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The ABC presents a wide variety of programming that represents my daily window on the world. I have exactly the same access as every other Australian to commercial media, and I choose the publicly owned ABC. I would be immensely angry to lose that access to a publicly owned ABC which sees its mandate as representing a wide variety of views and maintaining a distinctly Australian point of view.

I spend a lot of time listening to RN and choose to listen to both conservatives and the progressives specifically because I am interested in a wide variety of programming: not just topics, but also the point of view from which topics are presented.

The people who challenge the ABC on competitive neutrality grounds, or just because they want to own/control the right to criticise in Australia have missed the point entirely. A national, publicly owned broadcaster is an essential element in any democracy, and in Australia's democracy in particular.

Increasing inequality is a sufficient threat to democracy for this country to bear. We do not need to add to that threat by removing a trusted source of a wide variety perspectives on what is happening in Australia and in the world.

### **Personal details**

My name is [REDACTED] I wish to remain anonymous. I am happy to have the submission published online, as long as neither my name nor my email are published (anywhere).

I am writing in my own right, and not as the representative of any organisation.

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