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HIGHLIGHTSHighlights of the AAP National Wire at 19:30, April 9 2014.

PERTH - The search zone for flight MH370 has narrowed down to 1300 square kilometres after more audio signals consistent with the plane's black box were detected from the depths of the Indian Ocean. (Malaysia Plane Wrap (with graphic))

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SYDNEY - South African retailer Woolworths believes it can dramatically turn around David Jones within five years, after launching a \$2.15 billion takeover bid for the department store business. (David Jones Wrap (with factboxes, pics))

CAIRNS - Evacuations have begun and Queensland's premier is returning from overseas as the strongest cyclone since Yasi in 2011 moves in on the state's far north. (Ita Wrap)

SEOUL - Prime Minister Tony Abbott will stress how urgently he wants to see free-trade talks with China resolved when he meets its premier Li Keqiang. (China Aust (Pics available))

CANBERRA - The Abbott government has refused to allow a foreigner to **buy** a house in Sydney in what some experts say could be a new direction in government policy. (Investment Wrap (pics available))

SYDNEY - Fallen NSW Labor powerbroker Eddie Obeid says he was motivated by duty, not greed, in requesting ministerial meetings and approaching a premier on behalf of Australian Water Holdings (AWH) and its boss Nick Di Girolamo. (ICAC Wrap (pics available))

SYDNEY - Two teenage girls who skipped school to go shopping were coaxed off a Sydney train and raped in a **park** in broad daylight. (Assault Wrap)

MELBOURNE - A Victorian man has been found guilty of murdering a sleeping 10-month-old boy as he robbed the boy's house. (Legal: Hicks Update)

MELBOURNE - Toyota Australia has recalled hundreds of thousands of superseded Yaris small car and Hilux utilities because of safety concerns. (Toyota)

BRISBANE - The man accused of murdering French student Sophie Collombet has appeared briefly in a Brisbane court. (Legal: Milward Update)

SYDNEY - A royal commission into trade union governance, slush funds and corruption is nothing more than a witch-hunt and taxpayers will be better served if more money went to enforcing existing laws, unions say. (Unions 2nd Wrap)

MELBOURNE - A Victorian mother who killed her partner by hitting him 16 times with a pickaxe has been cleared of murder after lawyers argued she was a victim of domestic violence. (Legal: Kally Wrap)

BRISBANE - The day a red rose was named after slain Queensland schoolboy Daniel Morcombe, his killer launched an appeal for release. (Legal: Cowan Wrap (pics available))

DARWIN - The Ranger uranium mine in Kakadu National **Park** is currently on track for the **site** to be fully rehabilitated when it closes - but it can't guarantee that if the Ranger 3 Deeps underground project doesn't go ahead. (Ranger Wrap)

MELBOURNE - In life, he called himself the premier and boasted of involvement in at least 15 murders. (Legal: Williams Update) with factbox

CANBERRA - People may be clamouring for a mortgage but buying a home is not lifting their spirits. (Economy Wrap)

JAKARTA - Schapelle Corby had trafficked drugs into Bali three times before her arrest, and "acted crazy" to get her sentence cut, her former Australian cellmate Renae Lawrence claims. (Indon Corby)

FINANCE

MELBOURNE - Global engineering **group**WorleyParsons will cut more jobs in a new restructure that will hit this year's bottom line by \$35 million (WorleyParsons) Wrap

SPORT

SYDNEY - Melbourne have urged the NRL to clarify the ruling on lifting tackles after opting not to appeal Jordan McLean's seven-match ban following the career-ending injury to Newcastle back-rower Alex McKinnon. (RL Wrap)

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