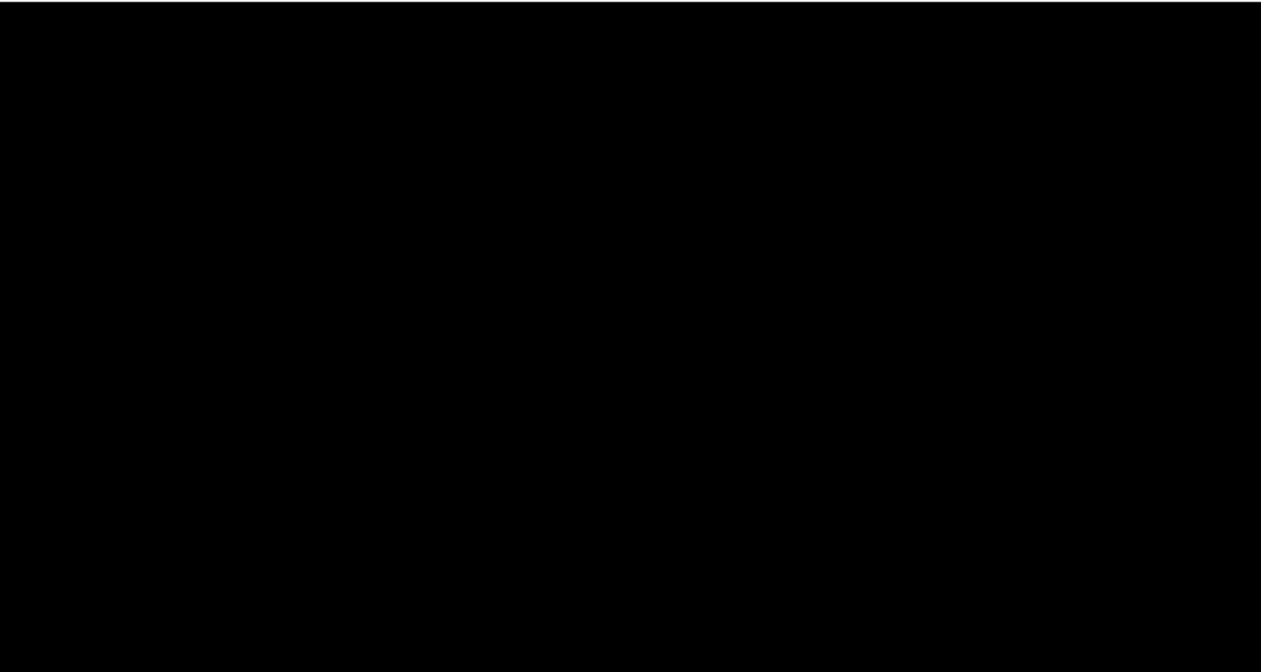


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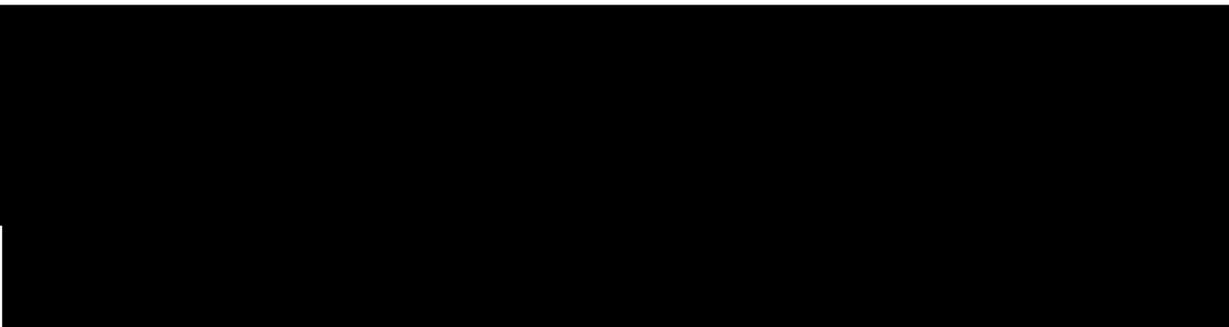
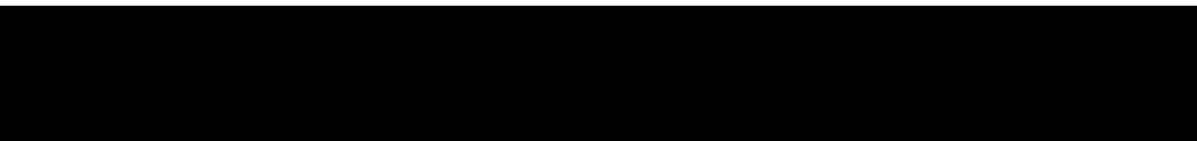
Rupert Murdoch and Lachlan Murdoch's control of licences and newspapers [REDACTED]

Rupert Murdoch has owned and managed News Corporation (News Corp) for 50 years. Lachlan began working for his father's business in 1989 when he was 18 years old. He worked on the publishing side and also in Pay TV.



