My consumption of radio and television is almost exclusively ABC - Channels 1, 2 and 24 and Classic FM and 774.

I am appalled by the threat to the ABC's autonomy and the quality of it's programmes.

I expect the ABC to be a producer of innovative quality programming in all areas. I 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.

If our ABC were to lose its independence and the standard of programmes, we are in danger of sliding into a totally "dumbed-down" society where people are no longer able to consume quality and enlightening information. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE protect this incredibly valuable body.

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