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Dear Sirs and Madams

I wish to make a formal submission regarding Our Australian Broadcasting Corporation. This could also probably be viewed or dismissed by some people as a comment as well. My views comments requests and my name may be shared, made public but, please do not share or expose my address where I live.


Seems there are too many "no's" in your "web" guides. For years now I suspect surveys and enquiries seem to be restricted or submissions "weighted" for a predetermined and desired outcome. I feel if this enquiry or review were sincere it would just be called "saving our ABC" Australia's National Broadcaster of reliable Information and programming.

Our Government and this enquiry should reverse and reinstate relative funding, management policy and style to how it was about mid 1980's when ABC was the reliable trustworthy news source of quality programs, broadcasts both visual and audio. Our "ABC" had local, regional and city content plus overseas reporters and investigators. This was all funded by all us taxpayers. Why now does our Australian ABC apparently rely significantly on contracted joint venture news and programs like "DW" (German reporting media)? Why does it seem to me that ABC staff are restricted and fearful and obligated to conform to a dictatorial policy?

Apparent to me former labour liberal and national party governments and bureaucrats criticised and reduced ABC funding as a threat and restriction. Our Australian government and bureaucracy should stop destroying traditional Australian independence and democracy. Also stop restricting information (news) to us people. Keep dictatorial corporate bureaucratic influence out of our ABC and other industries and institutions. Without whistle blowers and persistent investigative journalist reporting we Australian people would not have had the banking enquiry or the aged care and other enquiries. These enquiries seem to be forced on reluctant governments/bureaucrats.

ABC used to broadcast to us Australian people quality, honest, objective programs with integrity rather than following ratings and sensational grabbing news and subject matter programs. Our ABC should broadcast again to all the locality regions within Australia and our "world locality". Plus it should be funded appropriately not restricted (silenced) and contracted out or forced to comply with "joint venture" associates.

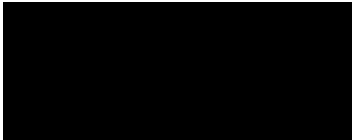
What is a government or corporation if not a human group, a group of human beings? We are all people underneath it all.



I suggest this enquiry should ask and take advice from experienced people who have shown and displayed a care and consciousness about Australia and Australian people like: Dick Smith... Alan Fells ... Ziggy Switkowski ... Geraldine Doogue ... Howard Ainsworth ...Kerry O'Brien Chris Masters Carolyn Jones ... Sean Dorney Hugh LunnKumi Taguchi .. to name a few. These people and others have displayed to me over the years dedicated journalism. They are journalists and interviewers and presenters with tact and diplomacy. Leave the ruthless confrontational sensationalist commentators masquerading as "journalists" to the likes of Murdoch sky and internet etc.

I do not agree that the ABC and SBS should merge I think SBS has too many advertisements and ABC currently rams down my ears and eyes about digital which has proved vulnerable to hacking. I do not use apps. I do not appreciate CEO's and executives directing ABC staff to copy commercial corporate main stream media and internet or, comply with a restrictive undemocratic policy or directive regarding employment.

Kind regards



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