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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands

As a tax payer who lives in a regional area and as someone who cannot abide commercial ads, the ABC radio and TV is our only link with the everyday goings on in this country and the world. I trust the ABC and see it as being as impartial as is possible in its coverage of events. I am extremely concerned about the Coalition government's constant funding cuts to the ABC and the implications of it's move to privatise the ABC are frightening, and also indicative of a government who have lost touch with the concerns of everyday Australians.

The very idea of your Inquiry to see whether ABC or SBS have an unfair advantage over other commercial outlets rather misses the point. A commercial operation is always beholden to those who foot the bills. As a taxpayer of many years, I am happy to contribute to a public broadcaster, whose allegiance is to the people and whose charter is to support our democracy by providing impartial, quality coverage of events and issues both here and in the wider world, and manages to still do so even with the cuts of the past few years. I am appalled that our Australian government and the Liberal Party Council in particular, would consider such a move, one can only surmise that it is the action of people whose true motivation would come uncomfortably under intense scrutiny by an impartial public broadcaster.

Please, for the sake of democracy and fair mindedness, keep the ABC in public hands.

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WA 6239



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Free and fair reporting has long been a feature of ABC radio and TV, despite the protests of those who are criticised! Save our ABC

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NSW 2035



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A devoted ABC listener begs you...

I've been a devoted ABC listener since the 1960s. Please leave it alone. It has saved my sanity when 4 kids under 5 threatened it, It accompanies my life now I'm 83.I'm intelligent enough to make up my own mind on important issues and don't get pushed around. there are lots of people like me who vote !

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WA 6019




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

It is essential for our democracy to have an independent ABC. Shame on the Coalition Government to further undermine our democracy for party political reasons.

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NSW 2250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is OURS.....

I am ashamed that my Government is willing to destroy the only way that the public has, of being given the truth. Society NEEDS an open, independent, transparent, and meaningful service for democracy to remain!! I was horrified and disgusted when funding cuts caused Lateline to be cancelled. Of course, 4 corners will be next.....as it tells the truths that need to be hidden, lest you lose power!! Of course your current proposed espionage laws are also attempting to suffocate anyone who has views that are different to your pathetic policies. Free speech is a right, and we will not allow you to create it to become illegal!! Hands off OUR ABC; and OUR democracy, Lest we forget,

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NSW 2780 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I am absolutely appalled that the Liberal Part wishes to privatise the ABC! Apart from SBS it is the only independent news source which is unbiased. Programs such as 4 Corners, 7.30 report bring to public news information which the commercial broadcasters will not touch as they are thinking of advertising revenue. Of course Mr. Murdoch would like the ABC to be privatised as he would dearly like to take over to facilitate his far right views. Would he be interested in Landline? The main thing about the ABC is it is independent and often reveals wrongs in our society, e.g. the Murray/Darling rip off by big cotton draining the water off illegally.

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TAS 7018



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I listen to ABC radio all the time - it keeps me entertained and informed. I live alone, but through the ABC, I feel connected to the world. Restore its funding and please don't privatise it! I love the ABC, I trust it to tell me the truth and I have a vote.

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VIC 3065



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is a public institution

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to strongly support the ABC as a publicly funded institution. It is a stalwart of the modern Australian landscape and is at the core of many Australian institutions.

In my life, their reporting of news and current affairs is more valuable and comprehensive than any other source. They have successfully diversified their content into the online space.

Triple J fulfils such an important role in the lives of young people and young adults in promoting arts and culture and in particular Australian music. The effectiveness and uniqueness of triple J around the world cannot be understated.

The investigative journalism that ABC undertakes has been important in bringing about many crucial changes in our society.

I am terrified that the ABC could be privatised. After budget cuts year after year, the current Turnbull government seems intent on continuing to dismantle the ABC.

Australians will not support this ideological rampage on our ABC.

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SA 5041




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Liberals are a closet Fascist Party

If we don't have a publicly funded and democratically managed broadcaster then our society will continue to degenerate into a capitalist autocracy. Hitler will have won after all. The Liberals are a fascist Party.

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NSW 2800 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC is important to me because it is a fundamental pillar of Australian society, that reflects the best that is original, impartial, diverse and unique about Australia. From my earliest years when my migrant parents listened to 3LO's news and music programs to the now wide variety of platforms that now constitute the ABC. I've had untold hours of enjoyment and information from the ABC. Be it original drama, investigative documentaries, reliable and intelligent news coverage or iconoclastic satire on radio, TV or digital media the ABC caters to the better angels of Australia. As a resident of a regional area, it is the local ABC radio that keeps me informed of the impact of fire and flood, where to go to avoid danger and where to go to be safe and to help others.

I'm concerned about the Coalition's persistent attacks on our ABC. This campaign based largely on demonstrable falsehoods (e.g. Hamish McDonald's interviews with Senator Abetz and Professor Peter van Onselen, RN Breakfast, 22 June, 2018) threatens our democratic society which requires a citizenry informed by a free and fair press that is not beholden to vested interests be they political, commercial or ideological. Secondly, I'm concerned that the Coalition is following precedents set in the US and Europe where informed and impartial voices are being drowned out by political populism. This populism, which had chilling precursors in the C20th., is a diversion orchestrated by powerful commercial and ideological interests inimical to government addressing the real problems facing our society. It disturbs me that one of our major parties parrots an implicitly anti-democratic campaign.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. 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. If the ABC were to be privatised Australian media diversity would be weakened by removing an independent public broadcaster. If the ABC were privatised an important element in our public culture independent of commercial huckstering would be removed. Privatising the ABC would constitute a capitulation to vested commercial and ideological interests that are inimical to the public good.

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NSW 2484



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep my ABC in Public Hands

I am 73 years old and while I do not sit at home everyday I have at this stage of my life more time to actually listen to the radio. Before I retired it was important early in the morning and whenever I was driving. But now it keeps me in touch with issues that I increasingly want to know more about. Just today I listened early to Radio National's program of current affairs built around interviews with politicians, business people and intellectuals. I feel informed from such a program. I then switched to Classic FM and listened to a favourite program from 10am that introduces me to music I might never have heard and to ideas about composers and musicians. Sometime later I listened intently to a program interviewing producers and directors of films that won awards recently. Their ideas widen my knowledge and cause me to reflect on issues that arise. Later there was a program discussing artificial intelligence. I have not even begun to list other programs I listen and learn from - programs on health or on the law or country issues. My day indeed my life is enriched by the variety of programs that the public radio offers. It is essential to my well being. I have only mentioned the radio but ABC and SBS television are my only choices for programs that entertain or educate.

