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Dude! ya got it wrong. It's not competitive neutrality that's the problem, it's market failure. The ABC rocks. It's what smart people watch because the market doesn't provide what they need.

And trust me, I know this. I spent twelve years living in New Zealand, where they privatised public television. Twelve years! Not one intelligent programme. My students knew nothing. No history. No science. No nothing. It was a desert. Don't you even dare think of doing that to us. Or I'll come around to your place and rip your bloody arms off. (That last bit's an allusion: ask an older person what it means.)

Seriously, the ABC needs more money, not less! (And Radio National is a treasure.)

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