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Dear Committee,

I write to express my concern at the cuts to arts programming on ABC television and Radio National. The ABC is publicly funded and, as the national broadcaster, has an obligation to reflect the interests of all Australians and fill gaps in programming on commercial stations. It should accept that some programs will always have a small audience, as is often the case with arts programs. However small, there is an audience for programs such as Art Nation and Collectors.

The ABC should focus on quality programming and stop chasing after ratings. If I wanted to watch vacuous programs about beautiful twenty-somethings I would watch Channel 9.

Regards,

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