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VIC 3350




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We have all seen what happens in countries that do not have an independent public broadcaster: It is called a dictatorship. It is essential that the public broadcaster remains that: public. Hands of the ABC- Enough is enough.

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Highgate Hill, Qld

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QLD 4170 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC plays an important role bringing us intelligent investigative journalism such as 4 Corners and many interesting programmes, without the biased opinions that privatisation would bring.

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WA 6071



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

as a long time viewer of ABC television I am horrified that the Liberals are even considering privatising the ABC. The consistently high standard of 4 Corners, the 7:30 Report and Foreign Correspondent provide my main source of reliable news. Shows such as Australian Story and Q & A are our voices and therefore essential to our broader understanding of our country both urban and rural. Then there is the crucial role the ABC plays in local productions such as All Saints, Mystery Road, Cleverman, Wentworth, Miss Fisher, Janet King, Rake, Safe Harbour, Anzac Girls.....Our public broadcaster is crucial in the development and maintenance of our democratic system and cultural identity. Unlike commercial media it is not about profit. Do not be the government that will be remembered for destroying that.

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TAS 7015




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep funding our national broadcaster the ABC.

I live alone and the ABC is my constant companion by radio both day and night and I watch ABC TV at least 4 hours per day. From these sources I receive my news about our land, about the world, and about peoples of all countries. News a that I can trust which has depth as well as varied commentators. I rely on the ABC for entertainment, for Sports comments and results, for the weather and for its role in times of disasters such as bush fires, floods, storm warnings etc. I cannot get the same full programs from the Commercial stations.

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SA 5048 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands

I wish to register my support to keep the ABC in public hands. As a regional family we find our local ABC radio and television a tremendous source of local information. It's reliable , trustworthy and informative. Please do not take this valuable resource away from our community, we need the ABC all day, every day.

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QLD 4561 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcasting helps underpin democracy - it cannot be outsourced to commercial interests

Whatever one thinks of 'ABC bias', a publicly owned and regulated behemoth is much less scary than a privately owned behemoth that will dance to the tune of its owners and its friendly sponsors. Commercial interests and pressures are far more likely to lead to bias than the status quo. We have ample examples of this.

The currency of democracy is an informed citizenry and it's a price we must pay and a duty that cannot be delegated to commercial interests alone.

By all means strengthen the regulatory framework to ensure an efficient and effective and balanced service, but don't even consider selling it to a mogul. Heaven forbid.

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VIC 3121 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Dont you dare privatise our ABC!! Its the only tv channel worth watching, in my opinion.

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NSW 2199




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in the public's hands

With the young liberals attack on our ABC they overstepped the line, the ABC is not a political party's soccer ball they can kick! It is a media outlet supported with funds from the people. So keep the political hands off the ABC

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NSW 2250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in our hands!

it is vital that the ABC remains a public organisation, to remove the risk of bias from any ownership (which is all too prevalent in mainstream Australian media) - political independence is absolutely essential. It's bad enough that the ruling government is trying to choke off the ABC by stealth.

Additionally, the ABC supports a wide range of rural interests that would be completely ignored if a commercial ownership is imposed.

Attacks on the ABC by the coalition government are unprecedented and malignant, threatening a valued public resource which aims to provide a balanced view and supports public issues with a strong independent view.

To remove this by selling off is an abuse of government power and not in the best interests of the Australian people.

I call for an end to government abuse of the ABC and its role, along with these threats of privatisation, which are clearly a political agenda as well as the end of move for a politically motivated, biased inquiry.

This is a waste of public money, along with many other coalition initiatives and threatens a vital and important public service.

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VIC 3065



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I only trust ABC for accurate impartial news and commentary. NEVER watch commercial TV Biased and inaccurate

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TAS 7004



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC is public hands

Please Please keep the ABC is public hands. It is such an important public institution that should never be privatised. The ABC has such a huge following and privatising it will be the death of this essential media platform.

I live in regional Australia and the ABC is an essential form of communication. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. Most of our TV viewing and all of our radio listening is on the ABC. Keep it government owned and stop cutting its funding.

Regards [REDACTED]

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NSW 2261 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC will soon be the *only* content we have left!

We've been running this experiment 3 times over for decades, and there is no remaining doubt that the traditional TV advertising revenue model is struggling to remain viable and is only getting worse. The commercial stations are being forced to reduce original/quality content, "sneak" paid content into more airtime (eg product placement in reality tv shows), and resort to increasingly sensationalist journalism in order to hold on for another few months.

One way to interpret this is that the ABC has an "unfair" advantage. The reality however is that the commercial model just no longer works and the ABC tax-funded model is the only viable model we have that leads to broad availability, quality original exportable Australian content, quality neutral journalism, a range of content for more than the peak commercial demographic, adoption and infrastructure for newer media platforms, growing the next generation of content creators, etc, etc.

Please shield the jewel that is public ABC from our inability to compete with the overseas internet content juggernauts. The irrelevant pursuit of (un-)profitability on an "equal footing" will only lead to losing the ABC too!

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NSW 2076 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please give me a break from advertising and hard hitting radio broadcasters who have an opinion to push. Keep journalists of integrity employed at the abc so we can listen with interest to unbiased broadcasting and news. I am disappointed in the continual privatisation of public bodies - we must not loose our intelligence and integrity.

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NSW 2106



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Truth Not Truthiness

The ABC is the only news organisation in the country with a charter to give an accurate account of the issues of the day. Sadly many of the commercial news outlets have shown a propensity to "push" opinion pieces as/rather than factual details, and where there exists an economic accountability for issues relating to their advertisers they are bereft of facts. This "conflict of interest" as regards advertisers and compromising events is at the core of commercial news medias' inability to deal objectively with the facts. Give me the reliability of the ABC over the "phone-hacking" disingenuousness of the Murdoch press any day. With many political representatives around the globe currently, desperately seeking to silence real facts to further their ambitions it is imperative that at the very least Australia has a strong and responsible, government sponsored ABC broadcast network, and especially one that has no willingness to pander to politicians when they are making dreadful decisions against the common good of the Australian community.

