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Hello.

I am disappointed in the management of the Australian Broadcasting Commission since Johnathon Shier's appointment.

I feel that the Managing Director has been too concerned with approval of the Liberal Party, and less concerned with providing an impartial, valuable public television service. I also feel that the focus on profitability is not the correct focus for our national broadcaster, because some services the ABC provides are useful, but will not be profitable (such as rural services). The ABC should not attempt to compete with commercial networks.

I urge you to recommend the resignation of the Board (including Mr. Shier), and to ensure that future Board Members are appointed on the basis of merit, rather than their political allegiance. I also urge you to ensure that persons appointed to the Board will uphold the ABC's commitment to an impartial national service.

Thank you.

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