BRITTANY HIGGINS SCRIPT PART I FINAL VERSION

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STUDIO INTRO

LISA: Welcome back to this special edition of The Project.

Tonight, claims of rape, roadblocks to a police investigation and a young woman forced to choose between her career and the pursuit of justice.

And it all happened right in the heart of our democracy.

Brittany Higgins says the government betrayed her. I sat down with her for this exclusive television interview.

And a warning, this story contains confronting allegations.

SCRIPT

Who Brittany is	B: (BIG sigh and steadies herself)
	26-year-old Brittany Higgins has worked as a media adviser to three Liberal ministers over the last two years.
	First, Steve Ciobo [cho-bo], the Minister for Defence Industriesbut he lost that portfolio.
	0:03:01.7 Brittany: So on the basis of Steve being demoted, I immediately lost my job.
	But Brittany was one of the fortunate few who found a place with the new minister, Linda Reynolds.
	0:04:13.7 Brittany: I think three of us out of a team of 20 made it into Minister Reynolds existing team.
The alleged rapist	0:07:12.3 Lisa: can you describe how you were treated professionally by one of the senior male advisors to Minister Reynolds?

0:07:23.2 Brittany: Yeah, so immediately it became clear that this person was quite, had a special bond with the Minister. it was very clear that was her go to person, he was quite territorial of that position. 0:08:36.1And so, it was, it was difficult. 0:08:57.3 And you know, I was just grateful to have a job, I didn't really care how they treated me, I was just grateful.
0:09:05.3 Lisa: So, he was a bit of a favourite of Minister Reynolds?
0:09:08.0 Brittany: Yeah, very much so. He had been advising her in the Home Affairs portfolio prior to thatHe had a lot of friends everywhere 0:09:39.0he was considered one of the sort of rising stars.
On the 22nd March 2019, less than 3
weeks after she'd started in Linda
Reynolds office, Brittany organised
Friday night drinks with contacts and
colleagues in Defence. 0:12:48.3 Lisa: So, how did this senior male
colleague act towards you?
0:12:54.4 Brittany: He was nice to me. I think he was grateful that I invited him. I was kind of happy that I had an opportunity to show my expertise in the space, to kind of demonstrate some value to the team I guess I noticed that he was buying me a lot of drinks and I was kind of, I just sort of, job well done, I thought I was kind of broadly being rewarded in a weird way.
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0:15:54.6 Lisa: So, would you say you were drunk when you decided to go home? 0:15:57.9 Brittany: Oh absolutely. I, the sort of the thing that pre-empted me deciding that I had to go home, I fell over in front of people. I pretty much face planted, I had scuffed my knee and at that point I was like, ok I'm really, I have to leave.

	0:18:54.1 Lisa: Did you at any point in that evening to the best of your knowledge indicate to him that you were in any way interested in him romantically or sexually? 0:19:04.3 Brittany: No, not at all. I started that night with a different date. I wasn't there for him at all. And I invited him in a professional context. So I just, no.
	breath - cab pulling up at night in Canberra
Parliament House	0:16:27.2 Brittany: My senior male colleague he was actually quite helpful in terms of sort of just getting me into a cab on the basis that I really couldn't walk. 0:16:55.8 I mean I don't specifically remember the exact conversation, but I just remember sort of the general tone was, we live in the same direction but I've got to stop somewhere first. Lisa: where was that somewhere?
	0:17:26.3 Brittany: Parliament. So he wanted to go to Parliament House. Lisa: Why?
	0:17:30.0He just had to pick something up. Some vague non-descript something. 0:20:43.9he paid the fare, he got out it felt better to go into the building than stand outside in the dark by myself.
	0:21:09.0 Brittany: I just remember we went through the Ministerial Entrance which is the back entrance. And it's the only entrance you can get into Parliament out of hours 0:21:27.9And then you go through to another checkpoint. And this is where physical security guards are. And it's like, airport security, you've got to sort of take off all your metal things, take off your shoes, go through.
	0:21:53.6 And I think at this point I remember him saying something to the effect of effect just, just be quiet

