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Dear Members,

I believe it to be the responsibility of adults in a democracy such as ours to keep themselves informed on national and international matters. I listen to ABC radio and watch ABC television almost exclusively, and watch SBS for world news too. About once a week or so, our household watches a nature documentary, history or travel show on a commercial channel or SBS.

Over the past 5 years my capacity to participate in normal physical activities has gradually been curtailed due to a neurological condition and the ABC, in particular, makes me feel as though I am still part of society and not missing out on what is happening.

I rely on the national broadcasters and commercial print media for expert in-depth information about economics, science, politics and current affairs. I do not read on-line news from any source. As my time is limited for such activities I only value opinion pieces from those who have high levels of expertise and preferably recent experience in those areas. With its investigative reporting the ABC provides clear and evidence-based programs which present known, historical and proven facts alongside matters of dispute and areas that need further investigation.

In addition we watch about an hour's entertainment content made here or in the U.K. on ABC or SBS, and once a week or so catch up on a program we have missed on iView. I also sometimes listen to a radio program I have been told about that I had missed.

The ABC has long been a source of national pride for me because of its high quality and interesting content and the standard of its production values. A recent example outside of the news and current affairs is the drama *Mystery Road*. Having spent a couple of years in the bush in Central Australia it was great to see similar country so well displayed in the context of a well written and directed drama with some of our greatest current actors.

I think the ABC is not in competition with the commercial networks as they do not show equivalent programs that are of interest to me.

Yours Faithfully

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