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Subject: ABC Board Appointments

Both sides of politics have used the appointment of ABC board members as a means to intimidate and influence the direction of the ABC. This has directly and indirectly politicised our national broadcaster.

As a shareholder in the ABC I believe:

- 1. all members of the board should be selected and appointed by an independent body, and
- 2. the independent body should be exactly that independent and free of all political influence.
- 3. once in place the independent body should have the power to dismiss the entire board and appoint one that has not been put in place by the government of the day.

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