	0:24:22 7 Lica: So, onco you passed
	0:24:22.7 Lisa: So, once you passed through security, where did you go?
	0:24:25.8 Brittany: We went up the lift into Minister Reynolds' suite
	0:25:30.9 Brittany: I remember that he was sort of taking a really long time with somethingAnd so, I got to the point where I don't know if he guided me there, or if I went there myself. But I ended up laying down and passing out on the Minister's couch.
The alleged rape	
	0:28:05.1 Lisa: So, what's the next thing that you remember happening?
	0:28:08.3 Brittany: The first thing that sort of awoke me was I was in a pain. My leg was kind of being crushed the senior staffer was on top of me. He was clearly almost finished.
	0:28:42.0 Lisa: Sorry, was there sexual intercourse going on?
	0:28:44.9 Brittany: Yeah, I was, I woke up mid-rape essentially. I don't know why I knew he was almost finished but I felt like it had been going on for a while. Or that he was almost done, he was sweaty, I couldn't get him off of me, at this point I started crying
	0:29:15.2 Lisa: What did you say to him?
	0:29:16.3 Brittany: I told him to stop.
	0:29:18.4 Lisa: Did he?
	0:29:19.5 Brittany: No.
	0:30:38.1 Lisa: How many times would you estimate you said to him to stop?
	0:30:43.0 Brittany: I felt like it was on a loop endlessly. At least half a dozen. I was crying the whole way through it.

	0:30:05.7And he didn't speak to me the entire time. I just remember him eventually, he stopped, and he got up and he looked at me and I kind of looked at him and I couldn't get up. And then he left.
GFX photo of bruise	0:32:42.3 Lisa: You have a photo that you took of a bruise that developed from that night. What does that photograph show? 0:32:50.7 Brittany:It's quite a large
	bruise and it's just the weight obviously of his leg pinning me down.
	0:45:14.2 Lisa: So, you've since learned that a security guard did come into the room after the allege rape took place.
	0:45:20.7 Brittany: Yeah.
	0:47:46.6 Lisa: Can you understand how someone whose job it is to keep Parliament House secure, would not call for medical help?
	0:47:57.7 Brittany: No, I wrestle with it myself all the time, yeah, I don't know.
	0:35:59.6 Lisa: So, when you finally woke up
	0:33:40.8 Brittany:they were sort of yelling out into the office just checking. Because they broadly sort of had an understanding that something had happened.
Sunday	0:35:59.6 Lisa: Can you describe what state you were in?
	0:36:05.4 Brittany: My dress was up around my waist, the straps were kind of down. I was pretty dishevelled I was scared that I was at work. My first thought was, oh my God I'm at work.
	0:38:04.9 Lisa: How many security guards did you see on your way out?

	0:38:08.7 Brittany: I saw the two gentlemen at the Ministerial entrance on the way out. 0:38:36.8 Lisa: Did any of those security guards ask if you were ok? 0:38:39.8 Brittany: No, no. 0:40:15.7 Lisa: What happened when you got back to your apartment? 0:40:17.6 Brittany: my roommate thought it kind of weird and I was acting weird. But I just sat in my room all day and cried.
	Monday morning Brittany went to work as usual.
	So did her senior colleague, the alleged rapist.
	But no one raised the weekend's security breach.
	That came on Tuesday morning.
Meeting with COS	0:53:03.2 Brittany: Yeah, so immediately sort of the tone in the office had changed and we had an Acting Manager, or we call them Chiefs of Staff named Fiona Brown. And she had been sort of seconded from the Prime Minister's office and she is the Director of Operations. 0:54:23.So, she came in on the Tuesday morning and asked if the senior colleague and I would go into the office and speak with her. So she originally brought in the senior colleague and they were probably in
	there for about forty-five minutes.
	0:55:43.7 Lisa: So this colleague came out? 0:55:45.5 Brittany: Yeah so he immediately walked out of the office and started packing up his things.

	0:57:23.9 Lisa: So, what was her tone
	towards you until you told her that you had been raped?
	0:57:31.0 Brittany: It was very procedural, it felt like a disciplinary meetingit was, we'd been made aware of the events and that you guys were here after hours and you know that's not acceptable
	0:57:53.6 And then she made me re-sign this thing called the Ministerial Code of Conduct.
	0:58:00.2 Lisa: Why was that?
	0:58:01.1 Brittany: I don't really know. I think I guess because we were acting in a way that was out of, not in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
	0:56:21.4 and she asked me to sort of recount the events of the night 0:56:54.2 I started from the start and I went all the way through. And that was sort of the first time I'd vocalised that I'd been raped. And I think as I was telling it, it was the first time I'd sort of pieced it together myself, what had happened was an assault.
	0:58:28.4and then that was when the entire sort of tone changed, I think. Yeah, then she sort of moved into sort of, a different hat came on and she wasn't disciplining me, it was more about managing a situation.
	0:58:48.0 Lisa: What does that mean?
	0:58:51.1 Brittany: I think it felt like I became, this was like immediately became sort of like a political problem. It felt like that immediately. It wasn't a staffing problem, it wasn't a HR problem, it wasn't a human problem, but immediately it was like, ok, we have an issue.
	END PART I
Lisa to camera, in studio	Coming up, how the government responded to Brittany's shocking claims and held a meeting in the same room the alleged incident took place.

