



**Media Release**

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## 28 Days. Six well-known Aussies. One epic journey into Aboriginal Australia. SBS's Logie-award winning series *First Contact* returns

Over three big nights –  
8.30pm 29, 30 November and 1 December  
simultaneously on SBS and NITV

Meet the participants: <https://youtu.be/ljclQ-35f6Y>

SBS's Logie-award winning series *First Contact* returns for a brand new season, hosted again by legendary journalist Ray Martin.

Produced by Blackfella Films (*Deep Water, Redfern Now, Mabo*) with major production investment from Screen Australia, the first season of *First Contact* generated headlines and sparked debate across Australia in 2014 when Martin took six Australians into Aboriginal Australia for the first time.

This year, Martin takes a group of six well-known Australians with diverse, deeply entrenched preconceptions and opinions about our nation's Indigenous people on the journey.

Reconciliation Australia has found that six out of 10 Australians have had little or no contact with the nation's first people\* – and this six are no different, despite meeting thousands of people in their high profile occupations.

Their beliefs will be confronted. Their emotions will be pushed to the limit.

The participants are singer-songwriter **Natalie Imbruglia**, ex-One Nation politician **David Oldfield**, TV personality **Ian 'Dicko' Dickson**, Comedian **Tom Ballard**, Former Miss Universe Australia **Renae Ayris** and Actress **Nicki Wendt**.

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SBS Director of Television and Online Content Marshall Heald said:

"*First Contact* season one gave Australians the chance to gain greater understanding and insight into one of our biggest social cohesion debates. Season two aims to once again get the nation talking and gives audiences the opportunity to delve deeper into this vital conversation. The challenges that the participants face, the moments that confront them, and the lessons they

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learn have never been more relevant for all Australians, and we are proud to be leading this discussion.”

Blackfella Films Executive Producer Darren Dale said:

“In such politically charged times where division and race relations are dominating the headlines, it is more important than ever for us to reflect on who we are as Australians and consider what we want to be as a nation – *First Contact* pushes us to confront the questions.”

Broadcast simultaneously on SBS and NITV over three consecutive nights, *First Contact* will be complemented by additional programming, stories and analysis across SBS’s online, radio and television network, giving audiences the chance to engage even more with the program. More information and a sneak peek of season two, in the coming weeks.

**Produced by Blackfella Films (*Deep Water, Redfern Now, Mabo*) in association with Screen Australia, Film Victoria and SBS, *First Contact* season 2 will air over three big nights – Tuesday 29 November, Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December – simultaneously at 8.30pm each night on SBS and NITV. #FirstContact**

\*Australian Reconciliation Barometer 2012