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Subject: ABC board appointments

Dear Secretary,
Senate Environment, Communications, Info Tech & the Arts References Committee,

I am an avid consumer of ABC TV, and am disappointed at the decisions of recent years regarding program and directorial policy.

One issue is that the present system of appointments to the ABC Board is clearly unsatisfactory, in that it allows any government, so-intentioned, to stack the board with its allies. It is hard for governments to resist this temptation.

For the good of all Australians, our national broadcaster must be independent of government and commercial influence. What we need is a new system which ensures the board members are appointed on the basis of merit and commitment to independent and comprehensive national public broadcasting, not for their allegiance to the government of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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