PLAYOFF 4: GRAB		
MUSIC: Skyscraper - Demi Lovato (INST: 0.52 / UP: 0.36)		
GRAB 'this is where it happened. It's right	ASSAULT B	MISHANDLED BY
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would put me in that space again. Cries.	@4.24 - 4.28	

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Lisa to camera, in studio	Welcome back, we now return to our interview with Brittany Higgins, the young liberal staffer, who tells us she was raped inside Parliament House.
Support – the brochure, internal police triggered	1:01:44.6 Lisa: So, you had just told a senior advisor to Prime Minister Scott Morrison that you had been raped on Minister Reynolds' couch in her private office.
	1:01:56.1 Brittany: Yes.
	1:01:57.2 Lisa: That's a serious crime.
	1:01:58.6 Brittany: Yeah.
	1:02:56.3 Lisa: What support were you given by Fiona Brown?
	1:02:59.9 Brittany: We have an employee assistance program. And I remember she gave me a brochure for the Employee Assistance Program. And I think she told me that day that I could take the rest of the day off and I did.
	1:03:53.4 Lisa: So, what was in the brochure that you were left with?
	1:03:56.0 Brittany: A phone number. I did call it. I think it was like a two-month wait to speak to a psychologist.
	1:01:59.6 Lisa: Did she call the police?
	1:02:03.1 Brittany: She said, internal mechanisms were already at play
	Lisa: What does that mean?

	1:02:08. Brittany: inside of Parliament House, it's its own unique AFP unit. And so, that act independently from the ACT Police and they're a branch of the Federal Police apparently It was this automatic sort of series of events that had been triggered on the basis that there'd been a breach of security in the Minister's office.
LISA PTC FROM APH 10-15 secs	The fact is that different rules apply in the building behind me. The internal police force answers to politicians - parliament's presiding officers - rather than the bosses at the Australian Federal Police.
	PROF GEORGE WILLIAMS 0:04:22 Parliament jealously guards its protections, doesn't like outside interference and as a result, sets up systems and laws that preserve its ability to function free of interference. Constitutional lawyer Professor
	George Williams. 0:05:58.7 it does mean we need to be wary sometimes because there's a lot of vested self-interest in making sure that politicians protect themselves, protect their party members and the like. 0:06:16.7 And that can be an impediment to actually getting just outcomes and the law enforced properly.
	Brittany was interviewed by the parliament house police unit.
The CCTV 1:10:08.9 Lisa: Because at this point, you knew that quite a few people had seen this CCTV? 1:10:13.5 Brittany: Yeah, yeah I knew that Fiona had seen it, I knew that sort of, one of my other colleagues had seen it from Defence.	Lisa: did you ask to see the CCTV footage of you on that night, into the morning? 1:09:50.3 Brittany: Yeah 1:12:55.7 Lisa: Do you know how far that CCTV followed you?