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VIC 3018



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC out of Private Hands

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.

There is so much on the ABC and SBS that is wonderful and we need to protect it and keep it going.

My children and grandchildren Loved Play School and Bananas in Pyjamas and I always check these 2 stations for unbiased news and documentaries.

Please keep them out of private hands. The Coalition is ruining our democracy and this is part of the attack.

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NSW 2774



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

Please don't privatise the ABC! It is the only place I hear real discussions about important issues. Over the years it has provided Australians with in-valuable, in-depth, varied and groundbreaking news and supported the creation of Australian shows. I can't watch ads. So will never watch commercial T.V.

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VIC 3065




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC provides incredibly important information which I rely on, in terms of what is happening in the world. I know I can trust it, as there are regulations which comes with it being in public hands. I watch shows like ABC news, insiders and Q&A as a way of being informed and being able to participate in debates. I feel the loss of the public ownership of this, the private interests coming into that space will downgrade my trust in what is shared. It is also the basis for what my children have grown up with. Their watching of ABC shows including Playschool has been a cornerstone of growing up in our household. The protection of this space is one of the most important things in our community as these are essential components of education.

Do not privatise the ABC. There is so much commercial interest involved in every other part of the media, which we have no control over because of the power of private interests. Keeping ABC in Public Hands and keeping private interests out of that, means keeping what I think is a very small space separate from that inundation we are exposed to everywhere else. This is central to our ability to be informed as parents, citizens, children and community members.

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VIC 3175 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands !!

WE have been devotees of the ABC for over 40 years. So great not been stuck with commercials all the time, and watch ABC just on every night. Just leave our ABC alone !! [REDACTED]

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QLD 4655




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands - no, to privatisation.

We are the luckiest people in the world to have a national treasure like our ABC. It alone provides the balance the Australian populace needs. As one of the few impartial communicators in the country, in order to maintain "free speech" we ALL have to rally to support our beautiful ABC.

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QLD 4650 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell the ABC

The ABC performs a vital function with less and less funds. The ABC has more friends than, and is more popular than either major political party. It is the only place children can get their programming without ads. Do not sell off the ABC. There will be a huge voter backlash if you do.

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VIC 3085




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save OUR ABC

The ABC is where every generation of our families have gone to for trustworthy news. It was always there and selling it off would be the biggest betrayal of those who put their trust in our government. The fallout will be huge on your political party. Just watch..

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SA 5024 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC

The vote by the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC is a challenge to the freedom of the Press and therefore to democracy. If the ABC were to be privatised the replacement broadcaster would become beholden to big business for revenue through advertising and donations, both of which would restrict its capability to report freely and fairly on social, economic and political issues. As a result, the ABC would become just another commercial broadcaster kowtowing to business and claiming to be acting in the 'best' interests of its shareholders. The driving force would become profit rather than honest and open reporting that challenges our beliefs and makes us think about our values.

At present the ABC provides easily the widest broadcasting service through radio and television to Australian society in both coverage and content. No commercial broadcaster is going to cover the arts and news in the same depth or represent the broad range of views that are currently addressed on social, economic and social matters. It is questionable whether Radio National, ABC Classic FM and ABC Radio News would survive under a commercial broadcaster. If they did, it would be in a severely diminished form, for which we would all be the poorer. In particular, those who live in remote areas of Australia would have a significantly reduced service in both content and coverage.

In summary, the privatisation of the ABC would lead to greater conformity and less variety in all aspects of broadcasting through radio and television. Paradoxically, an independent ABC is a protection for society against Government, big business and the Trade Unions. Without it we would move a step closer to the world of George Orwell's '1984'.

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VIC 3133



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I love the ABC just the way it is

Hi ☺☐

I grew up on ABC shows as a young girl. I loved the local content so much.
As an adult I cherish ABC documentaries and all the current affair type programs.
I am proud of the shows available and have to say it is much easier viewing as it is less “dramatic” in news reporting than commercial stations.

If this public broadcaster goes I have true fears for democracy in this nation.

The public ABC caters to all Australians. Commercial stations care only for advertisers, profit and driving agendas.

Losing the ABC would be a travesty and betrayal of the Australian Public.


Please tell the corporate bullies and greedy hardliners to leave it alone. Stop cutting it, fund it properly and get rich with some other scheme.

I hope someone reads this and my voice is listened to and considered.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC hands.


Don't privatise our only source of unbiased news.

I look forward to shows such as 4 corners, Q&A, and foreign correspondent without annoying advertising interrupting my viewing.

I especially like to watch Q&A because of the diverse opinions of politicians and the wider public community.

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VIC 3180 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

Keep your hands off our ABC, you Philistines!

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TAS 7018 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

The ABC is our most prized public institution. Over ninety per centum of my viewing/listening time is gratefully given to this beloved institution. To have the Murdoch Press befoul our ABC is unconscionable. Keep your privatizing hands off our ABC.

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NSW 2035 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise our ABC

Please don't privatise ABC. I have watched and listened to the ABC all my life. Our radio is on day and night only turned off when we watch the ABC news and/or other evening programs. Local and world news, local weather, local weather alerts ie storms, flooding and cyclones invaluable. I don't watch any other tv channels nor do I listen to any other radio stations and I won't mainly due to their incessant advertising. Pleeeeeeeease Don't sell it. Don't sell some of it. Don't sell any of it.

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NSW 2000 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Stop selling every bloody thing,,, geezzz enough is enough,,, Leave ABC how it is!!! Selfish money hungry ****. Enough...

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NSW 2558




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We are making this submission to emphasise our support for the ABC remaining in public hands. We live in a rural area and rely heavily on the ABC for news, sport and rural information. We feel that if the ABC were privatised we would be severely disadvantaged. We also feel that the attacks on the ABC for being biased are completely unfounded. Public broadcasting plays an important part in our democratic process and the ABC is scrupulous in its impartiality. The ABC is subject to rigorous scrutiny and accountability which does not apply to privately owned media.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3688 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

It's bad for my health when I think that Coalition politicians are pressing for the ABC to be commercialised. What on earth do these politicians listen to? Commercial radio for goodness sake? Public broadcasting is the life-blood of a vibrant society because it is prepared to examine various aspects of issues, can see them in an historical context and can formulate a vision of where society is going instead of resorting to short-termism which goes nowhere. I object greatly to its being suggested I should accept a commercial broadcaster as my source of news and information - it is an insult to my intelligence. I shall never accept it.

