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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABS in public ownership

Stop rich individuals having more media power keep ABC independent of political bias

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: How could you ' blokes' even think about doing it!!!

The ABC is part of what we would refer to as Heritage Australia.
Just imagine the reaction in the U.K. if the people were told that the BBC would be sold off to a for -profit organization!
Sorry blue tie 'BLOKES' who are forever to the FAR RIGHT of Genghis Khan, we will never let you take our ABC.
And I would like to add while I'm tap-tapping here, that you aforesaid blokes seem to be getting completely out of hand.
Roll on the next federal election!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT PRIVATISE OUR ABC

To the Liberal Party.

I am in my 7th decade and since a child have held the ABC dear. First on radio and then also television. Reading and hearing of the drive by your party to privatise the ABC has left me devastated and angry. Cutting funding was brutal enough, but privatising is beyond the pale.

Are you not listening to the public. If you are so keen to save money I am sure you can find many areas where you are actually wasting our precious taxpayers money.

This week alone I have watched my favourite programmes- The Drum, News, 7.30 Report, Back Roads, Four Corners, Q &A, Back in Time for Dinner, Miriam's Adventures, Gardening Australia, Endeavour, The Tunnel, Poldark, Compass, Home Delivery, Grand Design, Mystery Road, Gruen and The Weekly with Charles Pickering.

I have also watched a couple of SBS and commercial programmes but can never find the breadth of quality programmes on the commercial channels that I find on the ABC.

Privatising will compromise many of these programs that I rarely miss.

HANDS OFF OUR ABC

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

It's the only independent form of information left in this country.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Do not privatise!!!!

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


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands of our national treasure!

I have been an avid supporter and devotee of the ABC all of my life. It saw me through my early childhood, educated and enlightened me about world and local affairs while at school, and continues to do so with its excellent news, documentaries and current affairs programs. It provides work for local film and drama industries with its world quality dramas, comedies and documentaries. It is the ONLY TV station I watch, with pride and gratitude. If our government decides to continue down this course, it will be an assault on our freedom of speech, thought and action. It will lead to mind- numbing, vacuous viewing that will result in a dumbing down of our national collective intelligence. It will be another reason to never vote LIBERAL. It will cause me to despair over the accurate informing of the nation regarding crucial events. Please halt this travesty!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The people of Australia own the ABC

I am appalled to hear the suggestion about the ABC being sold off to private hands. The Australian people own the ABC and it is there for all to enjoy. It's service to the community far outreaches that of commercial interests - who are really only ever looking to a profit based system - regardless of content. Current affair programs ask important questions (regardless of which political party is in Governemnet). This helps to maintain our democracy and holds all political groups accountable for their actions and comments. Privatised media - does not do this. It is only interested in popularist culture and what the advertisers will support (we only have to look at the latest " who's sleeping with whom" story). The ABC caters for education in a way no other network does. As an educator I rely on the ABC for a whole range of educational content as do many of my colleagues. The ABC also embraces our wide diversity of cultures, languages and interests. This is what Australia truely is - an incredible and vibrant mixture of people and cultures - including our indiginous first peoples. The ABC is the only network that endeavours to address all age brackets from youth to the elderly. Remember " Count Down" ? it was a youth program that was highly respected world wide. The ABC caters for an incredibly wide area of taste and interests for all age groups. ABC radio gives regional Australia a voice for what is happening in there part of the country. Commercial radio is often syndicated - a program made in Melbourne is what regional centres will hear. ABC news broadcasts (both radio and TV) are highly respected both withi Australia and overseas. It is not just important - but vital, that the ABC does not fall to private hands. It is the people's asset and must remain so. DO NOT privatise or sell the ABC !

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatize the ABC PLEASE

All my life I have watched and listened to Public Broadcasters here in Australia, in Canada, in the US and in New Zealand. I have been back in Australia since 1985 and the ABC is my and my husband's daily source of news and entertainment. We trust the ABC and it's journalists and presenters. The drama is first class, documentaries are balanced and well edited, news is announced clearly and understandably and the humour of Australian comedians on ABC shows is often brilliant. We would be bereft if we didn't have the ABC. Please leave it alone to be just as it is and better still, increase the amount of money you allocate to our national broadcaster in next year's budget. Then we will know that you, our elected representatives, understand how important the ABC is to all of us citizens of Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands

In a rapidly changing world, I have always had enormous confidence that the ABC would bring me balanced, wide-ranging news and programmes relating to important issues as well as good Australian drama. Commercialisation will only bring sensationalised reporting, endless advertising and American lightweight programmes. I would be gutted by such a move.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must never be privatised

The ABC is the cornerstone of my understanding of ALL Australia, its diverse people and culture. As a city resident, most of my understanding of regional issues comes from the ABC. It is the only institution in Australia that provides a connectedness between city and bush, coast and desert. The ABC represents and communicates with real Australia, through its trusted news service and current affairs programs, its television drama, its radio programs and online content. I can't imagine life in Australia without the ABC. It is a critical part of our nationhood, belongs to all Australians and must be protected from political interference. It must never be sold.

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NSW 2037 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian people - not big business

I am a 46 year old mother who has been watching the ABC since I was a child, and whose child watches ONLY content from the ABC, whether online or free to air television. I want my child to watch content that is free from advertising such things are sugary drinks, betting agencies, and fast food. Content on the ABC is impartial, free from market and political influences, and costs me nearly nothing - at only 4 cents a day. It is MY ABC - not your ABC and you have absolutely no right to take it out of public hands. I was introduced to the ABC by programming like Playschool, and as I matured enjoyed the Australian content and news programming that the ABC has always excelled at. ABC news and current affairs programmes are a crucial part of keeping our news impartial - a corner stone of democracy and government accountability. Every major democracy in the world has a public broadcaster. The ABC and SBS are currently the only free to air channels worth watching, as all the other channels serve up only reality-TV drivel. For those of us not interested in paying for streaming and pay-TV, the ABC is critical in providing content that is of value to all Australians. ABC Local Radio and Classic FM are staples in my home - they are of a consistently high standard with announcers and guests who are interesting, delve more deeply into the issues of the day and balanced in their coverage of current events. I am appalled by the Liberal Party Council vote to privatise the ABC and any notion that this important part of the Australian democracy could be under threat. HOW DARE YOU! Any notion that the ABC holds a competitive advantage over the commercial networks is a nonsense - they exist for different reasons and until the recent increase in streaming services the commercial stations never suggested they were at any competitive disadvantage. I implore you Mr Turnbull and all your government colleagues to denounce this call for privatisation and say no to an ABC sell-off. I will be calling on all my friends and associates to cease any affiliation or support for the Liberal party if this goes ahead. I am outraged and SO MAD about this. This is a line in the sand for this house-hold.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC educates and entertains, I rarely listen to or watch anything else. I would consider the privatisation of the ABC to be a criminal act. The Government does not own the ABC and therefore has no power to privatise it, the people of Australia own the ABC, the Government of the day has the obligation to fund it. Please keep the ABC in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC out of privatisation Keep it in PUBLIC HANDS!

To whom This Concerns!

My name is [REDACTED] and I am 77 nearly 78 years old. NEVER in my life have I seen such a concerted and all out effort to silence criticism of our Federal Government. I thought Democracy was suppose to be government by the people for the people. What is the Federal Government afraid of? Criticism is a VITAL part of Democracy. Independence is vital! I worry for the future, if this push is successful. By the way, my kids grew up with the Independent ABC. Hopefully my grandkids get this opportunity. Yours Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only radio station that currently provides a range of programs that inform without being interrupted continually by advertisements. Commercial stations do not maintain the same high standards of programming. There has already been a reduction in ABC radio and TV programme quality that is most regrettable with the loss of experienced announcers and interviewers. The ABC provides a valuable service to the Australian community, as well as servicing remote areas that have little other choice, if any. Funding limits have led to increased use by the ABC of British and Canadian radio programmes which are not necessarily relevant to Australians. I object to the Commonwealth Government's push to sell of valuable assets and subject them to undue influence by vested interests. Radio Australia was a valuable resource killed off by the Howard Government in the 1990s. It was listened to by many around the world, including the USA, who found it superior to local radio. ABC radio and television is essential to promote Australia to Australians in the face of unending American programmes. The Australian Government should have pride in the ABC and should continue to fund it to a satisfactory operating standard even if this means the very rich have to pay a bit more tax.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The populace of this nation needs at least some semblance of an impartial non-commercial, non- corporate media representstion. It is becoming more and more obvious how private power manipulates content for its own interest and a significat conflict arises between such content and the interest of ordinary every day Australians. Do not sell out what is not yours! Short term benefit is no substitute for long term democracy for all including political class.

Regards,
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VIC 3071 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

This is a submission explaining why I believe the ABC should not be privatised. The ABC is an integral component of my life and its all I listen to. I don't have a TV and get all my news and current affairs from the ABC. I enjoy the broad subject programs on the radio, the Law Report, All in the Mind, the Spirit of Things, Conversations, Awaye, The Book Shelf, Counterpoint to name just a few. It keeps me up to date and across the current issues. I'm very concerned that the Coalition wants to privatise the ABC as I think a reliable, educational and informative voice is necessary in society. The ABC needs to stay in public hands. The reason for the enquiry is erroneous as public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy as opposed to commercial media whose goal is profit over content. Please keep the ABC in public hands. Thankyou

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!!!

One of the ABC's greatest assets is the high public trust it enjoys compared to many of its commercial media competitors.

That trust is to a large extent built on the broadcaster maintaining and defending its independence from commercial, political and any other societal interests.

This is especially important, based on what is seen in the US, where the FOX news network has been a propaganda channel for a proven liar of a president who is trashing many democratic institutions which underpin Western democracy.

ABC should not be privatised! Full stop. The government which does it must be booted out of office.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I love ABC FM, all the music and presenters, even though the programs have been cut back. Radio National is a gem with all it's wonderful information and mind broadening programs.
ABC TV has the best and most trusted news network and should be left as it is, in public hands. Please! Let the ABC be our own public national network, with programs suitable for people of all ages and not belonging to commercial interests. I love it! Do not tamper with it!

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VIC 3193 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not interfere with the independence of our ABC.

I am appalled that the idea of privatising the ABC has been raised by the Liberal Party. Our ABC and SBS are the only free to air channel that do not screen mindless programs. I am not happy with the advertising on SBS and don't want the ABC to even go to this extent. I cannot believe the rubbish which is screened on our current commercial stations. I rely on the independence of the ABC and to a lesser extent, SBS to give me news and current affairs programs that examine contemporary issues intelligently rather than being warped by the need to beat up stories because they want viewers to bring in the advertising dollar. In addition to informative programs, the ABC and SBS provide high quality entertainment programs. We have always particularly enjoyed the quality Australian drama and comedy programs on our ABC. Should any Federal government decide to privatise the ABC, I will become very politically active against them.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is the one member of the Fourth Estate Australians can be proud of!

The ABC is a stalwart of ethical unbiased journalism and the one member of the Fourth Estate Australia should be truly proud of. Without it we would not hear the kind of balanced, in depth journalism that the public needs to make informed decisions. Who else offers programs about ethics, about nature, about health, about science. This magnificent broadcaster must not be privatised, gagged, underfunded or attacked any further. The ABC is an institution we are proud of - lets keep it that way!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I call on you to maintain the ABC as a public broadcaster, it being the one source of trusted & independent broadcasting so loved by so many Australians.

I myself have spent many evenings happily on the couch watching the varied shows available freely on the ABC including shows by independent Australian directors and with independent panels. It is vital that support is maintained to enable unique broadcasting regardless of ratings or commercial interests.

I call on you to maintain your support for a publicly funded ABC.

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2061




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC from private hands

It is of great importance that our ABC is maintained as it is. The bias as I see it comes from vested interests of public companies. Already our newspapers are heavily biased. The caliber of ABC programming is unsurpassed with programs such as Four Corners documentaries will disappear from our screens. It is not acceptable that the far right in this country use lies and dogma to try to persuade the Australian taxpayers that their money is being wasted.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

I have ABC going all day and stop to watch everything to catches my interest. It's my way of staying informed and I want to keep it that way.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO to the ABC in corporate hands !!!


STOP privatization of our public assets!

It is predatory and blunt theft by elected members of the parliament in order to secure a few more breaths, by all means dying ideology set-up and run based on the principles of the ruling class --those who possess enormous wealth and want to keep it in the same shape for the foreseeable future via propaganda by controlling mainstream media. Transparent! So it is important to have national broadcaster well and truly alive as public asset.

In this instances the national broadcasters complementing market with positive impact on our daily experience.

With love to our public ABC,
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only broadcaster with a mission for the public good instead of being beholden to money making concerns first. Therefore, if it is privatised there will be literally no one that ordinary citizens can turn to for information they can trust. It will take away our right as citizens to have our say and with it ERODE our democracy even further! The members of parliament whom we elect to represent us are consistently forgetting who's really in charge of the country and continuously ignoring our wishes. I don't care who is in government frankly. But, if who ever it is takes away our ABC , our public broadcaster, something we turn to not only for accurate, checked information which is accountable to the public, but also to get away from the boring and constant earbashing by advertisers. The ABC is a lifeline for most of us, whether we live in the country or the city, so those who talk about privatising it , are choosing to be UNELECTED as far as I , and other usually quiet Australians are concerned. Be warned politicians and listen to the voice of the people instead of that of your rich corporate friends waiting to put their paws all over the one and only decent broadcaster left in the nation.

Instead of selling public services you should be buying them back! You have ruined our post, our electricity, our gas and water supply , our telecommunications and just about everything by privatising them. Now you want to ruin the last good thing we have! Shame on you!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Shame on those politicians who promote thi. When all public entities, etc are sold to private enterprise there will be no need for a government - presumably then politicians will work for private enterprise who they “looked after” when in governm4nt. Of course they do not care about future generations including heir own children, grandchildren, etc.

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NSW 2300



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatise the ABC!

I was born in Australia and have lived here for 47 years now and have worked full time for 21 years of those now.