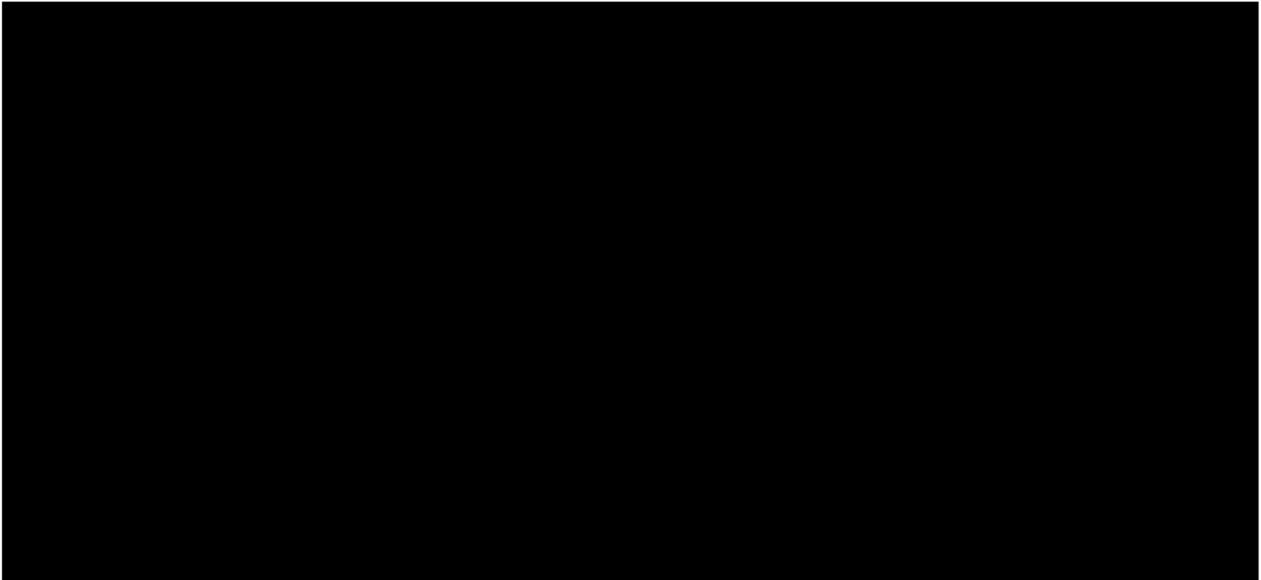
There are 18 directors of News Corp. Rupert is the chairman, and CEO and executive director of News Corp¹.

Lachlan Murdoch is a non-executive director of News Corp. Lachlan is not an employee of News Corp, or any subsidiary of News Corp. Lachlan does not hold any other roles or positions in respect of any other controllers of any of the associated newspapers controlled by Rupert Murdoch.



