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## **AAP to cut 25 editorial jobs**

AAP has announced plans to make up to 25 editorial positions redundant before June 30 and is leaving staff only a week to consider their options.

The first staff heard of the need to reorganise and make savings was at a meeting today outlining the company's pre-determined course of action to cut about 15% of its workforce.

MEAA Media director Katelin McNerney said: "Staff are telling us they are we are outraged that the company did not consult with them before making this decision. But to then impose a deadline of Tuesday next week simply does not allow people enough time to receive a redundancy estimate, talk to their family, or to get financial advice on their individual circumstances."

Staff say that given the scale of editorial job losses, it is likely to be an extremely tough road ahead for affected staff. The company has stated that it will force redundancies if its target is not reached through voluntary applications.

McNerney said: "MEAA members at AAP have told management that it must extend this ridiculous deadline and meet with employees to hear their feedback and ideas for alternatives to redundancy. Management must engage with its people earlier in future restructures so that employees are treated with respect and dignity."

MEAA urges AAP to show compassion and courtesy by allowing staff more time to plan for their future without having a unrealistic deadline imposed on their decision-making.

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