

**Subject:** Senate Inquiry - ABC

Australia is a wide country with disparate socio-economic situations. The ABC should be creating content locally in all of its genres, including the arts and entertainment.

The terrible riots in England showed young people saturated in commercial culture; a culture from which they were excluded by lack of opportunity and financial wealth and yet toward which they aspired.

Programs like The New Inventors give young people other aspirations. Australians from all over deserve to see their stories shared on the national broadcaster.

Without locally produced content, and with only commercial companies producing content, the 'culture' broadcast on the ABC will narrow to the point of the ABC's irrelevance. The ABC needs a dedicated television arts unit and the capacity to make programs. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Paul O'Malley