And so it was this strange thing where it felt like everyone had all this information on my own assault, and I didn't have any 1:10:37.8 I desperately wanted to, I asked at least half-a-dozen times to see that CCTV and she always said no. 1:10:58.3 Lisa: Who's she?	1:13:05.0 Brittany: It went from the very front entrance of where the taxi would have stopped all the way through, going through security, all the way up to the suite 1:10:08.9 Lisa: Because at this point, you knew that quite a few people had seen this CCTV?
1:10:59.6 Brittany: Fiona. 1:12:06.8 Lisa: How did that make you feel? 1:12:10.6 Brittany: It hurt, it really hurt It felt like a betrayal for them to sort of withhold this one really small thing that I needed just personally for myself to process, [starts to cry] to move on, or just to understand what had happened to me It really hurt, I don't know why, it really upset me.	1:10:13.5 Brittany: Yeah, yeah I knew that Fiona had seen it, I knew that sort of, one of my other colleagues had seen it from Defence. And so it was this strange thing where it felt like everyone had all this information on my own assault, and I didn't have any 1:10:37.8 I desperately wanted to, I asked at least half-a-dozen times to see that CCTV and she always said no. 1:10:58.3 Lisa: Who's she? 1:10:59.6 Brittany: Fiona. 1:12:06.8 Lisa: How did that make you feel? 1:12:10.6 Brittany: It hurt, it really hurt It felt like a betrayal for them to sort of withhold this one really small thing that I needed just personally for myself to process, [starts to cry] to move on, or just to understand what had happened to me It really hurt, I don't know why, it really upset me.
Meeting in Reynolds office next to the couch	1:13:52.6 Lisa: So when did Minister Reynolds speak to you about what happened?
GFX PIC of Whatsapp message mentioned here	1:14:14.5I got a WhatsApp from Fiona Brown indicating that Minister Reynolds would like to have a meeting with me and 6 on the following Monday.
	1:15:41.2 I kind of expected to walk into Fiona's office where we'd been having all of our other meetings and we actually went into the room where it happened.

1:16:07.9 And it was just like a whiteout in my mind. Because it's the first time I'd ever had to go back there. ... And so between sort of me and their table was the couch. And I just remember feeling so, I'm sure they were saving words but I barely remember a single word they said during that entire process. 1:16:38.7Cause i was just so cognizant of, this is where it happened, it's right there. That's exactly where it, and it was just this loop playing in my mind of this trauma that I'd just sort of come to terms with and I just thought it was unfathomable that they would put me in that space again.

1:16:55.2 Lisa: Did Minister Reynolds know that that was the couch that you allege the rape happened on?

1:17:00.1 Brittany: There's no way she wouldn't, she knew it was in her office. 1:18:07.7... I felt like I was reliving it, every second of being in that room.

1:17:05.2 Lisa: So what did she say to you?

1:17:07.5 Brittany: She was apologetic. She was nice, she did say nice words. She was apologetic, she asked how I was. And then pretty quickly the conversation turned to sort of, the police. And if I chose to go to the police, we would support you. And it was this sort of, it felt like a weird sort of, HR ticking a box moment ...

1:20:47.0 Brittany: ...it was never sort of overtly stated but any sort of mental health leave or when I spoke about needing time off to go speak to the officer, it always became quite a different sort of issue in the office.
1:20:50.0...I could tell that it made Fiona uncomfortable. I could tell that —

1:21:15.9 Lisa: It made Fiona Brown uncomfortable if you brought up anything that referred at all –

1:21:20.7 Brittany: To the incident.
1:21:21.1 Lisa: To the alleged rape?
1:21:22.7 Brittany: Yeah, yeah. And so, it became a topic that was really hard to raise with her. And she was sort of my only point of contact in terms of HR or anything. She was my only sort of person I could go to. The minister clearly didn't want to hear about it anymore. She didn't broadly want to see me anymore. And so, Fiona was like my sort of, the only person I could talk to. And it was dismissed, it was played down, and it was made to feel like it was my problem. [cries] 1:21:53.2And so i would try and raise it I would try and bring it back up - it always sort of came back to sort of being
a me issue. And if you can't deal with it,
then you can leave.
end to part II

PLAYOFF 5: COMING UP (LISA)		
Coming up,		
MUSIC: TBC stitched from package??		
The very different career outcomes for Brittany and her alleged rapist.		ALLEGED ASSAULT FALLOUT
GRAB 'what's happened to the man who you say raped you on minister reynolds couch? He's fine. (trim) I don't think he's suffered any consequences for it at all."	ASSAULTC @6.33 - 6.37 @6.45 @ 6.48	