I love this country and I love the ABC. It has been a part of my life and my children's lives. The fact that it is NOT a commercial station trying to sell my children toys every 7 minutes is worth every tax dollar of mine that gets spent on it. In addition, commercial media is completely lacking in investigative journalism of any substance, whereas Four Corners is a must see in our household. I also enjoy the other mix of documentaries and dare I say, higher IQ, programming on the show. To have this corrupted by commercial interests is simply not acceptable to me.

Do not privatize the ABC!!!

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SA 5065




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC has been a resource that my whole family has enjoyed for many years. My two brothers were young men watching the draft on a black and white tv, frightened they were going to Vietnam. these two young men were not drafted, but stayed in Australia to watch the happening with Ross d wile and enjoy the pop scene. The ABC gave us bellbird for my dad to watch after work, and Mr squiggle and adventure island, Andy pandy, flower pot men, and Dr who for us the kids after school. My son grew up watching children programmes on the ABC and we all enjoy watching a good documentary or drama, even a comedy together as a family with friends and girlfriend included. The ABC brings family together all over Australia. we love our ABC, don't take it away from us!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never privatise the ABC

The ABC is pretty much the only TV station I watch, apart from SBS. It was the most important TV companion of my childhood and is a comfort to me now as a parent to know I can still let my kids watch Playschool.

It is a vital cultural institution for Australia in its role as a source of culturally relevant programming.


ABC is the source of TV news I trust the most. It is vital for Australians to have a source of news, current affairs and issue based reporting that is not dictated by corporate Australia. We need more independent voices in the public discourse and if you privatise the ABC, we will lose an institution that has been vital to our national and cultural identity and conscience for my whole life.

The concerted attacks conservative media and politicians have made on the ABC in the past years are exactly why these independent voices are required. It is vital for our community to have a source of journalism that will critique our politicians and institutions no matter which side of politics they fall on. And our politicians and institutions from sides of the political spectrum are showing us more than ever exactly why that scrutiny is required.

Don't be responsible for the tragedy that would result from privatising our public broadcaster. Leave our ABC alone.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Let's just maintain balanced reporting which we certainly don't get from Right wing private enterprise media sources!!!! Thank God for the ABC. Enough of our country is going down the tube PLEASE don't let the ABC be another victim... Do not change a thing!!!!

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NSW 2539



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No to privations the ABC

The ABC is Australia's most trusted news source. Their journalists have the guts to ask the hard questions. To privatise the ABC because you don't like their scrutiny is undemocratic and will not be tolerated by the majority of Australians, whom will ensure it is an election issue.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise the ABC

I have listened and watched the ABC all of my life--70 years
The ABC is the most respected broadcaster in Australia.
I have NEVER found it to be biased. I can trust the information in current affairs programs and news bulletins and hold the journalists in high esteem.
If the ABC were to be privatised , then profit becomes the motive and not the public good.
The children's television channel is absolutely essential , not only for entertainment but also education for the younger members of our society and I know every parent would feel completely let down if it were to go into private hands.
Behind The News is a fantastic tool for teachers and children. It must stay.
Who would we rely on to broadcast emergency messages during bush fires and floods?
Already our ABC has been reduced by funding cuts and there are less and less current affairs and local dramas being produced.
Why does everything have to be "dumbed down"?
It appears that those who want to privatise the ABC are concerned with any criticism of the Liberal Party and cannot bear to listen to any points of view that don't accord with their own.
Don't sell off the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!

ABC is one of the two media companies I watch and listen. They produce original content in many genres. There are many commercial TV and Radio stations in Australia but mostly they produce rubbish. In fact most of them do not produce anything, just reproduce stuff and insert as much of advertising as legally possible.

We don't need another privately own media company called ABC. We have enough of these already. Keep ABC in public ownership. Keep ABC in public ownership!

I repeat: Leave ABC alone, they are doing great job and keep ABC in public ownership!!

Regards,

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VIC 3163



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC has been in my life for as long as I can remember. It has provided both quality education and family entertainment to me and my family throughout our lives and has produced and supported fine world class Australian drama, comedy, music, arts, science and kids programs. Unlike the predominant Americanisation of the commercial channels, the ABC enables its audience to reflect on the Australian culture and proudly supports and showcases our own home grown talent, expanding our capacity for innovation and inventiveness.

Its news and current affairs programming is equal to none. Without the high quality investigative journalism of programs such as 4 Corners and Foreign Correspondent, the thoughtful and fearless questioning and debates presented on such innovative programs as the Drum, 7:30 Report, Lateline and Q and A (to name but a few), and the balanced presentation of both national and local news, we would be a much poorer, less informed society, with no checks and balances against endemic corruption and competing vested interests.

The ABC is a public treasure that deserves much better than to be targeted by the wicked and unjustified criticism that has recently been meted out in an orchestrated demonisation campaign by those that feel threatened by its honest and balanced reporting.

Unlike commercial channels, the ABC is not beholden to the vested interests of money, commercials and politics. Nor is it tainted by shock jocks who spew out toxic, biased opinions on a daily basis with little no scientific or rational analysis to back up their often unethical and openly racist views. For this reason, I consider the ABC to be the cornerstone of our democracy, and not be tampered with at the whim of Governments or political parties that have no appetite for their policies to be properly scrutinised and debated.

Moreover, the ABC is our ABC - the public broadcaster of the Australian people. It is not the Government's ABC to demonise, threaten and use as a mouthpiece to avoid proper scrutinisation of its policies. I consider that the constant criticism from those with vested interests, together with the gradual starvation of the ABC through repeated cuts in public funding to be a disgraceful and dangerous attack on our democracy. I also consider the inquiry into the ABC to be purely politically motivated and a wicked waste of public money. This money would be much better spent on properly supporting the ABC so that it can continue its critical work as a broadcaster of unparalleled quality and integrity. The ABC has a longstanding reputation for high quality investigative journalism and service to the public and consequently has a very strong following.

For the sake and health of our democracy, the ABC must remain in public hands, properly funded and protected against vested interests. To do otherwise, in my view, would arguably be tantamount to high treason as it would wrecklessly destroy a critical cornerstone of our flourishing democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

Submission to Inquiry re ABC

Earlier this week the Managing Director of the ABC Michelle Guthrie gave a speech to the National Press club defending the ABC against political attacks and, in particular setting out the importance of the public broadcaster remaining in public hands which echoed my basic position on this matter. What I had not expected was the information she provided from the Deloitte report regarding the ABC's income generation which was pleasing.

I live in Melbourne and, while being in one of the major centres and therefore having access to alternative sources of both entertainment and news, my household is a committed ABC viewer and listener household because we both enjoy and trust the news sources type of information and entertainment provided.

In particular we value the ABC news, and current affairs like the 7:30 report and the more in-depth investigative programs like 4 Corners and Foreign Correspondent. Australian Story, Compass, Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery, and similar Australian focussed programs are also popular in our house. Then there are the quality dramas and comedies that both we and countless friends and family also enjoy, and over which we bond. We also listen to Radio National, Classic FM, and 774 on a daily basis.


I am not confident at all that, if the ABC is privatised, that this high standard of programming and the type of programming will continue.

Australia needs a publicly-funded broadcaster to maintain a truly civil and democratic society and I am deeply concerned at the extent to which there have been what appear to be clearly politically-motivated attacks on the ABC by the Prime Minister and by the Minister for Communications and many other parliamentarians of the LNP - it is not worthy of them to do so , particularly as the staff of the ABC are constrained by their ability to respond to these attacks.

One of the accusations has been that somehow the ABC is competing and taking business from the commercial broadcasters, but it seems to me that this is not only not the case, it is actually not relevant to the question of the value in a democratic society of having a source of information that is committed to balance, to a diversity of views and to looking at issues which are of serious public interest, and providing quality local and overseas drama, comedy etc that may not win ratings but nevertheless offers significant cultural input for those who need more than a daily diet of reality TV.

There is a strong mood of resistance among my freinds and family to any plan to further run down the operation of the ABC by taking away more funding and to any plan to privatize any part of it at all.

Thank-you for the opportunity to contribute.

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VIC 3183 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Maintain the ABC as our independent broadcaster owned by the public

As the governing body mandated to represent the members of our democratic society, I recommend in the strongest possible terms that you lobby energetically and vote to maintain the ABC as a publicly funded media platform.

The function of the ABC has always been and should remain public service broadcasting. Privatising the ABC would mean an irrevocable departure from that unique service. The ABC is the only radio and TV service I bother with. Without it, you would be removing the eyes and ears I and countless other Australians have on the world to learn, to question, to debate and to be delighted. When I do not have the time or energy to seek out fascinating and relevant topics of public interest, all I have to do is switch on the radio to keep my mind stimulated and engaging usefully with the world. Turning the ABC over to commercial interests would render impotent the ABC's current freedom to question all sides of an argument and to present little-known but potentially important factual knowledge and creative arts. Failing to maintain it as an independent, publicly funded body would be the height of folly.

The ABC is our only media outlet that covers a broad variety of topics that are of fundamental importance to our humanity if not necessarily commercially profitable. My most recent example is today's discussion on Radio National's Conversations, which was discussing the life and activities of war photographer Mike Lewis, who photographed the liberation of Bergen-Belsen. There are nay-sayers in the world who try to deny this history. The ABC continues to present high quality journalism to challenge many points of view with the desire to expose the truth at the bottom of the matter. While this does not necessarily make it commercially attractive, it does provide a reliable source of diverse points of view representing our multicultural society. Australia needs this in order to be a thinking nation.

One wonders whether a governing body that would even consider such a move as privatising our independent public broadcaster is afraid of scrutiny or challenge, and is more interested in feeding a commercial power base than in strengthening our democracy and our collective intelligence. Do not disgrace your time in power by privatising or otherwise undermining the ABC.

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VIC 3136



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I only lissin and watch the ABC because it's the only one to trust

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NSW 2785



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To the Panel of the Government Inquiry into our ABC and its perceived "undue advantage"

Dear Sir / Madam

I was horrified to hear that recently there was a vote amongst the Liberal Party as to whether the ABC should be privatised and was even more horrified to hear that the vote to privatise was unanimous. Despite the Government denying that the ABC will ever be privatised, clearly it is under consideration in some way due to the very fact that the issue was even raised to vote upon.

The ABC and SBS in their public broadcaster status are critical to democracy, independent thought and freedom of speech. They should not even be compared to commercial media and any perceived advantage would be counteracted by the fact that, being a public broadcaster, they are very much held to account for their actions and the positions they take. It is a common right wing perception that the ABC is a bunch of lefties with skewed reports and programs, however in my experience, journalists have been as hard on "lefties" as they have on the right. Indeed, one of the most refreshing things about the ABC is that their journalists seek to hold to account those on the left, right, top or bottom, who have acted incorrectly, illegally, self-servingly, secretly and hypocritically and try to get away with it. In this day of filtered new and fake news, it is a relief to know that the ABC and SBS can be relied upon to deliver news and current affairs to all Australians in a more accurate and less sensationalist format than one would ever get from a commercial channel.

The ABC, and SBS (in particular) tackle topics that one would never broad on a commercial station, and then encourage conversation around such topics. They encourage diversity and acceptance of diversity, and ask us to question ourselves, our world, our leaders, our social constructs and those with power, and their programming also helps us to understand people and cultures that are different from us, rather than to divide us. The sensationalist content - interspersed with ridiculous advertising - of commercial channels does the opposite. It encourages selfishness and consumerism, and their so called "current affairs" lead to judgement rather than acceptance. It may seem like a spurious concept, and indeed the basis for it is too long for this email, but the division of people into tribes with an us against them attitude seems to be what happens when we see shows about what our next door neighbours are doing and how dodgy citizens are ripping us off. Of course these are things that one should be aware and wary of, but what we should be considering instead is what our world neighbours are doing, and what our politicians are doing in how we deal with the rest of the world. The ABC and SBS are incomparable with commercial TV / radio in this regard. They are, however, more strictly held to account and their investigative journalism is beyond comparison. I don't believe that a privatised or curtailed version of either the ABC or SBS would be allowed to continue with its independent reporting, and clearly this is what the Government is seeking to implement - a public broadcaster without a voice, unable to serve the public that funds them. The Government wastes so much money on mindless projects, promises tax cuts for times far away, yet in the present continues to cut funding to the ABC and SBS. Possibly it feels threatened by a broadcaster that speaks the truth (with investigative journalism to back it up factually) and thus seeks to mute them in any way possible. I couldn't think of anything worse than 2 more commercial-like channels, with self important (yet seemingly ignorant) anchormen / women, ridiculous soapies, dramatic chefs yelling "time's up", low-brow American sit-coms endless police shows catching filthy "perps" or "unsubs". ABC and SBS dramas are intelligent and of infinitely better quality and their current affairs programs unmissable. Without shows such as Four Corners, Insiders, Catalyst, Compass, Landline, Gruen, The Checkout, Dateline, Insight, No Reservations, The Bridge, Home Delivery, Ahn's Brush with Fame, One on One to name but a few, TV would be a very empty place. Please consider carefully how any changes to the ABC & SBS would affect their programming, and thus, their voices. Australia NEEDS independent broadcasters such as these. Please consider the motives of the

Governement in seeking to curtail these broadcasters under the guise of regulating their "undue advantage" and do what is right in giving the ABC and SBS your full support to continue with their current role in Austrlians' lives.

thank you.

Sincerely

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NSW 2037



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

An independent ABC is a priceless asset for Australia. It is where my family gets unbiased news and quality adult programs. Nothing remotely like it is produced by commercial media.

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VIC 3122



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

How is our ABC biased?

Is talking about climate change as an urgent issue biased?

Is exposing corruption in government bias?

Is independant fact checking a form of bias?

Is calling out misuse of public money bias?

Is showing the public how 90% of our "common-wealth' has been annexed by a very few very rich individuals biased?

Is calling out unethical, inhumane, and bad public policy by dishonest so called political leaders another form of bias?

This list is only a small sample the stuff going on in this country that has the potential to cause the social and economic collapse of our great nation.

