

I am making this submission on behalf of myself and my family and I am writing to voice my strongest opposition to any plan or suggestion of cutting funds to the ABC or to any plan or intention to diminish its editorial independence, its Charter or to place any element of it in public ownership.

As a family, we love our ABC and watch it almost exclusively. We love all its programs, its news and news channel and current affairs and we particularly love it because it has no advertising; it presents an intelligent and independent voice and perspective; it's clever and entertaining as well as being interesting and informative.

We pay our taxes happily in the knowledge that our money goes towards fully and extensively supporting the ABC and we do not want to see any cuts to its funding. In fact, we'd like to see an increase in funding! The ABC Arts Unit and Art Nation are an integral part of the ABC and we do not want to see it axed or its funding cut. We also love watching *The Inventors*, so, hands off!

Australians have a right to an independent, publicly funded and owned broadcaster, as the ABC is - how shameful that a Labor Party, who professes to be interested in Australian values and representative of the interests of the Australian people, should be the very government to want to attack the ABC's editorial independence and even consider compromising its Charter or giving consideration to the horrendous thought of placing any aspect of it in public ownership!

Leave the ABC alone! If you want to interfere with it, then do so by increasing its funding - otherwise, hands off!