

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**This petition of residents of Australia**

Draws to the attention of the House:

That the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the Special Broadcasting Service, and the National Indigenous Television Channel are important institutions as they:

1. play a vital role in Australian society; informing, educating, and entertaining the populace in a balanced and independent fashion;
2. provide quality children's programs and coverage of the arts, religion and women's sporting events that are rarely provided by commercial outlets; and
3. provide Australian travellers and people in our neighbouring regions, through the Australia Network, with valuable information from an Australian perspective.

We therefore ask the House to:

1. increase the budget for these broadcasters; and
2. maintain the Australia Network with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation having control.