[REDACTED]
Randwick

[REDACTED]
NSW 2031



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC as a public good

Dear Commissioner, our national broadcaster, the ABC has a huge and unsung role as a culture maker - Australian culture. The premise of your inquiry must not miss a crucial point; Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our culture and democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

Kind Regards

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QLD 4573 


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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

ABC is a public resource and we, the public want to keep it .
Thank you.

And with best wishes and kind regards
I remain faithfully yours

[REDACTED], PhD

SA 5011 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC keep it in public ownership

Please do not privatise the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. The ABC is more unbiased than commercial media. Us farmers are constantly losing essential services and gaining obligations. Commercial media is all about a lost cat up a tree or similar vacuous sensational lightweight drivel.

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NSW 2620 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is VERYimportant to me. I live in a regional area and the ABC is my preferred source of news. 4 Corners is a most trusted news source. I watch ABC almost exclusively for it's wonderful programs. I'm very worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and I think it's an assault on democracy and fairness in our society.

I firmly believe the ABC needs to stay in public hands. 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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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Support the ABC

I cannot believe we are talking about cutting or privatising the ABC. It is a national institution which has always provided the most honest, balanced and trusted source of news in Australia. One only has to take a cursory look at the news provided by NewsCorp and other private organisations to see the latent bias in all their reporting. To have these organisations and their supporters suggesting that the ABC is biased is ludicrous.

The continued attacks by NewsCorp and its acolytes and by the hard right of the Liberal party is an attempt to prevent the people from seeing what is going on - an attempt to remove all transparency from reporting of national affairs.

Democracy is only served by a vigilant and broad based media - we already have too much media control centralised in too few hands and privatising or otherwise cutting back the ABC would only worsen this situation. The strongest democracies are those with a strong, national, independent broadcaster - lets keep it that way.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as a public broadcaster - owned by the public of Australia!

Having a public broadcaster like the ABC is not about commercialism, it's about having a robust system of reportage, significant cultural contribution and appropriate entertainment for the Australian public. I pay tax for public services, and one of the public services I want, and we as a country need, is the ABC.

DO NOT PRIVATISE IT!

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NSW 2500 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

At a time when the news has become more polarised than ever, the public need a news service that is fair and balanced.

Numerous investigations have shown that the ABC is just that, fair and balanced, despite cries of political bias from the conservative side of politics.

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NSW 2009 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our A.B.C. in public hands

`For democracy to function properly it needs a well educated, well informed,critical public. A major role of the A.B.C.is to keep the public well informed and aware of matters which may otherwise be hidden from public gaze.This is the place for investigative journalist who can do research without fear or favour. You cannot rely on commercial interests to do this work. They are controlled and financed by those who can manipulate the information that the public is fed to suit their own interests. We know that both main political parties must be subject to public scrutiny rather than objecting to criticism as is so often the case. A government which CANNOT be criticised by the public can soon become a DICTATORSHIP.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It comes down to quality

It comes down to quality. If you believe that some ideas are better than others then there is no doubt the quality of programming on the ABC and SBS is far ahead of the commercial networks. For example on SBS this week I watched a show about teenage pregnancy on Insight. It was raw, honest and to the point. These types of shows are rare on the commercial channels. Not every decision in the national interest should be determined by money. To say that is the case reeks of fundamentalist thinking. To be brutal I don't trust that a bunch of rich white men gunning for profit would devise anywhere near the quality of programming that the ABC and SBS currently has. I am not being nostalgic, just making an observation. Shows like Four Corners are a journalistic cornerstone of Australian society. I would also argue that the ABC and SBS over a long period of time have been by far the most innovative when it comes to television. This is to say nothing of the radio where quality rules once again.

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VIC 3006 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The Future of our ABC

I cannot imagine life in this country without the ABC. It provides such a broad range of programs ... world news, current affairs, entertainment and the Arts. I believe their news broadcasts to be fair, honest, and effective in exposing evils which the government has then seen fit to confront. This country would be the poorer without it. Please do not privatize it. In my family we look at the ABC and SBS and no other channel.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is the envy of the informed world.

For honest and comprehensive broadcasting our ABC is at the pinnacle. Not only is worldwide and domestic news swiftly and comprehensively told but it is told in a professional and unbiased way. I have listened all my life to the ABC, it's news, human rights stories, it informative programs on Science, Art, Religion, world politics, History, Climate change, and many other channels of important and informative information. The ABC and SBS treat us like adults and don't talk down to us. My grandchildren are rusted on to ABC programs. I want them to grow into informed and thoughtful adults. The ABC is such a part of Australia, it must remain strong and it must remain in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Threats to privatise our very own ABC, appal and sicken me and all my friends and family. Is the Liberal Party Council quite bonkers?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

We need our ABC to stay in public hands to safeguard our democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is important to me. I live in a regional area and the ABC is my only source of news. My kids love Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig. 4 Corners is my most trusted news source. Who will hold the government of the day and private corporations to account if we don't have a publicly funded and owned ABC?

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NSW 2024 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off Our National Broadcaster!

Ever since I was a child the ABC has played a seminal role in my education by presenting vast amounts of information that helped me to understand both the country I was living in and its relationship to the world.

As public broadcaster there is no commercial interest to distort the truth and it has maintained a high standard against the growing tide of poor quality and dumbed-down content on the commercial channels whose principal motivation is to generate income for private hands.

Given its seemingly ever-dwindling budget, the ABC still manages to serve Australia well from radio to television and the internet as well as in many other ways.

As comparison to how similar countries fund their public broadcasters, the ABC is seriously under par. It is time to stop the attacks on the organisation and to realise how much worse off we would be without it.

I urge you to help keep the ABC properly funded and to ignore the politically motivated and unfair attacks being made on it from some quarters.

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NSW 2016 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


The loss of our ABC would rob us of a national treasure. It's a source of serious and independent journalism, support for the arts, including Australian made drama and comedy, and so much more, including ad-free children's programs loved by generations.

All governments dislike the ABC because it holds them to account - that's its job. None has ever been as blatantly dishonest as this one in pursuing its campaign against our broadcaster.

We would lose it to interests with extremely dubious agendas - whose interests are not those of the Australian people.

Save the ABC!

