From: Megan Ballinger [Sent: Tuesday, 7 August 2001 8:57 AM To: ecita.sen@aph.gov.au Subject: Inquiry into ABC board appointments

The Secretary, Senate Environment, Communications, Information, Technology and the Arts.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express to the Senate inquiry my concerns regarding the appointment of members to the board of the ABC.

Firstly, the cuurent Board and Managing Director of the ABC no longer have the confidence of the public and should resign immediately. I personally have no faith that the Chairman of the Board and the Managing Director are politically impartial and able to support the independence of the ABC.

Secondly, the Parliament must introduce a system of Board appointments which ensures the independece of the ABC and protects the high standards of the organisation.

Yours faithfully,

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