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I have tried to deny to myself and others that there has been a regrettable deterioration in the material and presentation of ABC programmes during 2001. But now this deterioration can no longer be denied.

For this reason I believe that the ABC Board no longer has the confidence of the listeners and should resign immediately.

I call on the Senate Inquiry to recommend that the Parliament introduce a system which ensures members of the ABC Board are appointed on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting, not allegiance to the government of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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