Can you imagine how this might play out and what effect it will have on our children's future?

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NSW 2536



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the A.B.C. in Public Hands.


Since the late 1950's I have been educated toward english expression and the the healthy heart beat of the Australian way of life. The significant influence of the introduction of National Service 1951-59 and 1965-72 and how polarising the two attempts had on the population as a whole. I served very happily in the initial attempt then relied finally on the ABC to confirm my resistance to conscription to this Nation's war zones. It is the accurate honest reporting by the ABC that has strengthened my conviction that Australia should be doing a lot more for our Defence Force veterans, a topic rarely covered by the commercial media. Refer J. Lambi

The Coalition either in government or opposition has developed a phobia of bias against their developing move away from the centre right toward a strident American style Conservatism which to a significant proportion of our population is repugnant.

As long the ABC remains in public hands there will always be a public influence over the quality and direction of the journalistic reporting. Political Parties and their illegal and un-constitutional structures would find encouragement from the ABC if they requested their Party's organisational structure to seek the direction and aspirations of the population at large and not these non representative unconstitutional groups telling the selected Representative what they want the Constituents to believe they need.

The far Right members, Abbott, Abetz, Andrews and Bernadi to recognise a few, are so against GetUp! and the A.B.C. because both of these groups research from a much broader church and therefore more accurate and sympathetic to the Publics attitude.

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WA 6069 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

this is the one true independent broadcaster that is not tied to the strings of biased private owners with their own agendas

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NSW 2153



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

Abc should remain public as it is the most innovative TV station. It has many educational shows for children. It's news and current affairs programmes are the most objective. I watch and listen to it all day.

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NSW 2066



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should remain as a public broadcaster

I feel very strongly that the public should have access to an independent news source . This service is best provided by a public broadcaster that is free from commercial & governmental influence. The ABC has done a great job in delivering news, investigating current issues in the community and providing quality programs that reflect our culture. No private entity is capable of doing this without an inbuilt bias. Whether from commercial, political or managerial bias. I sincerely believe that any attempt to privatise the ABC will result in a form of censorship by the prevailing government. Politicians will be censoring what we hear, issues won't be discussed, programming will be of the lowest common denominator. How 😞.

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NSW 2061 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC independent and properly funded!

Our ABC is one of the most trusted and essential services in Australia. Its investigative reporting has exposed many injustices that have not "overlooked" by unions, regulators, and other organisations that should have been doing their job. Thank goodness for the ABC. Such a wealth of information, analysis and entertainment on radio, TV and podcasts, and no mindless, insulting advertisements. The intelligence and integrity of the ABC presenters and program staff is outstanding. I would willingly pay more tax to support and defend the ABC, which is an essential service to counter misinformation and prejudice. No cuts to our ABC!

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VIC 3068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abc is the home of Australian journalism

Wake up! Wake up! Anti ABC supporters...stop and think what you will lose...commercial free, news items, for you to ponder, reflect, debate. Music and sport of Australian interest. Culture for all! Country support, with essential news items for isolated residents and voters. Childrens programs especially the one that presents the news in a way that children can evaluate, assess, ponder, question and decide what to believe. I grew up in the bush with the Abc as the family companion...excellent news service...drama...arts...concerts...accurate sport reports...
WAKE UP AUSTRALIA!! WE NEED THE ABC!!

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VIC 3122 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC - it belongs to the Australian People not Politicians

My late husband was a journalist & would be devastated if the ABC were privatised. He believed strongly in the power of independent professional journalism to hold whoever is in government accountable. It is the bedrock of our democracy that you are trying to destroy. The ABC is a public institution & must always remain so. No government of any persuasion has the right to destroy public property that is essential to keep voters informed of the facts, especially in this age of "fake news". The ABC is not biased just because it is holding a government accountable - that is it's job. It is no wonder voters are turning to independents when both major parties are failing to honour honesty & transparency as core principles of democracy. Watching Lateline was one of the highlights of the week for my husband even during the final weeks of his life. Please do not privatise the ABC!! Thank you, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatisise the ABC

To Whom It May Concern,

I implore you to not privatise the ABC, it is an Australian institution that is owned by the people and you do not have the right to take this from us. I have grown up with the ABC and some of my favourite programs like Countdown, Australian Story, Q&A, Lateline etc.

The ABC is independent, it is necessary and the fact that you do not like some things that it broadcasts is no reason to do this. It is a reason to look at what you are doing. If you do not like the scrutiny then you probably shouldn't be doing what you are doing.

It is the voice of the people, not the big business advertisers. There is no advantage that the ABC has but if you kill it then you have an advantage and will have damaged democracy in this country. Shame on you.

This is important, you need to be very careful about what you are doing and why you are doing it. The consequences will be far reaching. Do not do this.

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NSW 2780



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise the ABC


I rarely watch TV. I listen to the ABC radio (RN, Classic). I think the quality and scope has declined due to revenue cuts by government (staff cuts, intimidation). BUT it would never be matched for either by any private owner. I do occasionally listen to other channels but cannot bear their deceptions or the lack of effective redress and correction in regulation or law (swingeing fines, imprisonment for bribed politicking, demonstrable lying reports on the environment, refugees etc). You simply want an echo chamber of the ideology of government. Analysis has shown again and again there is no left wing bias at the ABC though individual programs lean one way or another.

Your move to a totalitarian regime in this country of course plays well with certain sections of society. Popular doesn't not equal right or in the larger or longer term public interest. Greater independence, including Board chair appointments, is long overdue.

This proposal by the LNP govt. plumbs new depths of chicanery.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC has a reputation for providing trustworthy, high quality journalism and analysis, and also has a wonderful programme of educational children's television, that my 3 year old loves and benefits from (as I did as a child). It is important to me that children's viewing is not bombarded with advertising by commercial interests.

I find the argument that public broadcasting is no longer relevant to be fundamentally flawed. The ABC has maintained relevance with digital and on-demand programmes, and in the age of "fake news" it is invaluable to have credible media sources. While it may not be immediately obvious that the ABC's quality and journalistic credibility would be compromised by privatisation, I worry based on past examples that there would be unintended consequences, leading to less overall choice and a decline in quality programmes of relevance to national interest; also a loss of programmes providing a voice to local minority groups. I'd also be concerned about maintenance of broadcasting services to rural and regional areas under privatisation. I'm very happy for my tax dollars to be used to fund the ABC.

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WA 6152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC belongs to all Australians

We need to keep Our ABC in public hands to deliver trusted, relevant, credible and independent reporting and News and Current Affairs programs.

We also need the ABC to be held by the public to ensure we can see high quality programs that are so important to our overall well being. The alternative if it was to fall into private hands, would be inferior quality, low level type programs more based on reality TV than anything else.

Please keep the ABC public. The alternative would have a profound impact on the level of debate and understanding of the things that really matter and the level of a special sophistication we currently enjoy in the overall scheme of things. This level is already under threat for a whole host of reasons. Please help preserve our culture.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3004



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC presents facts not biased opinions. They are not beholden to advertisers or sponsors so can undertake thorough investigations without fear or favour. Part from being my most trusted news source the other truly Australian stories and dramas they present are unparalleled. Keep my taxes and properly fund the ABC!!

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SA 5073




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:02 PM
To:
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
country people need the abc.

It is our only link to the outside world.

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NSW 2650 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The majority of Australians are appalled at the idea that the ABC might be privatised. Hard-right spokespeople hate the thought that free-speech is important in our democracy, and can't cope with views contrary to their extreme ideologies. The ABC is the only fair, unbiased and highly professional trusted news and views programming on television. To abandon public funding of the ABC would destroy its independence and culture.

We desperately need the ABC in these times of fake news, shock-jocks and political spin. Where would be without important investigative journalism, great local content including home-grown drama and documentaries, as well as important national and international news coverage; all provided on a shrinking shoestring budget by our much-loved ABC.

We need to reverse the atrocious funding cuts of the last decade that the ABC has endured and better embrace our national broadcaster.

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NSW 2280 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!


Hi,
I love the ABC. I've watched ABC tv my whole adult life (I'm 66) & never watch any of the commercial channels. I don't like adds for a start & enjoy the uninterrupted flow of a program. I appreciate the effort made in programming selection with the ABC - strong Australian content with both documentary-type programs & fiction.

Privatisation would necessarily change the ABC & its content.

Please leave it alone!!

Yours sincerely,
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NSW 2483 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

For years now the Federal Govt has been gradually reducing funds for the ABC which is a disgrace. Now at your recent seminar a vote was taken to privatise the ABC.

What a disaster that would be.

- For a start regional and remote communities would no longer have a voice;
- important community announcements at times of crisis such as bush fire, floods etc would no longer exist which could cause loss of lives
- we would no longer have a broadcaster free of the irritating and banal adverts of commercial stations
- we would no longer have genuine investigative reporting of events and classy dramas etc
- we would no longer have unbiased programs

If you were to close the loopholes which corporations use to weasel out of paying tax and forget the tax reductions for big business and the wealthy who do not need them you could easily fund the ABC

There is no way I would vote for a party which threatens the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

As a long-time listener to and watcher of the ABC I am horrified to think this precious community asset could be sold off or privatised.

In particular Radio National is a national treasure. In depth political coverage is only part of the picture: On what commercial radio station can you listen to programs about science, health, religion, law, the arts, history, philosophy, relationship issues, ethics and just about everything that comprises a rich culture and life. Overseas visitors have commented on the quality and depth of these programs which are available to everyone in Australia. the content is not beholden to sponsors or advertisers.

Rural Australia depends on the ABC for local regional news, and the ABC provides up-to-date coverage in times of natural disasters.

Flagship TV programs such as Four Corners have over the years provided in-depth well-researched coverage of important issues which have often led to necessary changes and enquiries. Which among the commercial stations does this, except in a sensational manner?

Both sides of politics have criticised the ABC over the years, for perceived bias. However numerous enquiries have exonerated the ABC and found it to be overwhelmingly fair and balanced in its coverage. No other media outlet can claim this.

In short, Australians value the ABC as a trusted source of news and as a great cultural institution. It would be an act of great sacrilege to dismantle or sell it.

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NSW 2773




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Australia needs a public Broadcaster. The ABC reaches all of Australia and is a voice for all Peoples. We must keep it in Public hands. They produce quality Australian and International Drama. They also high light topics such as disability, poverty and abuse which commercial channels rarely cover. Politicians should not be able to deprive us of The ABC. They do not own it and it needs to be publicly funded and funds increased not slashed.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our public broadcaster.

How do you convince someone to retain something that should be so obvious? As a baby boomer the ABC is important to me for do many reasons. Independence, no shareholders, investigative reporting, innovative shows, rural shows like Landline, news reports relevant to those outside Victoria and New South Wales. Without the ABC early morning show s are predominantly coming from USA further eroding national identity. In W A we already have limited local news. Destroying the ABC would reduce coverage even further. Instead of canning the ABC look at the reasons right leaning people don't work there. Could it be that they get paid more in commercial TV/radio? Without the ABC the balance of opinions would be gone.

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WA 6110 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not privatise our ABC

The very idea of selling the ABC is a disgraceful reflection on the current Federal Minister for Communications.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] 3133

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VIC 3133 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

I'll make it plain and simple. The ABC is valued across the political spectrum. This is utter hubris and will cost you votes. I look forward to your party's political demise. Any party that decides to kill off the ABC does not deserve to be in power.

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WA 6153



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I never turn my TV on to any channel but the ABC
I never listen to any radio station other than the ABC.
The ABC keeps me informed of world and local events, news and current affairs. If the ABC was privatized it would inevitably broadcast many advertisements as happens now on commercial broadcasters. There would be concern that the organization would be beholden to the advertisers, which are its income stream. The ABC's investigative journalism has uncovered much that was corrupt and inequitable in our society. I love my ABC. I would be devastated if it were privatised

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NSW 2480 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

For all of my adult life I have listened to and watched the ABC broadcasts. Rarely do I tune to commercial radio or television. I choose the ABC because it is a public broadcaster committed to presenting programs that educate, inform, and entertain the community in all its varied interests.

The ABC is not in competition with the commercial media and should not be considered as part of a market. It is a public service fulfilling its charter as an independent organisation, not a commercial enterprise whose main aims are to make a profit and further the objectives of big business. To privatise the ABC would destroy its reason for existence.

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NSW 2025 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must not be privatised


The ABC provides a valuable news and opinion service , free of the bias inherent in the commercial networks.

This comes from news programs and investigate news programmes such a 4 corners as well as debating issues thru Q and A etc

The very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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NSW 2025 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC

Please do not privatise out ABC - it is the only news and current affairs service I trust and i also really enjoy the Australian drama content. The ABC radio is entertaining and does not resort to the shock-jock programming of commercial stations. It also should be able to be heard all over Australia - pity help the people in the outback who now don't get any reception die to cutbacks.

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NSW 2422



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

My partner and I highly value the ABC as our most trusted and independent broadcaster in Australia. The ABC delivers a service that is not seen on the commercial channels. The quality of ABC news programs and the range of information, sport and entertainment programs developed and presented by the ABC is unique, with key factors being the public, non-commercial nature and striving for excellence. We also value the excellent and unique national and local radio coverage when we are at our rural property in the southern tablelands. We regard the ABC as our most trusted source of news programs, including the excellent Four Corners program, Q&A on Monday nights, ABC News 24, and genuine and informative programs such as Landline, Backroads, Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery, comedy programs and other excellent content sourced from Australia and overseas.

We are very concerned about possible plans by the government to privatise the ABC. If this were to occur, we would lose a truly great institution which we regard as a key part of Australia's cultural identity and democracy. We are worried about the Coalition parties' attacks on our ABC. The inquiry into the ABC and SBS misses a crucial point: public broadcasting has an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy, and must continue. Thank you.

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ACT 2611




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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Attempts to privatise and reduce funding for the national broadcasters do not reflect the wishes of the community, including the vast majority of Coalition voters. Hands off! Start working for the community and not vested interests.

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NSW 2095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep ABC public

we need news and a forum for information that is not commercially influenced!!!