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SA 5050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: hands off the ABC

I have watched and listened to the ABC all my life. At first, I merely enjoyed the entertainment and sport. As I grew older I appreciated the news and current affairs and the representation of officers society. There is always more to be done but I am proud of our ABC. It is not possible to completely trust a commercial station for the complete news story...inevitably there are commercial pressures, if not overt then the insidious covert desire yo please will prevail.

The ABC is going through the pain of transition to a digital future and is showing the way to the other stations.

The ABC is important to me and to my family. Instead of being privatised, it should get more funding. It should also get protection from government influence and senators. Keep it free to question, analyse and explore our society and our issues.

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NSW 2570 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as a PUBLIC broadcaster

I appreciate good fair unbiased and balanced journalism journalism.
I enjoy the range of programs offered by the ABC
I dislike advertising and so I listen and watch ABC and SBS almost exclusively
Please keep the AB C as a public not private service

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VIC 3934



From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must never be sold off and its public funding needs to be restored to adequate levels

The ABC must never be privatized. It was set up in the 1930's with an independent social and educational charter to support a robust democracy without political, corporate or commercial influence. It has done this for >80 years although it's funding has been cut by >40%. It has been shown to generate as much to the economy as its \$1 billion cost to taxpayers (< 10 cents per day). The ABC'S continued even-handed broadcasting of true news and essential in-depth reporting of crucial issues (such as 4 Corners on banking malpractice, which brought on the banking Royal Commission) is essential to a robust democracy. It is also essential to counter biased, untruthful reporting and downright propaganda disseminated by the increasingly powerful Murdoch controlled News Corp. media monopoly. The egregious regular climate change denying columns by Andrew Bolt and Graham Lloyd and the absence of any real scientific climate change reporting in the face of the 98% consensus on the reality of global warming are cases in point. This issue and others such as corruption in banking and coal power generation and pollution by LNG giants who pay little or no tax and nothing for their pollution are issues crucial to the world and Australia and that are continually misrepresented by the Murdoch media. ABC is the only media organisation that counters these lies.

I have lived for 10 months in the US, a nation with > 350 million people which has no national broadcaster. It is like living in the dark. Commercial radio and TV is pure propaganda trash not worth listening to. The only significant non-commercial broadcaster, NBC holds regular fundraising drives urging listeners to donate so they can continue broadcasting. This seems to incredible to Australians but I swear it is true. It is the main reasons why US citizens are fleeced by a legal 'health mafia' into paying twice as much as Australians do for health care, for worse health outcomes and most have no idea that this need not be and how bad this is compared to the rest of the world.

These are just a few examples from my own experience of why our national broadcaster ABC must be continued, never sold off or privatized in any way. It public funding needs to be restored to adequate levels it had before the current Government ripped > \$250 million from its budget and since which its service levels have fallen significantly.

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WA 6076 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC!

I love classical music! ABC Classic FM is a delight and I never cease being amazed at how much better it is than its BBC counterpart. I also appreciate the quality of ABC journalism. There is no comparison to the low grade offerings of the commercial media. (Alan Jones being an example.) Whilst there are parts of ABC broadcasts in which I have no interest (sport, parliament etc.) I have to acknowledge others enjoy these (well, sport anyway) so I don't begrudge a few of my four cents a day going to these. Plans to effectively close the ABC would deprive us of a great service and diminish the quality of Australian life.

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NSW 2156



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Respect the Merit of the ABC

The ABC is being threatened by a political faction that has no right to control the listening and viewing interests of a large proportion of the Australian population. It is about time that politicians listened to their electorates instead of their own self interest. You can help the ABC and the nation by increasing its funding and taking note of its sage voice in the community. Attempts to gag the ABC by privatisation are simply misguided. I am usually a Liberal voter but you will lose my vote if you persevere with your controlling tactics.

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NSW 2428




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in its own safe hands!

The ABC is one of the most important things we, as Australians, have. We know it does not have a business agenda to make profits and therefore go the way of Lord Molloch's, and other publishers. It is crystal clear that the hard right of the Liberal Party want to privatise the ABC, because the ABC tells the truth - and when that hard right hears the truth about the selfish ways they have being told by the ABC, they scream, not unlike Donald Trump screams and lies from his position of president. The same truths the ABC tells about the hard right and the Coalition in general, are also addressed to the Labor Party. It's called balance people. That hard right want a dictator, their own of course, to bully the country into their way of thinking and they want to crush any truth. The ABC (and SBS) play an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy . If the Liberal Party moves forward on their push to privatise the ABC they will fail miserably at the next election ... Beware Prime Minister. Get your wits about you and crush the talk of privatising the ABC.

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NSW 2256 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

As a regular viewer of the ABC the idea of privatising this organisation as wanted by Eric Abetz and his hard right cronies I find appalling. The Australian public have access to more informative news broadcasts and programmes than commercial stations and should be left as is. The cuts to financing by this government should also stop.

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SA 5021 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

I get most of my info via ABC, and want to keep it unbiased

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC


Dear sir/Madam,

I am writing to urge you not to support the privatisation of the ABC. I always look forward to my news and current affairs programs on a station that 'delivers the goods', unsullied by the usual bias we see on our commercial stations. The ABC must remain as it is - open and free and INDEPENDENT in its role as THE public broadcaster.

Thanks you,

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VIC 3463 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS!

The people of Australia must have a public broadcaster if there is to be Democracy. Privatization only leads to News with bias and poor quality. Too much News these days comes from One Source namely Murdoch and we are swamped with Murdoch influence and poor quality Americanized Shows that frankly have little substance, and programming is packed full of trivial nonsense and adverts for useless and rubbish products. Thank goodness for the ABC,s quality, informative, investigative, well balanced and reasoned productions and broadcasting for regional and rural Australia. We value its class, groundbreaking reporting without fear or favour, probing investigations and coverage with value for every Australian. It seems the Hard Right cannot handle scrutiny and prefer a press that they can use for propaganda. Leave our ABC alone or we the people of Australia will not have democracy.

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QLD 4650 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell our ABC

We don't want you to sell ABC nor commercialise it.

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NSW 2454



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I would like to acknowledge the huge impact the ABC has on my life as an Aboriginal Australian. Without the ABC I would not see quality drama that includes Aboriginal faces and story lines. I want my kids to see Aboriginal faces on our tv. Look at the audience 'Mystery Road' had and this is just one show that the ABC has given a platform to. Please keep our ABC in public hands.

