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Dear Sir/Madam

Given the importance and influence of the media we believe it is absolutely essential that the national broadcaster be above politics. One way of helping to ensure this is the composition of the ABC Board. This MUST be chosen on merit and those chosen must be able to demonstrate that they are independent of political and commercial allegiences. We believe that a strong independent and decently funded national broadcaster is an indicator of a civil society.

Yours faithfully (Dr) Alan S Jones (Dr) Janet M Jones