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Re: Senate Inquiry – Recent ABC Programming decisions.



Dear Sir/Madam,



We wish to protest in the strongest manner about the changes to ABC programming schedules which has seen a major shift away from locally produced programs including sporting coverage.



The ABC's WAFL coverage is so important to Western Australian viewers, particularly those in regional areas such as our club members and supporters.



Any further cuts in local production here in Western Australia will see further centralisation of production in Sydney and the loss of regional and Western Australian voices from our 'national broadcaster.'



We urge you to recommend retaining local sports coverage, including WAFL on the ABC, and stop any further cuts to production here in Western Australia.



Regards



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