

ABC Radio

Dear Sirs

I have read, with horror, the planned cuts to ABC TV and Radio National. We in the bush, particularly, rely very heavily on the ABC for information, but particularly for culture. The Arts Nation is one of the best shows that ABC puts on, and to even contemplate its demise is simply dreadful. The Inventors and the Collectors, again, are good shows to watch, and certainly fill a need.

This outsource business, which is always promoted as being a cost saver, is, in the end, the opposite. Always has been, always will.

The ABC is also probably the only radio/TV service in the world that is not government owned and this allows terrific programmes like Media Watch to be broadcast. Jonathan Holmes is fantastic in that role - the best ever. Landline: superb; Gardening Australia - now only on Saturday evening, not repeated at all at any other time - shame!

Just about every year, we, the discerning public, need to put in submissions to keep Auntie going. So shows made by ABC cost money, but the taxpayer is willing to foot that bill. What about the morale in the ABC if these cuts go ahead - it'll get like QANTAS.

PLEASE don't let these cuts be made.

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