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NSW 2575



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC as a high quality Public Broadcaster

The ABC is a vital part of the broadcasting landscape and the relentless push on the part of government politicians and vested interests with a clear conflict of interest, to cut its funding and privatise it is a travesty. Restore funding and maintain a high quality independent public broadcasting service is essential for an informed democracy to function effectively.

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VIC 3820




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Don't manipulate the news. Keep our ABC in public hands.

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NSW 2156 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC does not discriminate with the truth

The ABC helps me think clearly about the NEWS

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NSW 2077 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am a passionate believer in the value of the ABC to provide me and my family with independent news and programs that have not been influenced by sectional and economic interests. The ABC has become as a punching bag for narrow political, commercial and ideological interests, such as the Murdoch Press. The best way for me to articulate how I feel is to quote from Dennis Muller from a recent article by in relation to a motion to privatise the ABC:

"One of the proponents of the motion was Mitchell Collier, the federal vice-president of the Young Liberals. He said there was no economic case to keep the broadcaster in public hands.

No economic case. Where the ABC is concerned, that is a false premise on which to proceed. The ABC was explicitly not established for economic purposes or in pursuit of an economic ideology. It was established for social, educational and cultural purposes.

It was also established on an explicitly non-commercial basis: it takes no advertising. Why? Because it was believed advertising would weaken its independence. The policymakers of the 1930s had seen only too clearly how beholden the newspaper proprietors of the day had become to commercial imperatives: the demands of advertisers and the pressure to increase circulation, even at the cost of editorial quality and integrity.

The newspapers of the day had also become mouthpieces for sectional interests. In Melbourne, The Argus stood for the interests of the mercantile classes and conservative political causes; The Age for a kind of Protestant liberalism and social justice. It supported the miners at Eureka.

The bipartisan political vision for the ABC was that it should not be vulnerable to sectional interests or commercial pressures, but should exist to serve the public interest in the widest sense.

Nonetheless, in a political age dominated by the narrow perspectives of neoclassical economics, it is self-evidently no longer enough to rely on ideals of the kind promoted by Menzies and reflected in the charter.

In her reply to the privatisation motion, the ABC's managing director, Michelle Guthrie, told the Melbourne Press Club the ABC contributed more than \$1 billion last financial year to the Australian economy, on a par with the public investment in the organisation.

She also advanced an efficiency argument, saying the ABC's per capita funding had halved in real terms over the past 30 years, and warned that the latest cuts in funding – \$83.7 million in a so-called efficiency dividend – would serve only to punish audiences"

Let's not only not privatise (i.e. destroy the ABC) but increase its real funding. Kind Regards [REDACTED]

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VIC 3182




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC ! Please!!!

To whom it may concern,
Please, please, please, don't privatise or cut any funds to our ABC!!!
Our ABC is great, I really like their variety of programs.
I like the depth and impartial news ,7.30 report,four corners, and the comedy and dramas.
ABC is the only channel that I trust in the area of News , and current Affairs.
I believe cutting funds any further or privitization of ABC will be an end to any Real honest news or current Affairs in Australia and this deeply concerns me and many others that I know. Thanks for considering my words . Kind regards from [REDACTED]

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WA 6262 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

As a country person it educated all of us around the dinner table

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VIC 3052



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

As it has been and continues to be, the ABC is one of our most important and trusted institutions that informs Australians and is the essence of our Australian culture. It presents programs (in all forms of modern media) to an audience of great diversity of interests, education, age, ethnicity and backgrounds that help to unify us by validating different points of view and beliefs - it promotes tolerance and understanding of others and demonstrates the importance of our cultural values including our belief in our democratic institutions. It brings us together - country, city, regions - so we have a feeling of belonging no matter where we are or who we are. No commercial media can do this.

The ABC is staffed by professionals who give unreliable, creditable and honest news and current affairs without fear or favour.

There are gems of programs of all genres that no commercial media company would be bothered with as they may have a small niche audience who also need to be considered. Only the ABC can do this. the ABC does not have the remit to be profitable - a privatised ABC would be driven by ratings which would result in a bowdlerised ABC with a loss of integrity and independence. It would be a serious loss to us all.

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QLD 4305 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC.

The ABC is an outstanding source of journalism. It is incredibly respected for its integrity. Even my cousins in New York have watched ABC programs (that's the Australian ABC, not the American one). A privatised ABC will be a huge loss to Australian society. The ABC is irreplaceable. Investigative journalism (e.g. 4Corners) and special educative and informative programs cannot be replaced by private corporations, whose main motive is profit.

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NSW 2068



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the people's hands

It is absolutely essential that Australia maintains an independent broadcaster which is accountable to Federal Government regulations and not driven solely by self-interest, ideology, profit motives and self-regulation.

Our world is in transition as we adjust to the impact of the digital revolution. Enormous possibilities are opening up in our world, both good and challenging.

One of the biggest challenges we face at this time in history is keeping powerful vested interests accountable. Vested interests are dangerous and damaging to democracy when given too much opportunity. When vested interests, rather 'the people', are in control accountability diminishes and democracy is weakened. We need the kind of journalism provided by the ABC - journalism that is prepared to expose corrupt practices and self-interested behaviour. Without this kind of journalism the light would not be shone on what is suspected to be improper practises. We would not have the Royal Commissions into the banking sector and institutional child abuse. We would not know about corrupt Unions, employers that under-pay their hospitality staff and the exploitation of visitors to Australia on 457 Visas.

Australian society prides itself on fair practices, hard work, a fair go for everyone who seeks to make a better life for themselves and their families. If the ABC is privatised, wealthy vested media interests will become too powerful and have far too much control over what is investigated and therefore, what ordinary citizens are allowed to know. Fake news will become much more prevalent and the inevitable corruption that exists in all societies will inevitably thrive. There is no doubt that this will undermine our democracy. We need to guard against a complacency born of living in the safe, prosperous times our generation have enjoyed.

We need a solid, independent media funded by OUR tax dollars to keep watch over our democracy. The ABC plays a pivotal role in protecting our freedoms and our democracy.

Please think of our children and grandchildren and DO NOT privatise the ABC

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VIC 3104



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Dear Sir,
Please never, ever privatise the ABC!

The ABC and SBS are the only channels that have unbiased and in depth intelligent information news and entertainment programmes that don't dumb down everything.