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NSW 2577



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC a public asset.

The people in this country own our public broadcaster and we deserve and demand such an independent source of information about our nation and the world.
A regional 'Guardian'.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3913



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

ABC radio and TV are reliable when it comes to presenting factual news which avoids the sensationalism of commercial radio and TV. But the ABC has more to offer than reliable news. It is also an important medium for music - I'm a fan of ABC Classic FM. Everyday I also watch the news on ABC 2 and ABC 24 and the 7.30 report. Keep the ABC as it is and provide more not less funding.

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VIC 3068



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC out of Corporate Hands!

I strongly believe in the ABC remaining in the public hands and this above all other current issues would decide my vote in any upcoming election.

[Redacted]
WA 6152



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC should stay in public hands and provide a service for all Australians.
Privatisation has not given us better electricity or lowered the price, while Telstra has just announced 8000 jobs will be lost.

no other media provides full and balanced views like the ABC.

Private enterprise news only seems to cater for right wing views.

We need the ABC to balance the news and provide reasonable programs on TV.

The ABC could be improved by providing some views from the left point of view rather than balanced in the centre.

Shows like Q&A are better with a diversity of views and not echo the commercial TV programs.

Keep the ABC in government hands.

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VIC 3068



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC has been an integral part of Australian lives since its inception in 1932 by Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, a member of the United Australia Party, which later evolved into the current Liberal Party. The ABC Charter requires it “to provide informative , entertaining and educational services that reflect the breadth of our nation”.

In attempting to destroy the ABC, which the current Liberal Party surely is, either by selling it off or by draining it completely of funding, the party is guilty of gross ideological dishonesty.

Menzies stated of the aims of the Liberal Party : .”what we must look for, and it is a matter of desperate importance to our society, is a true revival of liberal thought which will work for social justice and security, for national power and national progress, and for the full development of the individual citizen,” which implies that citizens should have access to education and knowledge about all functions of the state in which they reside.

Since its inception the ABC has repeatedly been the only voice defending social justice and security and the full development of the individual citizen, most notably in this regard, in exposing gross political corruption, various abuses of citizens and also of animals, etc.

Four Corners has been remarkably effective in investigative journalism and current affairs with a list of national and state exposes, which include ...

1. Allegations against Neville Wran and Murray Farquhar which resulted in the Street Royal Commission and the jailing of Farquhar.
2. Investigations of police and political corruption in Queensland, which resulted in the Fitzgerald Inquiry.
- 3, Investigation into the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior, which revealed the French Secret Service were responsible.
4. An exposure of the influence of the fossil fuel lobby on Australian climate change policy, called Greenhouse Mafia.
5. An investigation into former federal court judge, Marcus Einfield, which resulted in a charge of perjury and perverting the course of justice..
6. An investigation into treatment of women by National Rugby League players, called Code of Silence.
7. Investigations into the Church of Scientology, live cattle export cruelty, and live baiting in the greyhound racing industry.
8. In 2016 Four Corners aired the abuse of Indigenous children and teenagers in the NT at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre, prompting Malcolm Turnbull to announce a Royal Commission into the abuse.

The Turnbull government has repeatedly denied the need for a Federal ICAC. Now it is bent on destroying one of the few bodies which has the expertise to expose gross corruption, cruel practices to animals, routine sexual exploitation of women by sporting figures and gross abuse of very young Indigenous offenders by state government officers, and the influence of the fossil fuel lobby on the government’s climate change

policy, etc, etc, etc.

The ABC has repeatedly spoken truth to power and the government is bent on responding by eliminating its voice in the national discourse. This indicates fear of exposure by the government. We can only wonder what further abuses of power, and corruption and dishonesty will go undiscovered if the government does succeed in shutting down the ABC?

Shutting down those branches of the press, which investigate and criticize government is one of the first tactics of a fascist state. Australian citizens, when polled, repeatedly state they have little trust or faith in their governments. This bid to close the ABC will confirm them in their beliefs.



NSW 2324 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

It concerns me greatly that after all the cuts to the ABC private is the last straw. Murdoch must be thrilled as he already owns 70% of media. ABC and SBS are the only stations/channels I tune into. They are reliable not interrupted by inane news breaks and one of the last vestiges of our democracy which seems to be privatising all important institutions in our country.

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VIC 3124



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands, it's not theirs to sell!

The ABC is a publicly owned resource and as such should not be sold without at least consultation of its owners, the public. We know the ABC is the only thing that that holds our politicians to any form of accountability. So too do they and that's why they want to sell it, (probably to one of Rupert Murdoch's companies). It is not theirs to sell! Look at what is happening at Telstra, that isn't working out that well. They just want another network that will "tow the party line". I will NEVER vote Liberal again, they are a bunch of liars and thieves. Bye Bye Malcolm!

[REDACTED]

TAS 7050




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Love our local ABC - it keeps stories relevant and gives air to important issues in an impartial way. The ABC needs to stay in public hands so we get impartial and reliable reporting, lots of Australian content and a station/channel with no advertising.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2261 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is the best learning tool ever! Keep it that way!

I am a migrant from a former communist country. Since my arrival in 1987, I am listening and watching ABC. I have learnt more from ABC than I would have from any other sources. Privatising ABC would change the purpose of ABC, which is in my mind and heart is educate the public. Don't let this change.

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VIC 3068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatise The ABC

I rely on the ABC to provide intelligent and unbiased current affairs and news.
The LNPs continual attacks on the ABC are solely due to a perceived bias in the reporting on Liberal Party policy. News flash! There is no bias - it is your policies that tarnish your name.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2444




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC needs to stay in Public hands. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in or democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

The ABC is an important part of my life. Why is the ABC being demonised - because it is not afraid of objective reporting as is the commercial media

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WA 6052 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

The ABC must be kept in public hands, for it to keep providing the kind of programming the commercial networks never will.

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QLD 4051 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: PROTECT OPEN SPEECH IN AUSTRALIA

I am writing to plead with you to NOT privatise the ABC We simply MUST retain open and unbiased reporting - we do not want to be so limited in our media . It is a dangerous precedent to set.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is currently very stretched in terms of meeting its charter due to ongoing cuts to its funding. I don't believe that the private sector has the desire or capability to run the ABC. I have seen first hand what happened to TAFE. TAFE courses were open to private providers and we are now seeing huge amounts of fraud and profits going to the providers not to the interests of students. Currently the institution has been run down and its teacher resources have gone as a result of retrenchments. The ideology that the private sector is more efficient than the public one is flawed and has been demonstrated to be so. Australia can afford to have an independent broadcaster in this world of 'fake news'. If one watches American news providers (e.g. Fox News) the truth is very much distorted and biased. We need our independent broadcaster.

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TAS 7109



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must remain in public hands

I only watch the ABC. I trust its news and current affairs programs.
I have Lyme Disease and the noise and flashing lights of television commercials physically affect me. I cannot tolerate being constantly bombarded with commercials. Parents need the option of their children being able to watch good children's programs without being subject to commercials. We all should at least have this choice. Only the ABC provides this.
The Turnbull Governments inquiry was dodgy and the attacks on the ABC worry me about where our democracy is going.
Public broadcasting is a vital service, especially to regional people.
Commercial television is full of trashy, dehumanising and sensationalising content. I will weep if this happens to the ABC.
Please, please, please do not let it be privatised.
Thanks you.

[REDACTED]

WA 6285 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No to privatisation of the ABC


Dear Sir/Madam,

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is integral to the Australian way of life. It only remains so while it is in public hands. Only in public hands can it provide the unbiased, thought-provoking, educational viewing that is not available on other private television networks. If it is privatised, it will not serve the Australian public as it does now, but serve only a limited handful of shareholders and their interests.

I love my ABC and I vote! Thank you for considering my submission.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NSW 2041
Ph [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
QLD 4655 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Sadly, the ABC is the only credible news source in Australia. It cannot be privatised or defunded.

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WA 6020 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Dear sir/madam, I am deeply concerned that if the ABC is not kept in public hands the media in Australia will lean strongly toward right wing agendas as indicated by the existing media landscape. Democracy in Australia is very quickly disappearing and there are many examples of this. I trust the ABC information where as I do not trust any other news and current affairs in other media areas. I rely on the ABC to inform me about current issues. It seems anything left of hard right is vigorously attacked by commercial media. The ABC offers the middle ground which is often not what the hard right want Australians to know. Privatizing the ABC is a hit on democracy in Australia. Ian

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SA 5153 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

If you want to view biased crap watch/listen to anything other than the ABC. If you want to listen to/watch something like the truth, the ABC is the one option.
Hands off right wing trogdolytes.

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[REDACTED]

VIC 3107 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

It is vitally important that Australia has an independent public media broadcaster not beholden to the advertising dollar. The ABC is the envy of many other countries, notably the US whose 'public' station has to beg for donations on a regular basis. The ABC has award winning journalists that the public depends on for unbiased coverage of news. Privatisation of it is merely an ideological vendetta of the Coalition desperate to stymie free crustal speech. Let's rise above this attack on our national treasure!

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NSW 2208



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

I have watched the ABC for many years it is the only place you can get real news, up to date information, to privatise same would be a disgraceful shame and could be the undoing of the present Government.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2800



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am a dual citizen with Canadian and Australian citizenship. Growing up in Canada I have first hand knowledge of how ignorant Americans are ,of world news and current affairs. The reason for this is they have no credible public broadcaster that reports international news to expose the American public to what happens beyond their borders. Look at Canada to see how much better informed they are than their American neighbours. Like Australians they know what is going on around the world. This is entirely and soley due to the public Canadian Broadcasting Company which has a tremendous international affairs as well as national focus.

One of the very best things about Australia is the ABC. I kiss the ground of Australia with tremendous gratitude for the Australian Broadcasting Company and its international current affairs and the public role it plays in educating and informing Australians about the world outside its borders and the struggles and successes of the Australian people. The ABC is the only institution that keeps Australians informed and involved in the world community. The ABC sets the bar for international and national news reporting in Australia and it forces the private broadcasters to keep up with that high standard of reporting on international and national affairs. Without the the ABC there would be no incentive keep their international news departments. Lets face it it costs money to have reporters around the world and staff to operate internationally. The ABC is the only thing that stands between Australian people from deteriorating into "Ugly Americans". Without the tremendous work of the ABC this country would soon slip into the same circumstances that the United States is in today. The ABC is worth its weight in gold. It is worth every cent you spend on it. It is the life and blood of the Australian people.

This is not just a privatization grab you are proposing. This is about keeping the heart and sole of this nation.

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QLD 4226 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: mDO NOT PRIVATISE THE [REDACTED]

All my life I have relied on the ABC for news reportage, public debate, classical (and other) music and diverse cultural exposure and criticism. Are we to lose this priceless public service to EXPEDIENCY? Shame on both parties for even contemplating it.

[REDACTED]

WA 6151



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am writing to confirm my support for the ABC to remain in public hands. It is a trusted institution across all demographics and the programming reflects the wonderful diversity in our communities.

I know that people feel deeply about this issue given that for many Australians, their connection with the ABC starts in infancy is lifelong.

I consider that the government has a responsibility to provide this platform which is not influenced by money and can present factual and unbiased reporting on issues which may otherwise go unreported as they are not ratings winners.

I personally feel it is an institution of which all Australians can be very proud and is the last refuge from the incessant bombardment of advertising in all other areas of the media.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2099



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC Public

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write with concern about the recent vote to privatise the ABC and a request to ensure the ABC remains in public hands.

The importance of protecting the ABC and all its diversity cannot be understated.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA 5032



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I wish to register my deep concern over the continuous attack on the ABC by conservative politicians, the Murdoch press and right wing commentators on commercial radio networks eg Alan Jones , Ray Hadley and Andrew Bolt to name a few.

These people claim to support free speech and democracy but the very thought of having an independent broadcaster presenting a balanced view of events seems to infuriate them.


The right wing bias is anti labour, anti union, anti green anti climate change, socially conservative and unrelenting. Turning the ABC over to commercial interests like these would certainly undermine our democracy by removing the one independent and balanced source available to most of the population. Watch a current affairs program on Fox news to see how this works.

The ABC's support of quality Australian drama, comedy and children's shows over the years has been instrumental in us having a more tolerant society that most now enjoy. Incisive and serious news broadcasting and analysis keeps us better informed than the pap that is served up on commercial television and radio.

My parents, my family and many of my friends rely on the public broadcaster for quality unbiased and balanced broadcasting of news and current affairs so that we better understand issues and can make informed decisions.

There is no comparison between the public broadcaster and the commercial networks and if this attack on the independence of the ABC is successful then we will a poorer society for it

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VIC 3199 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatize the ABC

I do not want the ABC to be privatized. For the Turnbull Government to even contemplate privatizing the ABC is little short of contemptible. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. It should not be compared with commercial media.

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WA 6112 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone

Please do not sell my A.B.C. I find their news coverage to be clear and unbiased. Many of my family live in rural areas and it is important to me to have access to rural affairs programs. Also, you have sold off everything else and sold australia out so i am getting irate. ABC is ours if you try to sell it get ready for a fight.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2034




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect and expand the roles of the ABC

With respect, I would like to inform the committee that the ABC is the only media outlet I can trust. If the ABC is privatised or in any way tampered with, I will not be able to get the required trustworthy information to participate as an informed citizen in Australian society .

[REDACTED]

VIC 3068 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands.

The ABC most TRUSTED and RELIABLE broadcaster in the land.
Commercial outlets are strongly influenced by their advertisers, a lot of their so called public interest stories are disguised propaganda.
To the Liberal Party privatise the ABC at your peril!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3496



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: dont privatise the ab c

the abc is in my opinion is the best source of accurate news,truthful current affairs and dedicated journalism the people have. i feel if they were to be privatised we would end up with the same farcical garbage as the main commercial stations

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VIC 3073 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: How can I make and informed decision when news is provided by those with vested interest?s

With the advent of "fake news", it is now critical to allow as many media outlets as possible to inform the public so that readers/viewers can make educated and informed decisions.

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VIC 3140 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC essential to a fair, honest and free democracy.

