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Subject: Senate Inquiry into the ABC board repreentatives appointment.

The Secretary...I take this oppurtunity to place a submission before this inquiry.

- 1. I firmly believe in the complete independance of the ABC. as our national broadcaster.
- 2. It to remain always free of commercial and political influence
- 3. It be fully funded by the government of the day. Funding that was removed over the past years be made up, so that it is able to maintain appropriate staff and be able to produce the excellant programmes for TV, and Radio.
- 4. Appointees be free from commercial and political influence.
- 5. The appointment of a more diverse selection of public, and not the "usual". This should free the board from that smear that has persisted over the previous years.

The adoption of these suggestions and similar would insure my and public confidance in the elected board members,

Michael Rayner.