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Subject: Inquiry on ABC Board Appointments

I am writing to express my concern over the way appointments are currently made to the Board of the ABC. The current system has led to invariably partisan appointments. The shabby performance by the current Board during recent funding cuts is ample evidence.

I do not believe the Chairman or the Managing Director have acted in the best interests of an independent and properly funded ABC.

I strongly urge the Inquiry to recommend that the Parliament introduce a system which ensures Board members are appointed on merit - and have a proven commitment to well-funded public broadcasting.

Sincerely,

Michael Gurr