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Senate Inquiry on appointment to board of ABC

Secretary,

Senate Environment, Comms., IT and the Arts References Cttee, S157 Parliament House Canberra

Please accept my plea for a system as recommended by the Friends of the ABC which would enable the appointment of board members on the basis of their individual merit, and their commitment to an independent and comprehensive national public broadcaster.

I am daily inspired and educated by the ABC (and Radio National in particular) and beg that the Senate do whatever is necessary to protect our ABC from political influence, commercial priorities and any diminution of the high standards of information and discussion the ABC provides.

With thanks,

Jo Thomson