

My name is Geoffrey Payne, I am 60 years of age in two weeks and rely on television for companionship. Once upon a time the ABC was a means of informing me of important news, entertainment, Australian culture, the ABC was my chosen station for half a century but I watch it rarely now due to a seeming youth policy (3 childrens channels and one foreign news channel).

The ABC USED to be a rich source of information on all that is happening in Australia, they appear to be trying to clone SBS which would have to be the most professional and brilliant TV stations today (may sound paradoxical).

The ABC does copy and paste journalism (my term) and has based the majority of its reporters overseas, quite sickening. It's reliance on death and disaster is terrible and no wonder Australia has become a less positive nation.

I hear that the wonderful Tasmanian productions are finished with no more to come, why?

What is the ABC charter, does it do anything to enhance viewers culturaly, diversely, quality entertainment (drama, series, documentaries, science and much more).

Perhaps the ABC should be put on a commercial footing and not suck enormous amounts of money for foreign news and endless childrens programmes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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