

To the Senate Enquiry into the ABC:

I support entirely the views of Friends of the ABC on this subject, in particular those relating to outsourcing, which tends to produce lower quality programmes more suitable for commercial TV stations, or catering to the tastes of a less discriminating viewing audience.

The most recent example of this is the programme "Crownies", which will probably be sold to Channels 7, 9, and/or 10 at a later date.

I can't improve on the FABC's submission, which states that we want:

1. the ABC to be less dependent on outsourced programming;
2. the ABC to be funded and rebuilt so that it has strong specialist units to produce high levels of high quality and genuinely local in-house programming in all program genres on radio, TV and online;
3. a public broadcaster that is focused on diversity and quality, not ratings.

And what has happened to the excellent Sunday afternoon arts programmes we once used to enjoy?

Yours sincerely,  
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