

**Subject:** Inquiry into Regional Diversity, re closure of ABC production unit in Tasmania .  
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Honourable Committee members ,  
as a Tasmanian and lifelong admirer of the Australian Broadcasting Commission in all of its forms.  
I wish to protest to the recent decision of the ABC to close down the production staff in its  
Tasmanian unit .

Sadly at a time when funding to many forms of the Arts is being being reduced by both State and  
Federal government , the value of programs involving every Australian state and in a form that  
attracts the attention of a wide audience is more significant than ever.

The decision of ABC management to end production capacity and capability in Tasmania and thus  
virtually removing regional Tasmania from representation on the national broadcaster , is not only a  
slight to Tasmania but is also an attempt to disenfranchise our state from national significance .  
A very talented production crew has been responsible for  
programs filmed in Tasmania in the recent past which have gained national significance .

To cut short this type of perception of Tasmanian life is totally unfair and is a disadvantage to our  
country .

Signed , Fran Bladel ( Ms.)