

Wednesday, October 2017

**NOTICE OF MOTION Amendment to general business 539**

**Senator Hanson-Young**  
**Senator O'Neill**

The Senate notes:

- a) The overwhelming public support for the ABC and SBS in providing news services, quality programming including for children, and online catch up services iView and SBS On Demand.
- b) The vital role of the national broadcasters in promoting a diversity of services in the Australian media environment.
- c) The Liberal-National Government is waging an ideological war on public broadcasting, as evidenced by successive budget cuts, reviews and inquiries, and its recent deal with the One Nation Party in the context of the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Broadcasting Reform) Bill 2017 which includes:
  - a. a competitive neutrality inquiry into the ABC and SBS
  - b. amendments to the ABC Charter to undermine its independence
  - c. amendments to legislation to force the disclosure of the salaries of staff at the ABC and SBS.
- d) ~~The ABC and SBS should not contemplate releasing the salaries of its staff based on the ideological war One Nation Political Party and the Liberal/National Government are waging on public broadcasting.~~

The Senate agrees it will not support legislation that forces the ABC or SBS to publicise the salaries of its staff, breaching their right to privacy.

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