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Submission

The ABC is essential to Australia's culture and democracy. It must be maintained as a well-resourced and comprehensive national public broadcaster that is independent of commercial and political influence.

The present system of appointing the Board is unsatisfactory. It allows any government to stack the Board with people aligned with its philosophies and who act in its interests.

The present Board no longer has my confidence. It should resign.

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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