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From: Michael Yelland <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, 10 June 2018 10:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Enquiry into the ABC

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the ABC regarding the enquiry into their so-called competitive advantage over commercial stations. Strong financial support for the ABC needs to continue as it provides balance that our community sorely needs. Compared with the commercial stations, the ABC offers a much higher level of political discussion and debate, much, much higher quality of reporting (though this has suffered from the 'thousand cuts'), much more creative innovation in programs and a much higher level contribution to the culture of our country.

Rather than this being an argument for unfair competitive advantage, it is an argument that apparently capitalism cannot produce the quality that collective public organisations can. The latter should be rewarded, not punished (and as a result the community punished) for not sinking to the poor level of commercial stations.

I have experienced first hand the quality of broadcasting in the USA, where this corrupt idea of subverting public interest to the private interests of corporations is rampant, and it is a disaster for the community. We need to be much more independent minded than them.

Kind regards,

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