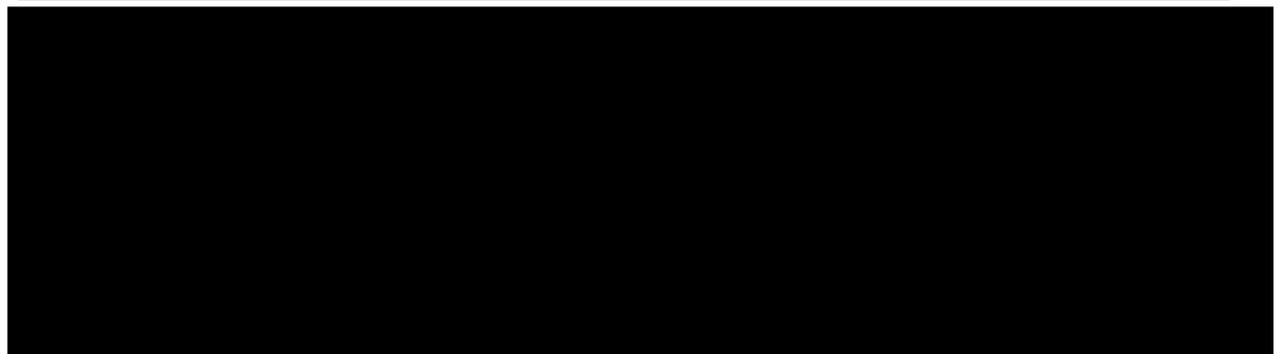
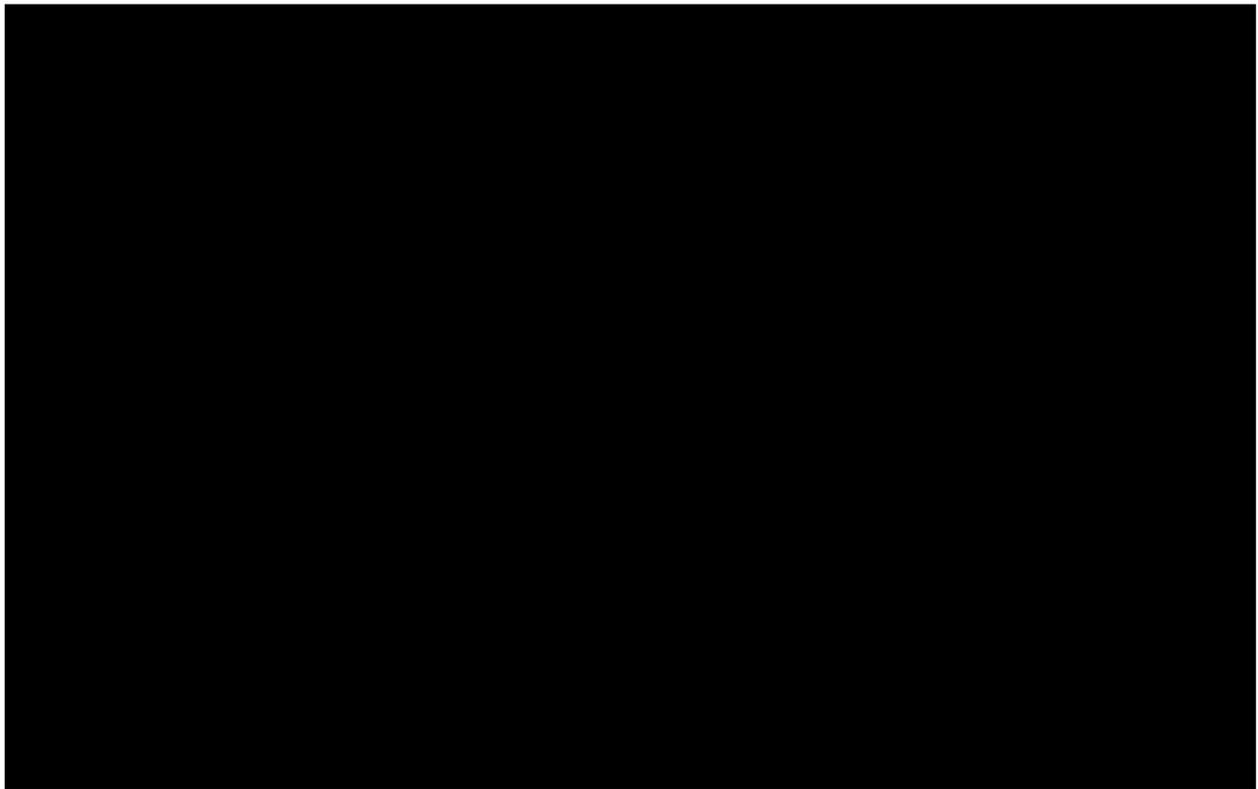
¹ Two further directors were appointed on 18 October 2012.





