

I note that the review is not authorised to consider matters of Programming or editorial decisions. Nevertheless Governments have regularly intruded into this area by instigating reviews of so-called balance and bias. Such reviews can impact on the independence of the broadcasters.

The ABC has been renowned, in the past, for its willingness to analyse issues at depth. This thorough analysis has been seen by some parties as bias as it exposes the unsubstantiated ideology behind certain opinions.

Essential to the independence is a clarity about what constitutes balance and radical analysis as against support for one political entity or another.