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Subject: ABC BOARD APPOINTMENTS

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have learnt, with great concern, that the present system of appointments to the ABC Board, is far from maintaining the basic requirement of "a well resourced and comprehensive national public broadcaster which is independent of commercial and political influence."

With many ABC followers airing their lack of confidence in the current Board and Managing Director, I call on the Senate Inquiry to recommend that the Parliament introduce a system that 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.

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