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**Submission:**

I am a university student studying the philosophy of media, art and society. Through my studies, I have become aware of the growing importance of media diversity and reliability. It has become apparent to me that the continual growth of the Murdoch media monopoly does indeed pose a significant threat to Australia's democracy. Having only a single vendor to report the news allows for potential manipulative, misleading or false information to spread easily. With no other media outlet to compare information to, Australian citizens will not have a range of sources that would otherwise allow them to construct an informed opinion. This matter threatens our democracy directly. Propaganda about a certain political party's agenda can be easily spread, and with no comparative news outlets, Australian citizens would not be able to determine what is true and what is misleading.

I ask that the Australian government enacts regulations that prevent the monopolisation of media. If the Australian government truly cares about the nations democracy, they should act appropriately when a threat becomes apparent.