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The Secretary  
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References  
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**Submission to the Senate Standing References Committee on the Environment,  
communications, Information Technology and the Arts.**

The matter referred to the above committee for Inquiry is:

**"The development and implementation of options for methods of appointment to the board of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) that would enhance public confidence in the independence and representativeness of the ABC as a national broadcaster."**

I make this submission as a private citizen who is a regular listener to ABC Radio and Television.

The present position for the selection of the board is that "up to seven directors are appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Government."  
<http://www.abc.net.au/corp/theboard.htm>

A minimalist change I suggest that would conform to the terms of reference of this Inquiry is that the recommendation to the Governor-General be made by the Parliament.

The initial nomination might come from the Government, but the Parliament makes the final decision. The formulation of this decision may require the candidate to undergo questioning by a Parliamentary Committee. This committee has the power, if necessary, to reject a proposed nominee.

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