

Subject: Privatisation of the ABC
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Dear members of the Senate enquiry,

We are dismayed at the growing decline of ABC's programs with the cutting of programs such as provided by the Natural History Unit, the proposal to make other cuts, and the dependence on outsourcing. To disband the Arts Unit is a disaster which will seriously damage the ABC's standing and be detrimental to the arts' community.

We expect the ABC to be a producer of innovative quality programming in all areas as required by its charter.

We support the rebuilding of strong specialist units which produce high levels of quality and genuinely local in-house programming in all genres on radio, TV and online.

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