It is the ABC that "keeps the bastards honest". 4 Corners, 7:30 report are bastions of investigative journalism. Growing up in regional Australia with ABC radio essential to staying in touch and later tv, I cannot imagine an Australia without a public broadcaster. Pretty much every other public service or utility has run into problems after being privatised so any government that tries this will do at their political peril!

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NSW 2780



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

Together with the SMH, the ABC represents the only credible source of news and current affairs ... I listen to ABC Central Coast most mornings and watch the News and 7.30 almost every evening.

4 Corners is renowned for its tradition of investigative journalism .. recently leading to legislative / policy changes.

On a lighter side, shows like Gruen and some of the comedy shows help keep older people sane. No commercials, news without vested interests ... great !

And bad luck to governments and politicians who find hard-hitting analysis of their behaviour uncomfortable ... the answer is: change your behaviour, not manipulate the ABC !

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NSW 2261



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting plays an important, essential and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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QLD 4070




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC seems to me to be the voice of the people of Australia. I am an artist working alone and I rely on the ABC for company as I work. The ABC is like a friend to me and connects me with like-minded people. I do not want it changed or replaced by a commercial company with agendas. Please listen to the people of Australia and for once not be concerned only with profit.
Thankyou.

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VIC 3204 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC safe in public hands.

I have been a long-time supporter of the ABC. It is a national treasure and should stay in public hands. There is a perception among some that the ABC displays a left-wing bias, yet when the surveys are done, and evidence examined, this is not born out. Many right wing voters also treasure the ABC and I earnestly hope they will stand strong in the face of ultra-conservatives, and support it staying in public hands. The ABC is most trusted to deliver an honest and reliable news service, fantastic documentaries, ground-breaking childrens' programmes, and is a bastion for our cultural lives with its locally created dramas, comedies and arts and music programmes. You will never see Q&A on commercial TV, it is fearless and all sides get to air their ideas. We must protect the ABC from commercialisation, and from any more savage budget cuts. Fund it properly, with public money, so that it can fulfil its charter.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2060



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Sell off and privatisation of "OUR ABC"

Hands off "OUR ABC"

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[REDACTED]
VIC 3630 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry.

Firstly, let me say that this inquiry is nothing short of a stunt orchestrated by the far-right of the Coalition government in a misplaced political deal with the fragmented Hansen One Nation fiasco to give carriage to the ultimate sell-off of our valuable public broadcasters.

This somewhat spurious inquiry is in danger of being hijacked by not only the far-right of the Coalition, along with what passes off for the One Nation Party but by the ultra-conservative IPA and commercial media interests, particularly the Murdoch press.

The ABC must remain in public ownership for many reasons, not the least being the fact that along with the SBS it represents the only genuinely trustworthy source of news and current affairs.

No discerning intelligent viewer of current affairs could possibly compare programs such as 60 Minutes or A Current Affair with the quality open reporting of programs of the caliber of 4 Corners, Dateline or Foreign Correspondent to name a few.

The quality of investigative journalism in mainstream commercial news and current affairs is so poor, as is the unwatchable "crap", that is passed off as general programming on the commercial networks, that if one was to be slightly conspiratorial of mind, could very easily think that this commercial content was a well designed attempt to "dumb-down" the general public.

Certainly the ABC in it's reporting of news and current affairs will be critical of the business of government, but this critique applies regardless of who is in government at the time... dissent is the cornerstone of democracy and not a reason to be penalized or removed! A well funded free public broadcasting service is essential to a healthy democracy.

As a senior citizen I have known the ABC to be fair and reliable for over 50 years and could not imagine broadcasting without this service.

Accordingly, I urge the inquiry to maintain the ABC funding and give no consideration to the privatization of this organization which is so vitally important to a well informed society.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2423



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

The ABC is our TV station, leave it alone. I mainly watch ABC. I enjoy the news, all the Australian made shows and documentaries and also the UK detective shows as they are not gory like US ones. I enjoy 4 Corners and other trusted news programs. Leave the ABC and NITV public.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4563



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must stay public

To the competitive neutrality inquiry

I urge the inquiry to think carefully before making any recommendations to (further) diminish the strength of our public broadcaster the ABC.

From Playschool to BTN to Australian Story to q&a, the ABC has provided quality content to generations of my family. It is a delight to me to see my 13 year old daughter beginning to engage in public affairs through her interest in BTN. A few years ago it was Doctor Who.

Furthermore as other station news moves further and further in the direction of entertainment it is critical that there is an independent source of news.

It the hallmark of an advanced democracy that it not only manages but supports debate and challenge. Thus looking through the lens of competitive neutrality is the wrong starting point.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3012



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your grubby hands OFF the ABC

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VIC 3139




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Democracy is at stake here, the foundations of our constitution. The ABC provides clear speech with no invested interests causing partisan obligations of staff. This freedom of speech grows a successful, diverse yet inclusive Australia which is not at the peril of malicious marketing. Privatisation will remove the self determination of the staff and credibility to the audience. No option but to turn off the radio and TV totally if privatisation goes ahead. We saw the end of excellence in TAFE with privatisation, and the proliferation of unscrupulous businesses. DONT LET THIS HAPPEN TO THE ABC.

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VIC 3058 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Give us something to think about.

Only the ABC affords me something worthwhile to listen to during the small hours of the morning. The commercial stations have nothing I want to hear and nothing to keep my intelligence alive as I age

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stand for the future of Australia as a fair country

Please keep the ABC in public hands. It is the only station that I regularly watch. I do not want to have to watch advertisements. I trust the news and the behind the news programmes of the ABC because I know that they are not influenced by the advertisers.
I believe that it is very important for us to have one radio and television network that is not privatized. Privatization of our independent source of news threatens our democracy. Please do not take the independent ABC away from the nation.

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SA 5064 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands!

The ABC must not be privatised. I enjoy keeping up with current affairs and the programming on ABC provides trusted reports and documentaries that are far superior to anything the other channels provide. I watch Four Corners and Australian Story regularly, almost every week. My grandchildren enjoy the children's shows and I tune into ABC news on Channel 24 daily to stay in touch with accurate and reliable news updates. The Australian public deserve better than to have the highly valued ABC privatised which will certainly have devastating and long lasting negative consequences.

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NSW 2763



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Hello,

I am deeply concerned that the ABC may become privatised.

I am worried that I will no longer have an independent news broadcaster that does not have a commercial agenda.

I am worried that the ABC will become another TV station filled with ads and rubbish programs that pander to commercialism and populism.

I am concerned that I will no longer have a reliable and non-biased agenda that is not afraid to expose greed and corruption and will be a voice for the people.

My concern also stems from the suspicion that this is an attempt to mute any voice of opposition to whichever political party is in power.

I am willing and prepared to pay more than the 8 cents a day to get a good, solid, reliable independent service, and would be happy to see this service enshrined in perpetuity.

Thank you

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VIC 3068




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in the Peoples Hands

I love classical music and listen to it every day on the ABC. I love the hard-hitting programmes that don't dodge the issues facing this country, and I hate the idea that this government wants to hand over the ABC to a company private the will certainly have their own agenda to push. If we, the public, cannot be allowed to listen to all kinds of information from all corners of the political and public spectrum so that we can make up our own judgments on any given subject then this is not a free society. It is the government's role to keep our society free and not dictate to us what we can or cannot hear. To privartise the ABC is a political move by a government that does not like to hear the truth. It smells of big business interference. Your not there to tell us what we can and cannot listen too. Your there to govern us, and you appear unable to do that. maybe we should get rid of the government instead..... [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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WA 6262 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatizing the ABC a terrible idea

Please do not privatize the ABC. We do not need any more corporate-run commercial TV stations that pedal mindless, poor quality entertainment and news channels which are little more than outlets for gossip and product promotions. Australia needs a quality TV channel, that airs intelligent drama series, challenging documentaries, and news that actually focuses on what is newsworthy around the world. To privatize the ABC as a means of controlling an independent TV channel the Turnbull Government doesn't like programs that question and challenge and hold those in power accountable, is ludicrous and is little better than censorship. Australia needs to keep its independent TV station, the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should not be privatised

The ABC belongs to the public and we, the public rely on getting both sides of the argument.

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NSW 2154 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the only media outlet that speaks to all Australians without being influenced by the fear of upsetting large powerful organisations. It is the only media outlet that we can trust to give us truthful unbiased and consistently intelligent analysis. It's entertainment is inclusive of all Australians and it's investigative documentaries are without peer. It is the media choice I listen to and watch every day knowing I will not be lied to or manipulated. It is not driven by ratings, instead it provides for all the diverse groups in Australia whether it be for larger audiences or smaller audiences. It is It is the one voice I know I can trust.

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NSW 2037 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Dear sirs,

I am a 69 year old Australian citizen of 37 years and I am writing to implore you NOT to privatise the ABC nor SBS. My wife and I migrated from the U.K. 39 years ago and were delighted to get our news and current affairs from ABC which we felt came very close to the BBC we had watched for years. We trust the ABC and rely on it for an independent news stream and marvellous current affairs programmes like Four Corners. There can be only one reason to privatise the national broadcaster, so please let's not go further down that track. Our concern is that we lose the only independent voice left on the air waves of our democracy, spelling the end of our democracy. We have worked hard to raise two children, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren, and to allow it to happen is unthinkable for us. With all the recent changes in communications, it is now even more vital to preserve our independent ABC and SBS.

So I again implore you, no, demand that you desist from this treason against our democracy.

Respectfully yours

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is for the whole country, not just city dwellers. It provides programs tailored to the needs and interests of rural and regional areas, in a way commercial media haven't, considering their main focus is revenue from advertising, and is the broadcaster par excellence in times of natural disasters.


The ABC provides quality programs of areas like drama, comedy and documentaries, as well as investigative journalism programs that eclipse the tired offerings of the commercial channels, and in educational and children's programming is the only real choice.

The ABC is the leader in digital online programming in Australia. iview allows viewers to see quality programs and ABC radio offers access to podcasts, all this streaming comes at no cost to all citizens, not just those who can afford to pay for it.

One billion individual reasons for \$1 billion of funding, 24 cents per day per Australian, for programs independent of the long reach of media moguls with ideological axes to grind, especially one who is no longer a citizen of this country.

Your faithfully,

[REDACTED]
Long term ABC viewer and listener.

[REDACTED]
NSW 2065 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Anti-privatisation of the ABC

I am fundamental against our beloved ABC becoming another commercial broadcasting corporation something that can manipulated by right-wing forces like Murdoch and One Nation. No, like the BBC, we need an independent ABC politics free and objective. And free of advertising too.



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatise the ABC

To whom it may concern,

We find it extremely disappointing that any political party would even consider privatising ABC.

We are retirees and predominantly watch and listen to ABC TV and radio.

The main reasons are that there are excellent documentaries, current affairs and programmes such as Four Corners, Foreign Correspondent and Q&A to name just a few as well as drama, gardening and health.

We also don't consider ABC to be biased. On the whole we feel ABC is a very balanced presenter of political and news commentaries.

Unfortunately the politicians don't appear to want us to have factual information and would rather have us like mushrooms and be told just what they want us to hear.

We seldom watch commercial television due to incessant ads, very little factual or unbiased information as well as mostly poor American dramas and mindless lifestyle style programmes such as Master Chef and the like.

Please consider people like us when making decisions regarding privatising the ABC. We feel very strongly about this and have no problem with our taxes paying for it.

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SA 5162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont Sell Off The ABC - Restore Funding

The ABC is the only trust worthy source of information in Australia. It is not controlled by commercial interests owned by media moguls.

I cannot understand the logic of privatising the ABC. It would create yet another media organisation to compete for the advertising dollar. It would harm the commercial interests of the commercial media.

I was appalled to see the resolution passed at the Liberal Party's National Conference to sell off the ABC. Now the Government is saying they will not do this. The only way the Government can regain the respect of the community is to reverse the funding cuts made to the ABC since the Abbott Government.

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NSW 2159 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

For many years now I have watched the ABC and SBS exclusively because of the rubbish programs offered on the commercial channels. These 2 broadcasters offer quality programs that support Australian drama and actors. Besides this the ABC gives a platform for Aboriginal actors to star in good drama. Cleverman and Mystery Road are two recent examples. Should the ABC be dismantled and sold off. I will not watch any of the commercial channels but will pursue other avenues for my viewing.

As someone who lives outside a capital city, I completely understand the importance of the ABC to those living in rural and remote areas. In many places the ABC is the sole source of news and television entertainment.

Furthermore the ABC is vital in informing communities in the event of emergencies. Commercial broadcasters would not be bothered to fill this important role.

It is foolish to argue that the public broadcasters have an advantage over the commercial broadcasters. Public broadcasting is not in competition with the commercial channels but plays a crucial role in our democracy. The two have managed to stand side by side for years and can continue to do so.

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NSW 2535



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising ABC is the beginning of the end for Australia's true culture

I cannot believe that the liberal party became a neo-con's dream!
The strength of a democracy is to have an unbiased and strong independent press! Privatising the ABC terminates that and puts this broadcast in the hands of people like Murdoch whose neoliberal agenda is to eliminate justice, ostracise the members of society who have not had a voice while at the same time subsidising international corporations and yesterday business such as the continuation of fossil fuels (not to mention their continued subsidies).

What you are proposing is shameful. It is disgusting! You want to turn Australia into America!

reverse this course now or be confined to the annals of history as the monsters who wrecked this once beautiful and fair country.

There is still time.

Act!

Now!

