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Re: Inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's commitment to reflecting and representing cultural diversity.

The proposed closure of the Production unit at ABC Hobart smacks of a "sink or swim" attitude.

I fervently maintain that the lack of inclusiveness in such a decision can only be classified as retrograde in nature because as such it fails to take into account the esoteric differences of the smaller and multi diversified Tasmanian community, which has enabled an eclectic creativity that cannot be replicated from within production units centralised in metropolis cities.

To lose the Hobart production unit will have obvious dire consequences to the artistic benefits in our local scene because such a smaller unite has a greater direct connectivity to the artisans surrounding it.

Furthermore if the proposed decision to close the Hobart unit proceeds it is proof that economic accountancy has been distorted to ignore the productivity accountability that exists within this unit.

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia I also maintain that such a decision is definitely not what is meant by the spirit of agreement undertaken in the original Federation, neither could it have been what was intended from the creation of the charter for the ABC.

To further proceed along this decision path of centralisation can only mean divisiveness throughout our nation and extreme loss of regional cultural diversity.

Given the current planned multitude of constructed cultural enhancements especially by the University of Tasmania, to the precincts within proximity of the Hobart ABC, it could only be termed a tragic waste to not interlink the Hobart production unit with these.

I reiterate that I am deeply concerned and insulted by this "sink or swim" attitude apparently emanating from what one can only term as "number crunchers". Far from centralising I believe the ABC needs to further decentralise resources now because undoubtedly this will be an even greater future need if this proposal is not discontinued.

Sincerely

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