

Subject: Our ABC - our National treasure -
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Joan Jones writes:

All my long life I have rejoiced in the wonderful programs that have entertained and informed us on "OUR" A.B.C.
But now - what is happening? the closing of the Natural History Unit - a treasure with programs that cannot be seen on any other channel. All. documentaries and drama to be outsourced, with plans to sack the wonderful program-makers who have provided us with entertainment of a quality never seen on any other station.
And the final, unforgivable cut - the axing of Art Nation - the only TV arts magazine program - AND DISBAND ITS TV ARTS UNIT.

For those of us who are housebound by age or disability, the ABC has sustained our interest and pleasure in programs of cultural value and intellectual integrity that it seems will be lost to us forever - that is unless public opinion is strong enough to stop the A.B.C.'s PRIVATISATION by stealth.

We who value the quality programming of our ABC, appeal to the Senate Inquiry into these recent ABC program decisions to recognize that we want a public broadcaster that is focused on diversity and quality - NOT RATINGS.