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NSW 2107 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

Dear Prime Minister,

I'm nervous about recent talk of privatising the ABC. I'm 63 years old, and have seen a lot of changes in our society in my lifetime. Many good, many bad. At times I feel desperately worried about the world we're leaving for our children and grandchildren, with business and profits so often taking precedence over the common good. So many of our publicly owned bodies have been privatised, with unforeseen negative consequences. The ABC for me, represents much that is good about a public institution. I think of programs that have entertained, educated, and influenced my strong sense of social justice. Above all the ABC for me represents quality, in its investigative journalism, its willingness to take artistic risks, and its exposure of the arts. Comedy on the ABC has paved the way for commercial stations to follow. I don't want my children and grandchildren to have an Australia that doesn't have an ABC. Of course the likes of Pauline Hanson doesn't like our national broadcaster, for reasons that are too obvious to even mention. Good broadcasting has the ability to create positive social change, not just through journalism, but by shining a light on the best that exists in our people. Don't listen to the naysayers, you know that they have an alternative agenda, and it's not one based on a love of the common good. If none of these argum nuts can sway you, just think of the moronic dross that is available on commercial tv. Is that what you want our children to be exposed to? Please, please, don't consider this. I can't imagine a child growing up without Playschool, any more than I can imagine missing out on iconic series such as Mother and Son or Seachange.

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VIC 3777 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC independent!

We do not want Australia to become another USA with a rascist populist government ruled by fox news! The IPA and by default The Minerals Council and Rupert Murdoch already have way too much say in this country.

The ABC is a trusted news source and reflects Australian culture without being biased by a private company deciding what we see and hear.

The Liberal party are power-hungry and run by their anxiety to make the rich even richer, and the rest of us disempowered.

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VIC 3919 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay independent

I'll keep this brief because I'm sure there are plenty of others to read. The conservative rich and powerful forces that currently control Australia from here and overseas don't like the ABC because it fearlessly points out what they're doing to enrich themselves at our expense. Cast your mind back to 1987 when Chris Masters released "The Moonlight State" one night on Four Corners. Didn't that upset the apple cart up here in Queensland! There have been many other examples of how the ABC's fearless investigations have changed things for the better. If it falls into the hands of the rich and powerful we will be doomed to watching the garbage that the commercial channels produce. Things like the Bachelor, or Married at First Sight or Love Island. We really need to protect Australia's ONLY source of quality journalism and television production. I am sick to death of the rich and powerful being unable to realise that they already have far more than they need to have an exceptional life. Please protect the ABC andf stop this avaricious madness now.

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QLD 4051



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain publicly owned

The ABC is the foundation of free speech in this country. It is the only broadcaster that investigates and exposes flaws and corruption. Being without it would mean one less eye on the system, one less representative organisation to give a voice to disadvantage, where ever that occurs, be it the environment, the financial sector, government. The ABC is also the voice of Australian culture and has a long record of innovation in all sectors of broadcasting whether it be entertainment, sport or documentary. A commercialised ABC would mean a reduction choice and depth of Australian broadcasting and the telling of Australian stories.

Regards

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NSW 2015 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell off our ABC

The ABC is the only media outlet with unbiased information. They are the only ones doing proper investigative journalism.
They also make some of the best drama and comedy show on air!
Who else will close down everything and provide public information in case of emergency or natural disaster? Only the ABC can provide these services.
The ABC budget is more than recouped by what it delivers.
LONG LIVE THE ABC!!!

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VIC 3163 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting plays a vital role in our democracy delivering an informative and trusted news service

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as it is

I need the ABC to continue providing me with my link to the world. I do not subscribe to newspapers and rely on the ABC for news and all sorts of helpful information eg from the science show the health & the law reports etc etc. I do not like commercial channels as the advertising annoys me. If I need something I will buy it when I need it. I do not like being treated like a small child who is being coaxed to buy all sorts of things that will clutter up around me. As a nation we need to care for the whole population by providing well researched & presented programs. We do not need to pander to the greed of commercial interests. It makes me feel ill to think of the possibility of only commercial outlets. Truly.

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VIC 3355 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: You will pay if you wreck the ABC.

I grew up with the ABC, the news every night, Countdown and then Rage.....not to mention Gardening Australia which for me is a must see along with the news, still, and the 7:30 Report. Without it where will I go to for a trustworthy, independent voice? For well researched and in depth coverage of daily events? Certainly not from the commercial stations. Politicians often appear out of touch, arrogant and high handed, too often treating our valuable national assets as if they own them.... when the truth is they merely hold them in trust for a little while. There is some irony in using the word, 'trust' in these circumstances seeing as this feels like a betrayal. One thing I know. If The ABC is privatised it will make voting in the next election very easy. It will be anyone but the Liberals.

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NSW 2106



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:26 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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VIC 3293 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

I love watching Australia Story and I always record it. magnificent stories watching ordinary Australians doing extraordinary thing.
And the only station where I am not subjected to commercials. Please give me a break!!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2041




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserve impartiality in broadcasting!

I have listened to the morning ABC radio news for the last 56 years because I know that I am listening to an impartial source. Could it be that a political party cannot stand the light of impartiality? Why don't they just get some decent policies instead that don't need protection from the truth ?

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NSW 2024 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

It is important to us to be able to view programs on our public network where there are fewer advertisements. The content on the documentaries are also different from the commercialised stations and give diversity on free to air television. It is a valuable addition to our public assets and we don't want to see it privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC

It is with great concern that I note the increasing call from the Liberal Party to privatise the ABC . The ABC Radio and Television provide important services unhindered (at this stage) by vested interests. High quality journalism, good news coverage, diverse programming are elements of the broadcaster.

Whatever government that is in power complains about ABC bias - which indicates it is in fact , not biased but merely making all politicians accountable to their constituents. This is not so with private broadcasters who seek support for their causes through intimidation and a form of blackmail.

To eliminate the ABC smacks of totalitarianism and a Australian government which seeks to control content is in the same league as those of Russia and China,for example.

If sold off , the ABC would become the domain of magnates like Rupert Murdoch who already exerts too much power. What would counterbalance the views of the extremists?

The ABC must remain fully funded and supported by whatever party is in government. A good government should not be afraid of criticism but embrace ideas which help it to be truly representative of its people and not just closed minded and dictatorial.

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NSW 2119



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only free to air station in Australia that provides unbiased non commercial news and current affairs worth watching. Do not privatise this wonderful asset owned by all ausies.

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WA 6110



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No commercial ABC

The ABC should be beholden to nobody - not even the Government that funds it because Government money is our money and the ABC should work for the Australian people. As an avid news and current affairs viewer, I don't think the ABC is perfect, but I trust it because its reporters report accurately and fairly. When they make a mistake corrections are issued promptly and not buried away in the hope they'll be missed. If I watch a program like The Drum, there is a good cross section of views and every panellist is treated with respect. A similar thing happens on the much maligned Q and I. I have gradually stopped listening to commercial radio stations where any disagreement with the host's persona seems to be denigrated, ridiculed or held in contempt. Yet I hear no protest from Senator Abetz and the Young Liberals about that bias, nor about the fact that there are so few serious current affairs offerings on commercial TV stations.

The ABC provides an amazing variety of programs across many platforms. The fact that its management saw the future and ventured into digital media before the commercial stations did so is not a good reason to argue that it has an unfair advantage. Commercial proprietors and management had access to the same information. They simply chose not to make the investment early enough. To complain about that after the event or because they have chosen to monetise their offerings is not a valid argument for saying the ABC should not have acted or that public money should not have been spent to provide Australians with a first class service.

Most western democracies have a publicly funded broadcaster. Recent figures show our ABC receives a lower level of funding than most others. It probably needs more funding rather than less.

For the commercial stations to complain about competition would be a joke if their complaints weren't so serious. For the Young Liberals to argue that the ABC would be more efficient under a commercial proprietor who did not have to cater to rural and regional areas is tragic.

This dreadful suggestion to hive off the profitable parts of the ABC and hand it to a commercial operator who would have no charter to represent the people without bias (and every survey, inhouse or independent shows the ABC to be even handed) should be dismissed out of hand. We have quite enough media outlets that promote one political view. We need our ABC. And I haven't even mentioned drama, children's programming, religion, documentaries and all the other things the ABC does. For 4 or 5 cents a day, the ABC is a bargain. It should not and must not be privatised.

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NSW 2066




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Since emigrating to Australia from South Africa in 1982 and becoming an Australian citizen my family has learned to speak and listen to Australian news, children's programs and everything was so authentic Australian it was a pleasure to know all about our new country . So many times my family could rely on the ABC to inform us of our rights and about the country we now call home. We could rely on honest and clear information and now living in rural town we rely even more on the content that can only be found on the ABC radio and tv. Now that I'm a pensioner its great to listen at night to ABC radio on the wide variety of shows. Please keep this great Icon of Australian Democracy safe from being swamped by unnecessary political influences. Thank you ABC for years of amazing journalism.

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VIC 3874 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

There is so much highly publicised concern and righteousness being aired by both sides of politics and the corporate world about the underlying influence of China, the 'criminal' behaviour of the banks and the issues of corporate political donations.

And now we hear that some people want to privatise the ABC, the last remaining independent media organisation that is not beholden to any corporation, foreign or otherwise, or any political party or lobby, just the Australian people.

What are the opponents of the ABC actually scared of? If there's nothing to fear what is the problem with some open discussion, albeit not always perfect, some debate and some constructive criticism at all levels and of all interests, political and corporate.

Why is it so predictable and revealing that the most conservative interests want to effectively silence the ABC when it is providing information and entertainment that the public want and, mostly, are happy to pay for.

Don't they realise that another sycophantic media organisation, beholden to whoever effectively owns them and pays for air time could actually be more of a threat than the ABC is now perceived to be by them.

Do they not see that being able to thrive in a constructively and vigorously debated environment will win you a lot more support than opposition.

Do they expect that a privatised ABC will always be less of a threat if the relevant controlling vested interests think otherwise.

Witness what happens when you get offside with the Murdock media empire.

We've seen SBS diluted down to an advertising platform and innocuous documentaries and sports televising and some international, bought in, current affairs information.

Perhaps the ABC should be to seek the protection of a corporation or a political group by being privatised? Which party, which corporation, which interest group would you prefer to have dominate the ABC?

I am a 'democratic liberal', I support sustainable private enterprise but not where it does not just make a profit but takes gross advantage of it's position and we all know, Liberal or not, how much the media can be used commercially and corporately.

We all need just one independent, public interest media organisation and any fear of that says a lot.

This is one thing I would defend in any way I can especially with my vote and I am not alone. This trend will trigger an unexpectedly large avalanche of opposition and protest if it matures.

SA 5073



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Dear Enquiry,

Proposals to privatise the ABC are likely to lead to considerable damage to the quality of the media in Australia.

1. In a democracy, a public broadcaster is essential as a forum for debate and analysis of social and political issues. It should be free of commercial pressure from shareholders, advertisers and media owners.
2. The ABC has the track record of serious analysis, comment and investigation with programs such as Q & A, The Media Report, Four Corners, Gruen and Insiders; plus the regular news and morning programs. I see no sign of equivalent offerings on commercial channels.
3. The ABC maintains a high standard of children's programming, free from advertising. My granddaughter loves Play School, Bananas in Pyjamas and many other ABC programs. I expect in due course that she will be interested in BTN and the excellent range of documentaries on ABC. It is the choice for good imported programs such as Fireman Sam, Thomas the Tank Engine and Postman Pat. She watches all these . The commercial networks do not compare in terms of range or quality (and they lead on to advertising).
4. I do not know any adults who think it is a good idea to sustain the weight of advertising on commercial channels. They disrupt all programs and are especially annoying when they fracture the dramatic rhythm and tension of dramas and films. Have a look at the TV in the U.S. or New Zealand : ads are loaded in--- even in the middle of national news in NZ. Additionally, from the point of view of public health, it is not good to be bombarded with ads for junk food and sugary drinks.
5. In international terms, Australia has a very high level of concentrated commercial media ownership. The ABC provides alternatives in terms of a range of opinions and depth of coverage. This is necessary to balance the patchy detail in many commercial programs.
6. The presentation of international news and current affairs on the ABC is also balanced and comprehensive. They make use of links to highly respected partners such as the BBC.
7. A totally commercial media landscape would encourage a race to the bottom in order to attract viewers: more quiz shows; more game shows; more cooking programs shaped up as contests; tacky shows which capitalise on the interest of "romantic" hook-ups. Again, these would be loaded with ads. We would see even more U.S. imports and fewer Australian productions.
8. The ABC tries, within its constricted budgets, to foster the arts in Australia; it produces Australian drama (e.g., Mystery Road); it develops Australian talent in writing, editing and production jobs.
9. The ABC is one of the most highly respected and trusted institutions in Australia. It is regarded as fair and balanced in its presentation of issues. It is the channel that most Australians turn to for information about significant events.
10. Although I do not follow sport closely, it is clear to me that the ABC's coverage is highly regarded by fans.
11. My comments are an expression of personal opinion but they do not conflict with my professional judgements formed during my career as a university academic teaching media and literature. They are informed by wide experience and study of media from the 1950s on, in England ,Wales, Canada, the U.S., Europe, New Zealand and Australia.
12. Many Australians care deeply about the ABC as a public broadcaster, free from commercial pressures. Moves to privatise would, I'm sure, lead to considerable disquiet, dismay and anger. The alternative would be to strengthen the public broadcaster with a larger budget so that it can build national cultural identity, foster local talent, and present a positive view of Australia to the world.

Your sincerely,
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SA 5072



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC - Aunty - privatised Appalling thought!

I have listened to the ABC since childhood, and trusted its WWII war news as reasoned when the "other" was sensationalised & untrustworthy. ABC challenges you to debate issues, it encourages involvement in cultural experience, generally lifts our moral and social standards in subtle ways.

Tried radio in USA?? - appalling cheap trash, geared for commercial gain, end of story.

We should be very proud of our public broadcaster, and treasure the programs it brings us - Q & A.,

Mystery Road, 666 Conversations, great radioed music through state orchestras, pioneered by the ABC post WWII.


Abbott & Co will be the kiss of death as far as I am concerned.

Fence sitter voter.

Hands

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NSW 2582 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is too important to the Australia way of life to turn its interests over to a commercial organisation driven by profit over purpose. In addition, it is likely that the ABC would be purchased or run by an organisation that already holds a substantial portion of the market reducing the points of view (and agendas) available for which the Australian people can obtain our news and culture. Variety of sources it what ensures solid debate, journalism, fairness, education and progress in our society.

