

## FIVE YEAR FUNDING

I am concerned that the five year funding model could present a problem if a hostile government is in power and decides to cut funding. The effects would be a disaster for the next five years or longer.

I would like to see a minimum 10 year funding for both the ABC and SBS. Such funding should be automatically indexed by legislation so that any government cannot arbitrarily cut funding.

I realise that governments can amend any legislation at their behest but some form of legislation I think is better than none.

Governments frequently make decisions on long-term projects that stretch over many years, e.g. many defence projects. and of course AUKUS, which has a 30 year time cycle. So why not a 10 year funding cycle for the ABC and SBS?

Why should our national broadcasters be limited to 5-10 year financing?

I do not think the government of the day should be able to announce revised funding and interfere with funding unless it increases funding due to changes in technology or other matters raised by the broadcasters.

## BOARD MEMBERS

A proper selection process must be followed by the nomination panel and members not be appointed on a whim or jobs for the boys/girls by the government of the day.

All members must have journalistic, broadcasting, media or a related discipline so that appropriate expertise is brought to the decisions by the boards of the ABC and SBS.

Cultural diversity and an emphasis on female members should be a priority. Women bring clear thinking and lived experiences, generally much better than males. All boards, government and public company boards, both here and overseas have prospered with more female participation.

## STAFF ELECTED DIRECTOR

No government should be able to abolish this position. It is a position that is essential so staff can have their voices heard at Board level.

The staff elected director is able to explain decisions to the staff in an unbiased manner and advise on how these decisions were made with all the facts available.