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It is essential that Board members are NOT appointed because of their political views or contacts. It follows that the Government of the day should not be the ones to make the appointments. Various organizations should elect one member each, the Government, the Opposition, Friends of the ABC, ABC staff, a suitable regional organization, the State theatres, the State orchestras, a suitable youth organization.

Certainly the present set-up is a disaster - 'unsuitable Chair appoints unsuitable CEO' - leading to the dropping of programs for those with a triple figure IQ (such as 'Quantum'), censorship of current affairs programs and endless repeats of old BBC programs. We hardly need 'Fawlty Towers' with our present ABC Board!

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