

## Maintaining the Quality and Integrity of the ABC

Members of the Senate considering the future of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.....Having been in the USA for a period of time - I realised how fortunate we are in Australia to have confidence in our national broadcaster. Also the diversity and coverage of quality programs....which have even expanded in the TV sector recently.

IF you are just buying other quality programs to add to the mix...that is great, but by keeping our creative staff you can do likewise, as well as serve Australians with good, lovely, informative and humorous "stuff"...verbally and visually.

We are a widely spread community and that makes it more important to have the bonding of relevant media input...and here I am thinking of, for example, the "New Inventors"...you might get an idea to change something there...but what about a think tank ...and launch another similar program of "More Inventors". Because it is stimulating toward creative values and wealth in the community.

The cost? On a cost/benefit consideration we would be crazy to lose the benefit of any Australian control...so beware of losing that bond. The Murdoch episodes in USA and UK are worth remembering...as well as the dangers of a more diverse community due to increased migration ...although SBS adds a great supportive job there.

I have been a member of "Friends of the ABC" for ages - because I value the ABC so greatly.

Sincerely, Meg Henderson