Commercial break

Lisa to camera, in studio	Welcome back to this special edition of The Project
	A Federal Government spokesperson admits that the meeting between Brittany Higgins and Senator Reynolds

	should not have taken place in the office where the alleged assault occurred, but he insists that Minister Reynolds and Fiona Brown encouraged Brittany to speak to the police and guaranteed that there would be no impact upon her career. Today the Prime Minister was questioned in Parliament about the assault and he endorsed the way the assault had been handled by government officers including Fiona Brown.
Grab of PM Scott Morrison in question time on 15 February 2021	The Government has aimed to provide Ms Higgins with her agency, to provide support to make decisions in her interests and to respect her privacy. This offer of support and assistance continues.
Lisa to camera, in studio	But for Brittany, the alleged assault left her feeling she had to choose between her career and seeking justice.
	[start of part III]
AFP - sexual assault crimes unit	1:24:22.3 Lisa: Who called in the AFP? 1:24:30.5 Brittany: The internal Parliament House decided to elevate it to them. So, that's when the Belconnen Sexual Assault Crimes Unit got involved.
GFX SUBTITLES/PHONE GFX DATE 4 APRIL 2019	AFP voicemail message: Oh hi Brittany it's BEEP BEEP from the AFPwe're just trying to organise an appointment for tomorrow probably after 11am when our detectives will be available.
	1:24:58.1 And they actually came and picked me up from Parliament House. And so they, that was the first time I had a real counsellor. I had a lady from the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre there with meand I had two officers there. 1:25:24.0 And they were very proactive. They had already sort of started acquiring footage from the venues we'd been at earlier in the night but

	was alwaydy barries difficulty to the
	was already having difficulty with Parliament House getting copies of the CCTV footage.
	1:27:27.5 She said that this would be a bit of a battle. She didn't know if she'd be able to get it.
	1:27:37.9Lisa: And she was so concerned she elevated it to her superior?
	1:27:42.1 Brittany: Yeah, that's correct.
	1:27:43.4 Lisa: And did her superior have any luck getting that CCTV?
	1:27:46.5 Brittany: Not to my knowledge.
The election – going to WA	1:29:18.0 Lisa: So this all happened just weeks before the Federal Election of 2019 was called. And I believe that Fiona Brown from the Prime Minister's office gave you two choices on how to proceed.
	1:29:38.6 Brittany: Yeah, so essentially, I could go home. They'd pay me <1:29:52.5 I would technically be employed> <0:53:38.1 in six weeks' time our contracts were all going to expire anyway> and I could just sort of take leave and I could just sort of process what had happened to me and I could just go home.
	1:30:15.1 Lisa: To try and heal.
	1:30:16.3 Brittany: Yeah. And I asked, so what's the process of coming back. And she said, well you wouldn't. And that was the really clarifying moment for me where I fully sort of internalised that this is a political issue, my job is on the line for this, I don't really have a choice.
2019 campaign footage hasluck, canning, swan - reynolds	1:30:51.0 Lisa: So what did you choose? 1:30:54.5 Brittany: This was my dream job; I had worked my entire life to get
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	here. [cries] I wanted this future, I
	wanted to be a part of it for my entire
	(sort of) working life, um
	1:31:15.8 So yeah, I went to WA.
	1:31:34.5 Lisa: What was in WA?
	1:31:36.7 Brittany: I was sort of just a part of Minister Reynolds' sort of WA based team,up in a hotel room but we were sort of working seven days a week I was pretty suicidal to be honest at the time. Because you're just alone, it was really hard.{cries}
	1:32:30.6 Lisa: Did you think it was a curious option to send someone who just alleged rape to the other side of the country with no support network around her at all?
	1:32:41.4 Brittany: Yeah. I thought it felt intentional. Sorry –
	1:32:53.3 Lisa: How did Minister Reynolds treat you during those six weeks?
	1:32:57.0 Brittany: I mean she was never outright rude to me, but she did sort of actively try and avoid me as much as possible. She didn't like me coming to her events. She didn't like me going to things with her. I think I made her uncomfortable.
Dropping the AFP case, staying silent	1:33:40.7 Lisa: Why did you decide not to pursue the case with the AFP at that point?
	1:33:46.3 Brittany: Because we were already coming up against so many blockades and I realised my job was on the line. I didn't feel like I had a choice.
	1:34:10.4 Lisa: Did you feel pressured in any way whatsoever not to proceed with the case with the police?
	1:34:18.9 Brittany: Oh absolutely, I mean there is a strange culture of

