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Please accept this submission in relation to the Senate Inquiry:
**THE AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S COMMITMENT TO
REFLECTING AND REPRESENTING REGIONAL DIVERSITY**

It is evident that the ABC has no priority to represent regional diversity in Australia. Its annual report boasts employment growth each year since 2002, and at the same time regional employment has shrunk. Regional diversity cannot be represented by people outside the regions – that is akin to Americans telling Australians what their culture is.

As a Tasmanian and I would like to see Tasmania represented better on ABC TV. One ½ hour news bulletin daily, and ½ hour of current affairs weekly is appallingly inadequate in today's age of multichannel digital broadcasting. There is so much more happening in this state that is ignored by television news. And when it comes to sport, Tasmania is just as obsessed as the rest of the country, yet there is no Tasmanian sport on ABC TV. And I am proud of this states contribution in the world of art and culture but ABC TV ignores it. Poor effort ABC.

It is puzzling why the ABC flouts the responsibilities that are so clearly laid out in its charter. Technological changes in broadcasting presents the potential for enormous growth in regional broadcasting, instead it is being removed completely. Blame must clearly be placed with its management.

I look forward to this senate inquiry finding a way to make a better ABC for all Australians.