

## **Submission to Government Review of Australia Broadcasting Services in the Asia Pacific**

The ABC has never been more important given the rise of “fake news” and attempts to denigrate the national broadcaster by certain sections of the media and politicians with a right wing bent. The Asia Pacific region is critical to Australia’s future as it is where we sit geographically and increasingly will impact on our social, cultural, economic and political institutions and mores. With the rise of China as a super power and shifting global alliances, there has never been a time when the impartiality and fact-based reporting of the ABC has been more needed in this region, as well as at home and in other regions as well. I support a well-resourced ABC in the Asia Pacific region, and making it as accessible to as many of the Asia Pacific population as possible through different media types and technologies.