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I am deeply concerned at the change of programs at the ABC.  
As the public broadcaster is has the job of being the leader in diversity and quality and not focused on ratings.

Closing off so many high quality programs like the accaimed Natural History Unit, outsourcing all TV documentaries and drama is a retrograde step and at a time when there has been so much damping down of cultural and quality programs.

I believe that the ABC must be less dependent on outsourced programming, that it's funding and rebuilding becomes a high priority so that we can have the strong specialist units producing high levels of high quality and genuinely local in-house prgramming in all prgram genres to become once again the proudly held National Broadcaster so many Australlians want and which is it's role

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