

## Media Files: ABC boss Michelle Guthrie sacked, but the board won't say why

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The major question following the sacking of ABC managing director Michelle Guthrie is why? Why did the ABC board move so decisively and why now?

Was it just about tension between her and the corporation chair, Justin Milne, or was it about strategic direction for the national broadcaster?

In this special edition of Media Files, Monash University's Margaret Simons and former ABC staff-elected director Matt Peacock talk to Matthew Ricketson and Andrew Dodd about what it might mean for the ABC - particularly in the lead up to a federal election.

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