For example, Four Corners investigations bring to light so many subjects that the commercial ones do not care about and so often the ABC 'invests' in programmes that wouldn't see the light of day in a commercial setting, yet are far superior to the general rubbish the commercial channels put to air.

If the ABC was privatised it would end up being just another mindless commercial channel that sensationalises everything whether it be so called 'news' or entertainment.

If anything there should be more public funding allocated to the ABC.

It is so important to our very Democracy. To even think of being privatised would be devastating.

I beg you to listen to the ordinary people of Australia and keep funding the ABC on our behalf.

Kind regards
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QLD 4556



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to keep the ABC in Public hands

I am amazed that there is even an inquiry into looking at the possible privatisation of the ABC! The ABC is a fundamental part of our democracy. It is part of what is termed the third estate, in that it is able to investigate all manner of activities in our society.

I can rely on the ABC to present the most detailed commentary on matters affecting us all. It presents the news not only from Australia and our Parliament but from across the Globe.

It surprises me that the Govt. wants to "shoot itself in the foot" by even suggesting from within its ranks that cuts in funding should occur, let alone privatisation.


What private company would endlessly each day such as occurs on News 24 repeat the doorstep interviews, the media conferences from the Prime minister and cabinet members? Or have Question time in the House of Representatives and the Senate available for viewers? All without intervening ads. Commercial stations wouldn't want to do that I feel sure. They just get the short grabs - often edited from what's presented by the ABC.

And I am sure the free publicity the Government gets daily is not appreciated by the Liberal party who voted at their conference to take the Public Broadcaster out of Public hands.

It is the job of reporters to get to the truth of all that politicians espouse. It is their job in the ABC also to present to the wider public informative and educational pieces such as health matters on Catalyst or scientific programs such as the recent star watch. Is the idea to privatise and thereby "dumb down" what the populace has to watch? Thereby allowing all manner of activities to proceed unchallenged? Four Corners investigative journalism has ensured many injustices have been exposed.

Personally I enjoy these enlightening shows. In particular I also enjoy the quality drama the ABC presents. The latest drama, Mystery Road, is exemplary and showcases our most brilliant Australian actors. The children's Play school program is unmatched by any other on commercial television. I have watched them all while caring for my grandchildren. Q and A, Media Watch challenge what we read and hear - vital if we are to ensure a populace that is forever questioning what is done to us and for us by people with the POWER over us and who probably have not the understanding of the consequences of what they enact. Just observe the absurdity of elected senators switching allegiances and deserting the party or group to which the people of Australia elected them. One doubts their ability to make informed decisions in the peoples' best interests and not just their own.

So it is vital to have a free and unfettered Public ABC able to report and examine without fear or favour to preserve our democracy. Great Britain, New Zealand, Canada and India to name a few countries all have independent broadcasters as my Doctor who settled here from India reminded me today when I told him what I had been writing in the waiting room. He, like me, said it was imperative to have an independent media broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

The ABC is loved by everybody because unlike the commercial channels it is an unbiased source of news not only to those in cities but also to those in regional areas who depend heavily on it. The Children's programmes are fabulous and so are the news and current affairs. It must never be commercialised. There is so much we learn from it, national news, local news, current affairs and foreign news. It should never be compared with its commercial counterparts, it is the people's paper and should remain as such. PLEASE DON'T DESTROY WHAT WE HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED - THE ONE SOURCE WE CAN RELY ON TO GIVE US THE FACTS WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR.

Thank you.

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WA 6051 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public and democratic

I look to the abc tv, radio and online to provide me with real news I can trust. I trust the abc because I believe in the fairness of democratic oversight. I don't believe nor have I seen any evidence to suggest that private enterprise provides fair and democratic process as their top priority - honesty can become extremely distorted when profits and shareholders are it in the mix. Look at our banks! If we shut down the abc as a government broadcaster then let's shut down the arts, our universities, our schools and hospitals. They also require taxpayer funding. I proudly pay my taxes for all that makes Australia great - including our abc.

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VIC 3196




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privitise The ABC?

The ABC is ours and if it ever needs changing we will make sure it is for the better. To Privatisise is for someone else's profit not for ours. Why would we do that?

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VIC 3665 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Public Control

I know a privatisation of Public Assets does not create work for people.

Privatising a public asset like the ABC will remove from our communities the most probable and relatively less bias source of information our country could hope for. I think it is referenced widely by Australians as a channel for the intelligent mind. At least much better than any commercial ones for content that informs us about the world we live in.


If government intent is to increase human stupidity and increase compliance than privatising everything is definately the way to go.

I hope the public is not so dumb as to allow this and vote against any governing body that tries to convince us having no public voice is a good thing for Australian and our place on the World stage.

Were so dumb already thinking investing further into carbon emissions is good.
Mates Rates real cheap! Thats how Australia is looking now. The politician and the developer-best mates - making a killing with land grab schemes. Ie lockout laws, privatising Housing, schemes, WestConnex.

Its pretty obvious.

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NSW 2041 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We Australians need our beloved independent ABC. We need it to stay independent so that it can keep producing unbiased current affairs programmes (commercial backers necessarily lead to pressure and bias). We value its breadth of programming and its interest in Australian content, though your cuts have hampered this already. It's our ABC and you mess it around at your peril.

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VIC 3460



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only unbiased democratic light in a sea of stupidity- driven by monetary incentives - we all need the sobering of the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not for privatisation

The coalition government must resist the call to privatise the ABC from their narrow minded and ill informed members. The ABC is a cultural institution, not just another media organisation. It provides among other things informative unbiased reports of all manner of issues, most of which are ignored by the commercial networks. I am appalled at the hypocrisy of those liberals who agitate for more freedom of speech except when they themselves are criticised. Privatisation of the ABC would leave us in the hands of untrustworthy media magnates and our democracy would be in peril.

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NSW 2048




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Independent ABC

The ABC was our bible during WW11 and has remained so through all the big news events of my life. While other media serve to titillate and entertain while swaying us towards their vested interests, the ABC unfailingly goes to the truth. We trust and rely on the service to keep us safe and informed. Dismantle it at our country's peril.

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Coffs Harbour NSW

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NSW 2450 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am 90 years old and value the ABC for its presentation of good news headlines which don't pay the other commercial media to publish. It is also protected from the prejudices of a profit seeking co-corporate body. I also depend on its inclusion of classical and popular music and the arts which is overwhelmingly better than the other commercial media outlets. Please do not give in to the loud voices of the minority media moguls.