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NSW 2204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!

How interesting that the Liberal Party who always appear to consider themselves attacked by the ABC now want to privatise it! The ABC belongs to the people not to the whim of controlling politicians. It is our public broadcaster and should continue to be funded by our taxes. There have been enough cuts to its funding. All the privatisation that has been instigated by successive government have just resulted in poorer quality service for the general public. Hands off public assets and hands off our ABC.

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NSW 2322




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

As a rural person I am concerned with the prospect of the ABC being privatised. My phone (including mobile) and internet are unreliable. ABC regional radio is often my best source of information in the bushfire season. Also I feel the ABC is the only station to give generally unbiased news. Radio National is the only station the I know presents a broad range of programs on a very wide range of topics from science, health, religion, arts politics and more.

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WA 6286 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: don't privatise the ABC

The ABC children's programs have been an important part of our children's education for many generations. Just yesterday my grand daughter was doing Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds. What private TV station would produce anything like this for future generations?

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VIC 3146 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as is!

Please listen to the voices of the people, we do not want the ABC to be privatised, there are enough private TV stations, we need to have an interesting TV station, that's the ABC, going strong and alive!!!!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2026 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone!

I have lived in metropolitan and rural NSW. The ABC plays a vital part in connecting communities and keeping us informed in times of trouble, eg bushfires. In NSW, the ABC is the official broadcasting channel for news and updates during times of climatic disasters, eg floods as well as bushfires. In addition, public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy which cannot be replaced by commercial media, which is funded by commercial interests in their own interests. It is vital that the Australian community has access to a publicly funded broadcaster which is not beholden to any sectional interests, including those of the government of the day. The Coalition attacks on the ABC miss the point completely. I read in the Sydney Morning Herald the other day a column by a Young Liberal who expressed a view along the lines that the ABC is not economically sensible. The ABC was never set up to be an economic entity. It was set up in the early 1930s to enrich the cultural and social lives of all Australians. If anything, the ABC needs more funding to do its work, not less. Just leave this iconic institution alone and get on with the job of tackling real problems in today's Australia.

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NSW 2090



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

I LOVE the programs and people on the ABC and I vote. I don't want it all made corporate as our democratic system is already being subtly eroded and we need the ABC's public voice.

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SA 5046




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I trust the ABC to provide honest, broadranging, unbiased, engaging and entertaining programs. Commercial media fails to meet any of these criteria..
In my opinion the ABC provides intelligently researched and intellectually stimulating programs. I enjoy the broad range of music, talk and discussion programs which DO NOT show a political bias. I never listen to commercial radio and rarely watch commercial TV as I find the 'Shock Jocks', peddling their personal biases extremely objectionable. I cannot see how a 'privatised' ABC would be any different with the concomitant loss of independence from commercial pressure.
I find it a laughable contention that the Commercial Media has been disadvantaged by the ABC.
I urge the inquiry to not only throw out this idea of privatising but urge Government to increase funding.

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NSW 2450 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

If we lose the ABC to privatisation you will dumb down our nation. There will be so many ads that we will just turn off. If we don't turn off we will be subjected to sensational headline grabbing rubbish and we will truly be in the land of the fake news.

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VIC 3018 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I love, treasure, and appreciate the ABC and can't imagine Australia without it's public broadcaster. I am now in my seventies... a retired high school science teacher originally a non English speaker (Polish/Ukrainian background in Australia from age 2 years) in my teens and 20's I learned so much about Australia and the world (that my school and very hard working wonderful parents couldn't teach me) from watching ABC television. I became aware of the plight of our indigenous people, South African apartheid and feminism amongst many many other very important issues by watching ABC TV in the 1960's. I think there would be very many new migrants in Australia today that would gain the same benefits that I did from this wonderful educative organisation. I believe that only an independent government broadcaster can provide unbiased, untainted coverage of the important issues and hold our governments, the people and organisations that impact on our lives to account.


We just need to think of the wonderful work 4 Corners is doing every week by exposing corrupt and scandalous behaviour in our world of ever increasing complexity. Not to mention 7.30, Q&A and all the other wonderful current affairs programs that present content in a careful studied non hysterical manner. No commercial broadcaster is capable of devoting the time and effort into this kind of reporting given the many vested interests at play and the need to 'entertain ' and get good ratings.

We must on all accounts treasure and preserve the wonderful institution that is our ABC and we can not possibly corrupt it and subject it to commercial pressures that privatisation would produce. There are also many many other reasons for preserving our wonderful ABC. Our country would be so much poorer without it. Please, please, please keep our ABC in public hands !!

Yours faithfully... [REDACTED]

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NSW 2774 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

I watch the ABC every day and have done so for the last 50 years. I find the current affair programs, news and many of their shows extremely informative. Any threat to the ABC by any political party would undoubtedly cause a major loss of support to any parties threatening such a case. I strongly support the ABC.

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NSW 2646 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I have lived and worked in country SA and the ABC is a vital connection with the rest of the country which cannot and should not be replaced by commercial radio. It has enriched my life with people and news I would have otherwise never heard of. I will encourage everyone to vote against any party who places the independence of the ABC at risk including by continuing decreasing its funding.

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SA 5019



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

My wife and I both watch the ABC TV almost exclusively. We believe it to be generally well balanced and very entertaining. We believe it gives new ideas and new talent a chance to grow. Without it the country would be much poorer. Look at the commercial channels; honestly they are generally awful rubbish. We also love the local ABC radio. Great content and quality programs; commercial radio is only good for music.

Without the ABC in public hands Australia would be badly served by commercial media. ABC is an Australian Institution; please do not mess with it.

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NSW 2076 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC

One of the best things about being Australian is our wonderful ABC. It is part of our heritage since radio began. A pox on any government who destroys the ABC which privatization certainly would.

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TAS 7000




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE the ABC

Shame on the Liberal for considering privatising the ABC

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VIC 3106 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC must prevail

The ABC has the highest standard of journalism compare with the commercial networks which have inherent bias due to their private ownership.
It's high standards of production even when funding is minimal shows the rigour of the employees and organisation and we should be very proud of it and value it and maintain and expand it's funding and programming; not the opposite.
Keeping the ABC as a public broadcaster is part of a vision for the future of a balanced media in our nation .
Without it we would have unreliable news which would undermine the cohesiveness of our society, as checks and balances and transparency would disappear.
Privatising the ABC is anti democratic and cannot be allowed .

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VIC 3943 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC presents a mirror to our nation. It explores and presents aspects of our culture via drama, arts and documentary. If allowed, it has the capacity to undertake investigative journalism unfettered by commercialism, and hopefully, political interference. Having worked in TAFE, I know first hand how privatisation can take down a public service. We have a right to access and explore diverse opinions and attitudes, presented independently of any momentarily prevailing government dogma. DO NOT SHROUD THIS VITAL LOOKING GLASS ON OURSELVES!

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NSW 2112



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands

Our family has moved in the Central West and blue mountains of New South Wales, the lower Northshore and in city of Sydney, and have always relied on the excellent ABC local and international news services. The ABC's wonderful record for impartiality is because it is a public broadcaster . Commercial or privatised organisations cannot provide the same level of impartial news service, which is necessary for an informed polity.

Similarly, the ABC's exemplary record for investigative journalism is only possible because it is not compromised by any commercial self-interest.


The number of necessary Royal Commissions which have followed exposes by ABC journalists is testament to the need to keep ABC in public hands.

More recently , the wonderful ABC podcasts have expanded the media landscape and provide a voice for many Australians.

Please keep the ABC completely in public hands, and reinstate funding for the many positions which have been cut In the last three years.

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NSW 2037 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The public deserves to leep a platform that is not privatised!

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NSW 2340



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please allow us access to a public broadcaster, like other advanced economies

TO whomsoever it may concern

I am proud to be Australian not because we have an 'advanced' economy, but because our country has a 'liberal' perspective on items like health care, education, the elderly and those with disabilities. As a country we support a broad, multi-cultural set of societal values. We Australians are not just economic animals but humans with values. Therefore I cannot justify using purely cost or purely political principles to run a whole country, unless those principles consider the triple bottom line (social and environmental as well as financial 'lines'). The things that keep the public sector on top of its game and the private sector following the rules are services like a free press and reliable public information. I don't think that eg Fox News even *intends* to provide such things; and anyone having to raise their funds - via advertising or any other method - from powerful and self-serving groups (like say Murdoch Press, like Google or Apple, or Amazon) risks being seen as manipulable. At least at present the ABC can be attacked AND defend itself and its services in the public realm. If large corporations or individuals had a say in a public broadcaster's content, then this would be unseen and not even accessible to charges of corruption.

While the ABC is public, it can be attacked and reply freely. Do not privatise the ABC. Privatise it and we will never know what values it supports, but likely they will not be the broadly-based community-oriented ones that make Australia what it is.

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WA 6158 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC In Our Hands

I have long believed that the so-called bias of the ABC is a myth. I feel that right wing voices don't like it because it doesn't give them a free ride. So many reactionary people in the media are lauded for their staunch anti-anything else agenda, so lets keep it real, keep the ABC in our hands and in our lives, hearts and minds.

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NSW 2207 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Please do not privatise the ABC!!! When I came to Australia as a migrant in 1960 the ABC was the first and for some time the only contact I had to learn about Australia. As a mother of small children and not working I felt quite isolated. The ABC filled that gap and there too I learned my first few words and phrases in English. How good to wake up in the morning listening to the ABC with my cup of tea and watch in the evening interesting programs. All my children grew up with the ABC and my grandchildren and great-grandchildren love the ABC too. The ABC must remain an independent broadcaster.

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NSW 2454 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands - no to privatisation

As a woman of sixty-four, Australian born and bred the ABC has always been a 'constant'. Something you became familiar with as you grew and realised as the years passed just to what extent you did rely on the wonderful and forthright reportage that was the ABC charter. The legacy of programs such as Play School in the education of our children, Four Corners in the in-depth investigative journalism that has brought about so many inquiries and commissions, and because of that, changes that have benefited this country - all for the good of the community. The funding to the ABC of some one billion dollars by the Australian people is to me a moot point, especially when the current Government is quite willing to hand out tax cuts of sixty-five billion plus to the 'big end of town', and no less on a silver platter. I implore all Australians who are passionate about democracy and free speech to fight for our wonderful 'jewel in the crown' of broadcasting by peaceful protest and petitions. If we lose then we are ALL at the mercy of corporate high-flyers and politicians that are willing to sell their souls to the highest bidder. Don't let this happen -we Australians are better than that.

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QLD 4650



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Private claws OFF.

I don't want any grubby profit driven private interests dictating the policies of the ABC. I do not trust them.
Past performance is a very good indicator in situations such as this.
I do not want the board to be stacked by the mates of similar interests.
I want an independent ABC and am quite prepared to pay for it.

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VIC 3146



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC would profoundly diminish my quality of life.

Every day I look forward to relaxing in front of television. 99% of the time this means watching the ABC. I value the quality of its dramas, comedies and especially its current affairs programs. They provide in-depth investigations into the issues that affect me and my family now and in the future. If ABC programs simply mirrored the offerings on commercial channels I would be bereft - and the shallow commercialism and the ads would drive me nuts. I'm more than happy that a proportion of my taxes go to the ABC as this is simply insurance that this wonderful entity remains the satisfying bookend to my day.

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NSW 2577 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands only

The abc is an incredibly important public institution. The privatisation of other services like banks and other institutions that should remain in the public domain have failed, and we have seen that the only thing that is of interest in corporate companies is money, to hell with services and the public interest.

At a time when many media outlets are experiencing huge mistrust, it is integral to keep an ABC that isn't OWNED by anyone but the Australian People.

Shame on ANYONE that considers privatisation

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WA 6163 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I am strongly opposed to the privatisation of the ABC. I live in rural Australia and understand the importance of the ABC to our community. Without the ABC we would have little local news and no coverage of events outside Sydney and Melbourne. The ABC is the only Chanel to offer unbiased news coverage. Do not give any more power to businessmen please. Global media is a poor substitute for local news.

Dr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2350 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT Privatise the ABC!

Privatising essential services has clearly proved to be a failure, note electricity, water, gas, telephone supply. The ABC is one of the last remaining trusted and valued organisations in this country. It has always served Australians well, even though over the years governments have denuded funding it to a reasonable and independently advised level, necessitating its programs and services to be reduced in quality and standard. The ABC is the only traditional media service providing independent news, information, education and entertainment of quality. Our society at large is already demonstrating the 'dumbed down' consequences of a "competitive" education system that polarises, commercial media that blatantly pushes the conservative political views of its owners (and is allowed to), and irresponsible policies that have encouraged a combative and hate-fuelled society to flourish. This country and our whole society needs the ABC to continue providing us with honest debate, factual information and quality programs as a PUBLIC SERVICE. We do not want it sold or commercialised in any way; nor do we want any government interfering with its independence. Stop interfering and calling unnecessary enquiries into the ABC for political reasons. It's offensive, hypocritical and undemocratic to have any political party interfering with our public broadcaster, which has a code of conduct and a Board to direct and manage it. The Liberal party does not own the ABC, nor does any other party and the fact that it is publicly funded is no excuse for political interference or direction. Everything in a sound society cannot and should not be measured by its "dollar value", nor should every public service or utility be up for grabs by a temporary sitting government for purely financial gain. We already feel the loss of essential services that used to be reliable and reasonably priced. Once the ABC is sold it can never be replaced. It would be a tragedy, nothing less, to lose such a valuable asset. I hope enough citizens of this country are willing to think about this issue and take action to consider and express their views. It's too late after the fact.

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VIC 3930



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Enquiry into ABC

Dear panel, I am 72 years old and clearly have lived with and enjoyed the ABC in all its forms, all my life. I remember when we paid a TV licence fee to fund the ABC and would happily do so again such is my respect for the broadcaster. Why do we need another commercial broadcaster who are clearly influenced by moguls and advertising revenue. Who will fund those shows considered off beat until they become hits and are taken over by others. I remember many of the satirists who began at the ABC, my kids grew up with play school and I trust the integrity of the current affairs and news teams. Clearly the best in the country. Who other than ABC and SBS run the public forums such as Q and A. Sure they go over the top sometimes but at least they are held to public account. Long live the ABC and political death will surely follow any politician who dares to destroy this much respected institution.

