

To: Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Submission to: Inquiry into recent ABC programming decisions

I have relied on the ABC all my life as a high standard and non-commercial source of information, ideas, culture and entertainment. I listen to all three ABC radio stations and watch both ABC 1 and 2 television in Sydney. I am a Friend of the ABC.

I believe the ABC should continue to be a producer of innovative quality programming in all these areas.

I expect the enquiry to determine that

- the ABC will be less dependent on outsourced programming
- the ABC will be funded and rebuilt so that it has strong specialist units to produce high levels of high quality and local in-house programming in the various genres on radio TV and online
- the ABC will be a truly public broadcaster focused on quality and diversity, not on ratings

The ABC is a vital part of Australia's culture, as a recorder, communicator and creator. No commercial radio or television relying on ratings can properly fill that role.

My submission is for public distribution if necessary.

Yours sincerely

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