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**BBC comedy Citizen Khan to air on the
Seven Network in 2013****Wednesday December 5, 2012**

In a recently completed deal with BBC Worldwide Australasia, the Seven Network has licensed the family comedy series **Citizen Khan**, which will premiere to Australian audiences in 2013.

Warm and exceedingly funny, **Citizen Khan** follows the trials and tribulations of self-appointed Muslim community leader Mr Khan and his long-suffering family. Things would be so much easier if everyone listened to him and followed his lead, but his obsessively house-proud wife and two feisty daughters have other ideas. He finds a refuge of sorts in the local mosque run by new mosque manager Dave – who to Mr Khan's chagrin is not only white, but ginger. This is where Mr Khan has his 'office' – which he shares with many other eccentrics from the community who happen to drop in, which they do – a lot.

Citizen Khan premiered in the UK on BBC One to 3.7 million viewers and ranked as the sixth highest rated sitcom across all channels in the UK for 2012. The programme has been commissioned for a second series of 7 x 30 minutes.

Said Irene Read, BBC Worldwide Australasia's Head of Sales: "The Seven Network is the perfect platform to showcase this fresh and vibrant family comedy and we are thrilled that Australian audiences will be given the opportunity to share in the hilarious antics of Mr Khan."

Said Angus Ross, Seven's Director of Network Programming: "The BBC has an established history of producing quality comedies and Citizen Khan is no exception. We are delighted to bring our viewers this outrageous new sitcom."

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