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Council of Indian Australians Inc has received a letter from Mr Adam Lang, General Manager of 2Day FM Radio station. He has expressed his apology for the hurt which Indian Australians felt with the comments by Kyle Sandilands.

Kyle too has apologised live on air this morning.

Here is what they said in their communication to us.

Kyle Sandilands said on Sydney Australia's 2Day FM, "I'm apologising... Anyone that's Indian that listens to this show knows that I love Indians... I don't discriminate. I love everyone. I don't care where they are, where they are from, what colour they are, I just made the mistake that the river which to me, looks polluted, I said it was a junkyard and did not realise that it was holy."

2Day FM Sydney General Manager, Adam Lang said, "We hope you feel that Kyle Sandilands and 2Day FM have taken responsibility for the offence caused by the remarks made. The offence was not intended but the consequence is absolutely accepted and we do sincerely apologise."

More details are here: <http://wp.me/poNG9-w2>

President of the Council, Dr Yadu Singh, said "We are very pleased with this development. They have realised that these comments were hurtful to Indian Australians and have now apologised."

Dr Singh further said "With the apology, this chapter is closed. There is no need to have any campaign or protest in India. I hope that Indian media in India will report it widely and let people know about the resolution of this matter."

He further said “This matter was never between Australia and India. It was a matter involving comments by a single broadcaster. Credit must be given to Kyle and 2day FM to act and resolve this matter so quickly.”

He also said “with the resolution of this matter, we need to ask some serious questions from the national and State Governments in India in regards to how and why Ganges and other rivers have been allowed to be polluted this seriously, and what is being done to rectify the situation effectively.”

The Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to the vast number of Indian Australians and Indian ethnic media in Australia, especially Desi Kangaroos TV, to have networked and worked with it to achieve this satisfactory result so quickly.

The Council will continue to take up the issues which are relevant to Indian Australians or relevant in Australia-India relations. The Council believes that Australia and India, both, are great countries and we want to see even better relations between the two.

For further comments, please contact Dr Yadu Singh, President of the Council at dryadusingh@gmail.com or 0413 375 669