law;
6.Such actions may also constitute complicity in the concealment of evidence relating to ongoing investigations into serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law.
Therefore:
You, the undersigned members and officers of the Broadcasting Standards Authority, are hereby formally placed on Notice of Liability in both your corporate and personal capacities that:
•Any act to censor, obstruct, penalise, or intimidate lawful public communication, commentary, or disclosure relating to evidence of state or corporate wrongdoing will be deemed willful participation in criminal concealment;
•Any fine or punitive measure issued under colour of authority that restricts lawful speech will be considered extortion and racketeering activity within the meaning of international law;
•Your personal names, roles, and correspondence may be submitted to international authorities and tribunals as supplementary evidence of the ongoing suppression of truth and obstruction of justice within New Zealand media and government institutions.
Notice to Agent is Notice to Principal — Notice to Principal is Notice to Agent
Failure to respond or act in good faith will be taken as tacit agreement and acceptance of full personal and collective liability, civil and criminal, for any harm or injury caused by such actions.
All rights reserved.

B Beau 15/10/2025
Graham 15/10/2025
You make me sick 😡
To the Manager BSA
I have heard today of your handling of a complaint re The Platform online outlet, and you are trying to assume jurisdiction. The Platform is not a broadcast medium, you have to go looking for it online or via an app. You are stepping outside the legislation under which you have authority, so I suggest in no uncertain terms that you pull your head in and leave The Platform to function as it has for the last three years. Your activities are typical Wellington based left wing bureaucrat overreach, and I personally am not impressed.

A JandS 15/10/2025
Hands off our Platform. It gives New Zealanders a voice that we need, against the woke left leaning MSM. You are playing with fire, we will all get in behind Sean Plunket & there will be plenty of money to fight your " Stop the Platform Campaign" Just try! You're in for a battle.

A Steve 15/10/2025
Hi BSA, you've bitten off more than you can chew with your recent missive to Sean Plunket at The Platform. I look forward to the action that he will take re the overstep you've made concerning a complaint you received about a July 22nd 2025 video of his. This is going to be comedy at its best and I hope the BSA will be disestablished as a result. NZ taxpayers do not need to fund an inept and vapid entity such as yours.

A ConcernedCitizen 15/10/2025
First name
Concerned
Last name
Citizen
Email address
123concernedcitizen@hotmail.com
Address
123 justice street
Programme title
You
I am complaining about you. You guys need to leave the platform alone.
Leave the platform alone.

A Dave 15/10/2025
So the Marxist organisation that is funded way too much by my tax dollars is now looking for something else to do
Now it is The Platform which I have been part of for its 3 years or so
What a bunch of twats
Free speech rules sorry and Ti Tunga can be part of that but to many it is mumbo jumbo - so what
The Platform has nothing to do with your hopeless organisation and you have no say on it
Otherwise TVNZ, Stuff, Herald, Newsroom etc etc would all be gone by now
For Christ sake you losers, move to China or get real jobs that make a difference to New Zealand, because you are not doing it now
Bloody clowns and racists

A Gordon 15/10/2025
BSA (Bullshit Association)
You are a waste of space!
Love The Platform.
Thanks for the free advertising!!!

A David 15/10/2025 Good morning.
With reference Broadcasting Standards Act 1989, your jurisdiction and supposed control or authority over internet content does not exist.
Content that does not or is not broadcast on radio waves or television, either free to air or pay television, cannot be censored under the act in its current form.
For the BSA to try and uphold and enforce penalties and or license conditions with regard to complaints received, is a prime example of how a bureaucratic entity is being used to try and control content with an agenda in mind.
For a decision to be taken and processed and then correspondence entered to try and exert pressure shows that the BSA is entering into areas of censorship and control that it was not meant for. If the license to broadcast is not held by the subject of the complaint then content can't be presided over either.
It is very disappointing that the BSA appears be to think it can step outside the conditions of the act as it wishes.

A Ken 15/10/2025 You pricks trying to shut, the platform down, Hitler did this before he took over Europe, so piss off. Ken

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