

## BBC Worldwide Press Office

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### BBC Worldwide Renews With SKY in New Zealand

BBC Worldwide ANZ has announced the renewal of its carriage deal with SKY, continuing channels which bring the best of British content to viewers in New Zealand.

The recently completed multi-year deal will see BBC Worldwide ANZ deliver a host of first-run British content on UKTV and BBC Knowledge with global breaking news on BBC World News to SKY viewers in New Zealand.

The home of the very best in British entertainment, **UKTV** provides a mix of premium drama and detective series, addictive soaps, hilarious comedies, brilliant chat shows and laugh-out-loud panel quizzes, including *Silent Witness*, *EastEnders*, *The Graham Norton Show* and coming later this year, period drama *Peaky Blinders*.

**BBC Knowledge** is the home of award-winning factual and non-fiction programmes, presented by a stable of world-class charismatic experts including Sir David Attenborough, James May, Bruce Parry and Professor Brian Cox.

UKTV and BBC Knowledge in New Zealand are the highest performing BBC Channels outside of the UK, reaching over a million New Zealanders each month.

The leader in breaking global news, **BBC World News** delivers impartial, in-depth analysis of international news including sport, weather, business, current affairs and documentaries.

The deal also includes catch up programming on SKY GO for 14 days from broadcast.

Jon Penn, Managing Director, BBC Worldwide ANZ, said: "British programming continues to have strong appeal in New Zealand and through this renewed partnership with SKY, we're delighted to be able to offer fine British programmes to New Zealand viewers via BBC channels for many years to come."

Travis Dunbar, SKY's Director of Entertainment Content, added: "We are delighted to continue this valued partnership with BBC Worldwide ANZ.

"All three channels are incredibly popular with our customers and, in the case of UKTV and BBC Knowledge, are programmed specifically to cater for a New Zealand audience. This kind of attention to detail is something that the BBC Worldwide team pride themselves on, and we know that this is appreciated by the many New Zealanders who regularly tune in for a fix of their favourite British programming."

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About BBC Worldwide Australia & New Zealand**

Australia & New Zealand (ANZ) is a priority territory for BBC Worldwide, focusing on growth across all its core business areas. Based in Macquarie Park, Sydney, BBC Worldwide ANZ wholly owns six channels: BBC First, UKTV, BBC Knowledge and CBeebies in Australia; UKTV and BBC Knowledge in New Zealand; and is responsible for the distribution and promotion of BBC World News which transmits in both countries. BBC First, a new premium channel showcasing premiere drama and comedy on the Foxtel platform in Australia, launched on 3 August 2014 and immediately claimed the top three drama ratings across STV for the day. BBC Worldwide ANZ distributes great British content from the BBC and other producers to all free-to-air and most subscription channels in Australia and New Zealand. It works with partners to bring BBC Worldwide DVDs, magazines, digital apps, innovative products and live events to the local market, as well as offering advertising opportunities for the BBC's world renowned [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) news site.

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