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VIC 3913




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I am very concerned at the possibility of the ABC being privatised. Malcolm Turnbull has often used the word Unique to describe our country. If we allow the ABC to be privatised it will become as inane as so many programs and so called "news" stories are on commercial TV. ABC reporters and presenters are true professionals - it's about the news/information - not about the personality. Content of adult and children's programs are to be lauded. The intellect and preparation of programs such as Stan Grant and Leigh Sales are a cut above anything on commercial tv. Behind the News for school students is full of worthy content and Play School is both entertaining and educational. We must not give in to the 'Lowest common denominator' and choose mediocre, monopolisation of great journalism.....and the ABC does not have adverts.....that is a very big plus!

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QLD 4066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation

I wish to express my total opposition to privatisation of the ABC

Only a publicly funded organisation can be completely impartial speaking truth about power and commercial interests.

The ABC has been accused of bias by both Labor and Liberal-National governments showing it is doing its job of analysis without fear or favour

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NSW 2076 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

The ABC is a god send for my children and my family no commercial network has anything on them and we need it to remain in public hands

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SA 5052



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP MY ABC OUT OF PRIVATE HANDS

Please save our ABC. News and current affairs are well researched and appeal to an audience with some intellect - unlike a couple of the commercial news channels. How pleasant to relax in the evening in Canberra's cold and actually tune in to something that stimulates thought. Such a bonus to have no commercials.

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ACT 2617 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

I am an expat, living in the US but maintain strong emotional ties to Australia. I'm witness to the erosion of the quality of democracy due to reduced independent journalism. While you may not agree with the ABC, it's crucial that they continue their independent viability.

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NSW 2153




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public ABC always!

Perhaps we could privatize the federal government next....surely it could not perform any worse than it presently does.

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NSW 2219 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public ownership

The ABC has always been important to me as I firmly believe it is the only truly reliable source of unbiased news and commentary. It is also vital to people living in remote locations as the ABC is often the only source of news to people who live in remote or regional areas.

Weekly programs like 4 Corners provide a truly trusted in-depth news source.

I am very concerned about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC. This is an appalling case of them not liking unbiased views which do not suit them or their pals in the corporate world. It is nothing short of essential that Australian society has a TV and radio network which is not beholden to corporate, union or advertiser interests.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. The very concept of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should never be compared with commercial media.

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NSW 2576



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep A.B.C in public hands.

Privatising the A.B.C would be defeating its purpose for being there in the first place. Keep it out of the hands of the powerful private sector..

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VIC 3076



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

As a concerned and committed Australian citizen, hungry for quality journalism in this dark age of Murdoch media control I am horrified that the Turnbull Govt is so blatantly a tool of this organisation.

This Govt should take every opportunity to be allow our public broadcaster to shine as it has and deliver a breath of reality to all Australians.

I am tired and dismayed at the "dumbing down" of this nation by its leaders and kowtowing to the corporate pirates that pull the strings.

Selling off and crippling Publicly owned resources is reckless and irresponsible as has been proved by the sell off of our power, transport, farms etc for short term gain has proven to be a burden and a loss for the Australian people.

As a long-time viewer and listener, I was dismayed and alarmed by the effective funding cut of \$83.6 million at the ABC announced in Tuesday night's Budget.

This is yet another crippling blow to the ABC. Including Tuesday's announcement, almost \$400 million has been cut from ABC funding since 2014. ABC base funding has been cut in real terms by almost 25 per cent over the past 30 years.

These funding cuts have placed enormous stress upon the ABC which is again being asked to do more with less, and as a viewer and listener I fear for the future of the ABC in this environment.

There are grave implications for audiences seeking quality news and reliable information they can trust.

The timing of these cuts could not be worse: with a federal election on the horizon, it is critical that the ABC be able to continue to scrutinise policies and platforms effectively.

The hollowing out of local newsrooms, particularly of senior and experienced journalists, jeopardises the important role the ABC plays in holding society's leaders to account.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's a PUBLIC broadcaster!

I live in country Victoria and I rely on ABC news and current affairs. The ABC also makes top quality programs like 4 corners and Landline and it produces great drama and comedy shows. I am very concerned about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC, it is an ideologically driven stand point; that government ought not be involved in 'business'. Commercial media's ultimate goal is to make money. But who will be the voice of those that do not present a big enough "business opportunity"? Those that are too young, too old or otherwise marginalised? A public broadcaster can present an alternative 'world view' without 'fear or favour'.

Public broadcasting plays an important and essential role in a healthy democracy and cannot be compared with commercial media.
The ABC must not be privatised!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands!

I am lucky, I live in an area where I have access to commercial tv stations, but I sympathise with people who live in regional area & rely on the ABC for all their news & entertainment.
It should not be touched - if anything more funds should be put towards their coffers!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to all Australians.

As a senior citizen I depend almost totally on the ABC for my feeling of being connected with the wider society. I do not relate to the commercial radio channels at all. They mostly concern themselves with subject matter which is of little or no interest to me, I depend on Radio National not only to entertain me but to continue to educate me, keep me up to date and inform me about current events in the Arts, Literature, Health and the sciences. To even suggest that it should be privatised reveals a total ignorance about what it is, at the core, that makes us all identify as Australian. In different times it would be regarded as a reasonable suggestion. The proponents of such should be charged as terrorists and traitors.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain in the Public's hands! NOT PRIVATISED!

As a concerned and committed Australian citizen, hungry for quality journalism in this dark age of Murdoch media control I am horrified that the Turnbull Govt is so blatantly a tool of this organisation.

This Govt should take every opportunity to allow our public broadcaster to shine as it has and deliver a breath of reality to all Australians.

The ABC should never be a means for this inept government to make money and pass on power to a few.

I am tired and dismayed at the "dumbing down" of this nation by its leaders and kowtowing to the corporate pirates that pull the strings.

Selling off and crippling Publicly owned resources is reckless and irresponsible as has been proved by the sell off of our power, transport, farms etc for short term gain has proven to be a burden and a loss for the Australian people.

As a long-time viewer and listener, I was dismayed and alarmed by the effective funding cut of \$83.6 million at the ABC announced in Tuesday night's Budget.

This is yet another crippling blow to the ABC. Including Tuesday's announcement, almost \$400 million has been cut from ABC funding since 2014. ABC base funding has been cut in real terms by almost 25 per cent over the past 30 years.

These funding cuts have placed enormous stress upon the ABC which is again being asked to do more with less, and as a viewer and listener I fear for the future of the ABC in this environment.

There are grave implications for audiences seeking quality news and reliable information they can trust.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retain Public Ownership of the ABC

As a teenager growing up in a rural town, I avidly watched Countdown and Rage. These shows enabled me to keep up with the current music scene, promoted Australian bands and provided video clips that were available nowhere else. No commercial channel provided a similar experience. As a result, I continued to watch Rage into my twenties and encouraged my children to tune into it, which they still do, despite having access to other music video sources.


Those said children grew up watching and learning with shows such as Playschool, Horrible Histories and Saddle Club just as their parents did and due to the enjoyable experience, will ensure that their children will do the same. That is, if there is an ABC in the future.

The ABC has the ability to appeal and provide content to all sectors of society from children, teenagers, young adults and older people. Commercial outlets lack the depth and variety of programs to appeal to such a broad swathe of society. Claims that the ABC is only relevant to older Australians, in my experience, are not correct. People may watch it's programs on a variety of mediums but the ABC remains an important source for News, documentaries, Australian drama, comedy and children's programs.

It would appear from the media coverage that politicians under estimate the appeal and relevance of the ABC to Australian society. I and people that I have spoken to have the view that, unlike other channels such as SKY News, the ABC provides a mostly unbiased and extensive coverage of news and behind the news stories and as such is seen as a trusted source of information. It's programs are available to the entire population of Australia and are tailored to provide something relevant, no matter where you live.

It is this extensive physical coverage combined with a wide range of programs that make the ABC so important to Australian society. The ABC can only do this by being answerable to the Australian public. Commercial outlets are governed by owners charters, budgets and interests rather than the requirements of the viewers.

Australian democracy needs an independent public broadcaster. Keep the ABC in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in government hands

It is vital that our ABC is kept in government hands

As an independent media it provides a crucial role in informing about and enquiring into our world. I believe this would be seriously compromised if the ABC were to fall into private hands

From earliest years with quality programs like Playschool, the ABC has contributed a thinking perspective into our lives

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Resist right wing radicals efforts to privatize ABC

In their desperate effort to silence any kind of scrutiny of their radical corporatist agenda, right wing extremists within the Coalition have the gall to force an inquiry into whether the ABC and SBS should be privatized. Having followed this issue for decades, I know for a fact that repeated efforts by these same whackos to "prove" the ABC is biased in its reporting have crashed on the rocks of reality, and have repeatedly been demonstrated by empirical evidence to have no basis whatsoever. Now they want to "save money" and "level the playing field" for the corporate media through privatization of the public broadcaster/s. These arguments have no merit, and are simply an ideological effort to ram their extremist agenda down Australians' throats. I'm absolutely disgusted that the Prime Minister would even entertain the thought that an inquiry of this kind should have been instigated in the first place. Australians will rightly see this effort for what it is: another transparent attempt by a minority of disgruntled neo-fascists to stifle public debate and discussion about important public policy issues that affect us all.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off ABC

This suggestion that the ABC be sold is one of the worst ideas yet to come from a political organisation and, on past history that is saying something.

It is worth considering exactly who will act as our watchdog on national and international scams, rorts, political mismanagement and plain graft and corruption if the ABC through programs such as 4 Corners and, 7.30 Report and media Watch are lost.

Who will do the work of the ABC in producing top class, thought provoking local mini-series thereby encouraging local talent.


Who will provide unbiased and non-glorified coverage of disasters and major catastrophies such as bush fires, floods and terrorist activities should they occur.

This suggestion is purely a politically motivated attempt to remove critical and honest scrutiny of our government decision makers.

Time for the Liberals to take a good look in the mirror and accept some constructive and productive self assessment.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC IS PUBLIC ONLY

ABC is owned and belongs to all Australians, and if privatised all Australian's will have no control, which the LNP has always wanted, as has most of Australia's infrastructure which has left the public constantly fighting to keep prices low from greedy private owners. Without OUR ABC, the LNP will have cart blank to use it as their political masthead.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

Mr. Turnbull, Prime Minister

I am one of half the population of this Country who is thoroughly infuriated every time this ridiculous proposition is ventilated. you are very well aware of the importance to the Democratic system to have a really free, non politically aligned broadcaster. I wish we could trust the people in Government when they tell us privatisation is not going to happen, there are just too many crackpots exercising undue power. I trust it is clear that any sigh of weakening on this issue will be creating an incredible wall of anger and resentment., as well as loss of credibility.

Regards. [REDACTED] Turramurra NSW

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell the ABC

How many lives has the ABC saved with the bushfire updates? Hard to put a number to it but a damn sight more than any of the commercial stations have I bet. All my 63 years of life I have been raised with the ABC and I believe it would be a grave mistake to continue down the private line

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is ours.

The ABC is owned by the Australian people and is not the preserve of a few ideologues schooled in voodoo economics who just happen to sit on the government benches for a term of parliament. It is ours and also future generations to enjoy and as a media organisation free from both government and individual editorial control it plays a vital role in maintaining a functioning liberal democracy. Restoring and then increasing its funding is important and is a service to society not some extraneous business cost.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public Hands!

For the past almost 74 years I have been woken by the ABC and in more recent years have fallen asleep in front of ABC TV!

ABC provides articulate presenters who deliver well reasoned information on local and international affairs. Excellent, varied drama, current affairs, music are a mainstay of my week and that of most of my friends. From my childhood farm life, university and teaching life, parenting and my now western Sydney life, it is an essential part of my day in one form or another from wake up to "shut eye".


It also bridges the nostalgia and family distance gaps as I know family are watching or listening to all the modern media forms often when I am. Most importantly on Sunday when Macca ""is now shared with siblings only and no longer our mother.

No commercial outlet can do what all the branches of the ABC do - the shelter of a trusted, thoughtful view of our nation and the world with a good balance of humour, discussion and varied programming.

Long live the independent ABC!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Ensure the ABC remains PUBLIC PROPERTY!

For all my 60 years the ABC, OWNED by the PEOPLE of AUSTRALIA has provided both TV & Radio programming which I have appreciated greatly. It reached me as pretty much the only media when I lived in the Outback.
BECAUSE it was fulfilling its purpose to look after the Australian public who were ALL the main shareholders.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should be kept in public hands


I believe that the ABC is totally neutral in competition with commercial media, because the services it provides hardly overlap with the offerings of commerce. If commercial interests wanted to provide Australian drama, kids programs, in-depth discussions on ethics, science, classical music, public emergency broadcasts and journalism one could trust, they could do it. They have the financial resources but they don't find it commercially worthwhile. On the other hand, the ABC is highly valued by Australians, even those who also use commercial channels trust it. In other words, the ABC is not a competitor in the sense that it is not doing the same things as commercial operators. It provides many valuable public services.

The existence of the public broadcaster is a vital pillar of democracy, free of vested-interest bias. Privatising the ABC would seriously undermine the public's right to information from a 'free press'. Such a move would put your government on par with Turkey or Cambodia. We are angry that you would consider such a thing.

The cost of keeping the ABC in public hands is minimal in comparison with other expenditure. The government has just forgone billions in tax revenue so it obviously feels it has heaps of cash to hand out. Most privatisations that the government has done have been a disaster for the public in terms of service and expense, and the public no longer believe in the value of privatisation. In other words, its our ABC and we want it kept in public hands.

Yours, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF THE ABC !!!!!

Keep the ABC public !

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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I strongly object to any privitization of the ABC for any reason and I will not support any political party that is complicit in such action.

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