	silence in the parties, and you just, you don't, the idea of sort of speaking out on these sort of issues especially around a campaign is just, it's like letting the team down. You're not a team player,
	After the election Brittany accepted a job from Employment Minister Michaelia Cash.
	In July 2019 Minister Cash was asked about two other claims of sexual assault within the Liberal Party.
https://www.9news.com.au/national/calls-for- change-in-liberal-partys-boy-club- culture/68aa3d19-6ca3-4a4a-8bf3- bef3fa677b6d	Michaelia Cash: These are serious allegations and I would say to the parties concerned that they should be referred to the appropriate authorities.
ATTRIB - 9 news DATE: 31 July 2019	
	1:44:20.1 Brittany: Yeah, I was actually down the hall from her when she'd said that I was in the press gallery at the time and yeah it was hard to hear that because I knewthat you know, even if you go down the right pathway, they're not going to, the party isn't willing to help or support you.
	Brittany believes Michaelia Cash found out about her experience three months after the remarks in the corridor. And that the information came directly from Linda Reynolds - breaching her privacy.
	Michaelia Cash's office disputes this saying she only recently found out the specifics.
	1:45:45.4 Lisa: Did Minister Cash have any words of advice on how you should

deal with the trauma that you were going through? 1:45:50.9 Brittany: Yeah, I was having difficulties actually coming through the entrance at Parliament House. It was that same entrance where the incident had happened and so I felt every time I walked through it, I'd get quite panicky and I'd sort of, said that I was having difficulties just coming in. And at that point she was like, well you're just going to have to sort of suck it up essentially. 1:46:09.7 And it was, it's that same idea of, you deal with it or you leave. 1:47:09.6 Lisa: So, apart from Fiona Brown, has anyone else from the Prime Minister's office been in touch with you over the assault? 1:47:17.5 Brittany: Yeah, so I've had Yaron Finkelstein sort of, broadly in proximity around it. During the actual week after the event,... 1:47:36.2 Lisa: Who is Yaron Finkelstein? 1:47:37.6 Brittany: He is the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister I think is his official title. But essentially, he's just like the fixer, he fixes problems. Not just people but other issues but he's the fixer. 1:50:10.3 Lisa: Did you hear from Yaron Finkelstein after that initial period? 1:50:15.0 Brittany: I did, I did. It was just like a strange sort of check in essentially. But those happened to me kind of pretty regularly. 1:50:23.4 Lisa: What was the timing of that check in? 1:50:26.8 Brittany: There was some sort of story...but it was another sort of Liberal women issues, Four Corners.

	1:50:36.4 Lisa: The Canberra bubble story on Four Corners?
	1:50:38.3 Brittany: Yeah that's correct.
	1:50:46.9 Lisa: And what did he say?
	1:50:48.9 Brittany: Just checking in.
	1:50:51.4 Lisa: Is it normal for a junior staffer to get a call from the Prime Minister's chief fixer?
	1:50:56.7 Brittany: No, no it's not normal.
The alleged rapist	1:59:51.6 Lisa: So, what's happened to the man that you say raped you, on Minister Reynolds' couch?
	2:00:07.1 Brittany: Yeah, he's fine, he's working in Sydney, he's got a good job. Everyone, people don't know why he left, and I don't think he's suffered any consequences for it at all. I think he just kind of got to keep going.
	2:11:07.6 Lisa: Are you able to keep working in this environment?
	2:11:10.4 Brittany: No.
	2:11:12.9 Lisa: Have you resigned?
	2:11:14.6 Brittany: Yeah.
	2:12:59.1 Lisa: are you at all concerned that maybe by resigning you've just taken this problem out of your boss's hands? Out of the Government's hands?
	2:13:17.3 Brittany: No, I think that resigning is the only thing that I can personally do to sort of, saythat I don't think anyone else should go through what I went through.
	2:02:58.5 Lisa: If everything that you say is true, it sounds to me like the

easiest place in this country to rape a woman and get away with it, is Parliament House in Canberra.

2:03:14.4 Brittany: Yeah, yeah.

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Back announce

Lisa to camera, in studio

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On screen text: LIFELINE 13 11 14 We of course approached all the people named in our story and all our requests for interviews were declined. Those requests remain open. Full statements on behalf of the Prime Minister's office, Fiona Brown, Linda Reynolds, Michaela Cash and the Australian Federal Police can be seen on our website.

But there is some good news for Brittany tonight. After almost 2 years, Parliament House authorities have finally told us the CCTV will be available to investigators.

And of course, if this story has raised any issues for you, national 24 hour counselling and support can be found on 1800 RESPECT, which is 1800 737 732. And of course, crisis support is available 24/7 through Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Well that's it for tonight's show. Please join us again tomorrow night for more project at 6:30. Goodnight.

Closing credits.