2009 – Lachlan acquires DMG radio 

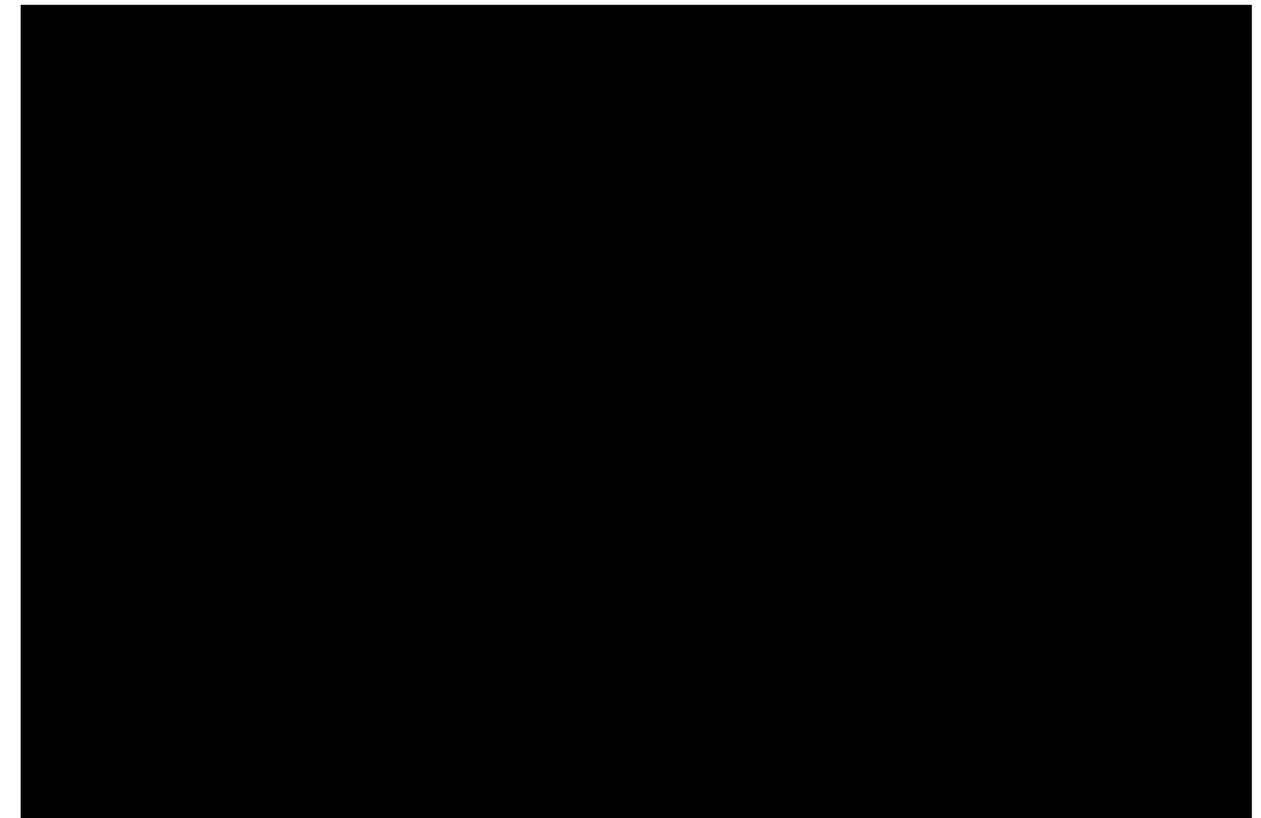
In November 2009, Lachlan Murdoch bought a half interest in DMG radio and came into control of the DMG radio licences. On 31 August 2012, he acquired the other half of DMG.





2010 – Lachlan acquires Network Ten

In November 2010, Lachlan Murdoch bought an 8.9 percent interest in (Ten Network Holdings Limited) TEN, from James Packer, who retained 8.9 percent himself. Lachlan Murdoch notified the ACMA that he was, under an agreement, acting in concert with James Packer in terms of how he voted his shares in TEN and they are both deemed¹² controllers of the TEN TV licences.



May – Avaaz letter

In May¹⁴, Avaaz, a global activist group, with 6,000 signatories to a website petition, wrote to the ACMA asking the ACMA to investigate whether Lachlan Murdoch controlled News. Senator



¹² Under clause 6 of Schedule 1 a person who has company interests in excess of 15% in a company is deemed to be in a position to exercise control of that company.



¹⁴ Letter of 16 May 2012 to the Chairman of the ACMA: Attachment I.12.

Attachment B

Chris Milne, leader of the Greens, also wrote on 23 May supporting Avaaz's call for an investigation¹⁵. In summary, the matters of concern to them were:

- Lachlan Murdoch's directorship in News Corp;
- Lachlan Murdoch's involvement in News Limited business as reported in press clips referring to him being the 'architect' of Kim Williams' appointment as CEO to News Limited;
- Press clips in support of a contention of joint action or influence (telephone conversation regarding the resignation of CEO of News International (Rebekah Brooks); father and son being huddled together in Sun Valley (US) amid the Milly Dowler phone hacking revelations; and Lachlan and Rupert Murdoch together walking the floor of The Sun newsroom as part of the launch of the Sunday edition of *The Sun*; and
- Reference to Lachlan Murdoch's beneficial interest under the Murdoch Family Trust.

On 28 June 2012, News Corp announced that it intended to separate its publishing and media entertainment businesses into two distinct publicly traded companies. The separation is expected to be completed in 12 months.

¹⁵ Letter of 23 May 2012: