

I strongly object to the recent decision by the ABC to cut Arts programming.

I watch Art Nation each week and am surprised at how good a job they do on what is obviously a paltry budget. We are told the the axing of this program is a cost saving measure, yet a pointless and, frankly, second rate soap opera like *Crownies*, with an infinitely larger budget has no trouble getting funding. Why?

The commercial TV industry due to pressure to maintain rating has dumbed down content consistently over many years. You can have a chicken and egg argument about the reasons but the outcome is clear, their target audience now consist entirely of 12 years old boys and dementia patients. Why is the ABC, funded by our money, chasing this same agenda?

Instead of dumbing down the ABC it might be time to smarten up the ABC management and board.

Best Regards,

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