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Subject: Inquiry into ABC Board Appointment System

As a concerned citizen who keenly values the importance to Australian society of a strong and independent public broadcaster, I wish to support and address this very welcome inquiry. The current system of government appointed board members must be changed. The board we have now is very obviously stacked with appointees who have a deliberate political agenda. We need an independent appointment committee so that appointments are merit-based and in accordance with the ABC's charter and are not subservient to any political or commercial influence.

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