

Subject: Senate Inquiry into ABC programming
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Dear Members of the Senate Inquiry into ABC

As a recently joined members of Friends of the ABC I would like to add my voice to the disquiet over the recent decisions regarding the axing of TV shows.

For example Art Nation, Collectors and The New Inventors and the general malaise within the ABC.

Furthermore I object to the dumbing down of ABC News programs. The ABC journalists must be prepared to write and present a quality balanced view of all the issues rather than sensationalise and trivialise and should be given the resources to do such a task.

ABC News at 7pm increasingly mimics the commercial dumbed-down bland of 7, 9 and 10.

Ratings must not be the focus of the programmers but the ABC ought to cater for the diverse interests of people interested in non-mainstream topics.

We find ourselves turning to SBS for more independent and balanced news reports.

Yours faithfully

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