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The ABC is essential to Australia's culture and democracy. It must be maintained as a well-resourced and comprehensive national public broadcaster which is independent, free from commercial and political influence. The present system of appointments to the ABC Board is evidently unsatisfactory. It allows any government to stack the Board with people aligned with its philosophies and who act in its interests.

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