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NSW 2112 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

In a democracy it's vital to have a public broadcaster that can hold a mirror up to society and government via documentaries and current affairs programs as well as provide high quality evidence based children's programs. These categories often miss out when programming is profit based. Culturally too we will be richer and better supported if we have ABC to shine a light on our diversity and culture.

I believe it vital to our nationhood and development to maintain the ABC
Please add my submission to the voices calling out to keep ABC public and well government funded

Thank you

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VIC 3079



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not even consider privatising the ABC

How dare you even contemplate privatising the ABC. If I want the public broadcaster to simply be a mouthpiece for the government then I could move to China, North Korea or Turkey. Australia is a democracy and we need media that call out all political Parties and also support and acknowledge worthwhile policies from all Parties. The ABC does just this, and much more.

It provides excellent investigative journalism on some of the social injustices and system rotting, both here and overseas. It could do so much more with more funding. The ABC champions our unsung heroes, it delivers intelligent reporting on emerging issues, provides high quality educational material for our children to assist in having educated and well rounded voters in the future and much, much more.

Australia is a democracy moving and finding its way in a world challenged by unprecedented change and issues. The government must be made aware of the people's desired direction and therefore the people themselves must be widely informed in order to reflect and select this direction wisely. The ABC and other non-government media are critical in this presentation of information - otherwise we are simply a dictatorship, governed by the loudest faction in the ruling party.

Please do not even consider privatising the ABC. It is a big issue with me.

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NSW 2047



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: LEAVE THE ABC ALONE


Knowledge, relevance, democracy. This is what the ABC delivers to us every day. It has great understanding of what impacts the community and what the community appreciates. And is often a vital voice for those who have no voice.

Yes, the ABC will sometimes upset politicians of every political persuasion because this is an essential part of the role. But just look back say 20 years and see how many times the ABC has been our insurance policy when politicians stepped out of line. Politicians who don't like questions and debate about what they are doing shouldn't be in politics.

The ABC is a vital organ in the Australian body that cannot be operated on without our express national approval. Whoever made the suggestion of selling the ABC to a commercial operator is clearly uninformed. Australian free to air TV ranks among the most superficial, narrow, media on Earth. In order to survive in our small market, commercial TV must put revenue before quality, there is no other option. This is why it runs so many low value, socially-dubious programmes and this can only worsen in the expanding digital era where viewers make the choice to watch what and when they want. Commercial TV is in a very serious jam. So, add this industry change to the mix and our ABC emerges as an even brighter shining star that has never been more relevant or important. It is regarded by a big majority of Australians as a wonderful national asset. It is envied by hundreds of millions of people in countries that desperately want and need an ABC, but sadly have no chance of getting one.

No matter what it costs, the ABC is a cheap investment for Australia and our way of life. Hands off it.

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WA 6162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Long live the ABC in public hands


I would be horrified if there were any moves to privatise the ABC. The ABC is a unique communications network in Australia. Commercial enterprises offer no comparable service. The ABC is without peer in all its forms: radio, television, investigative journalism, podcasts and children's television offer a valuable service far beyond the funding it currently receives.

I would like the funding cuts to be reversed. And some of the other services that have been cut to be restored.

Do not risk such an important element of our society. It is a respected and trusted institution. It should be recognised as such.

Yours sincerely

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Glebe NSW

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NSW 2037 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Cherish the ABC

The ABC is an Australian Icon which is applauded here and overseas. It must NOT be diminished, but cherished and improved in scope and finance.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off MY ABC!

No, no, no Mr Turnbull keep your hands off the ABC! We have witnessed the appalling funding cuts; the ridiculous complaints and attacks from Mr Fifield and Mr Turnbull; the obnoxious book from the pens of Chris Berg and Sinclair Davidson; the all too frequent attacks from the Murdoch press and the shock jocks. And now the unbelievable call from the Liberal Party to privatise the ABC. Australia needs an independent broadcaster who can illuminate the shortcomings, duplicities and lies of our politicians. We need the ABC to continue telling the unique stories of our land. I love the ABC and have done so all my 66 years, whether I have been living in rural or suburban NSW. No other media outlet holds a candle to the journalistic brilliance of the ABC radio and television.

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NSW 2156



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is the most trusted source for news and current affairs. Along with Fairfax, it is only they that can be relied upon for unbiased and investigative journalism.

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VIC 3041



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I strongly object to privatising the ABC. Public media retains its independence by not being in private hands, and should not be for profit. Enough!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands always !

The ABC doesn't belong to the politicians - it belongs to all of us and who else is going to tell the truth about politicians except a publicly funded source that is not subject to commercial pressures that intend only to serve themselves. If we want to take in the nonsense that private companies try to push on us we can make that choice, but if we want to avoid the continual commercial rubbish, (which many of us do) we need a fully non-commercial source which the ABC provides (as is their duty) and as other public services are expected to do.

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VIC 3160 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC belongs to the people - not to anyone else including political parties

I don't care what your party votes on what occasion the ABC belongs to the people and should not be sold off. If sold off we will end up with another media outlet that is controlled by those interested in making money and not interested in providing accurate information to the public - we already have enough of those!

After all where would we, the public, be without the ABC exposing some of the shonky deals and snouts in the trough activity of your governments members??

Regards - [REDACTED]

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VIC 3888 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I believe that this inquiry is nothing short of a witch hunt instigated by a government which is intolerant of dissent and which thinks that media organisations should either be cheerleaders for its policies or should not report any stories that will damage its reputation. The national broadcasters should be free from government influence and pressure to report on stories that are important or of concern to the Australian people and which the commercial media organisations often fail to cover. It should not be a government broadcaster reporting just what the government wants the people of Australia to hear. Impartial public broadcasters are one of the cornerstones of a healthy and vibrant democracy and no limitations should be placed on their editorial decisions by the government.

In addition if the commercial broadcasters are being negatively affected by the activities of the national broadcasters (and I don't believe they are) then rather than blaming the national broadcasters perhaps they could raise their game? Instead of bombarding us with more and more reality shows maybe they could invest in producing more quality Australian drama. Rather than having their news and current affairs reporting on car accidents and house fires they could spend some time covering the important issues that affect Australians. In a nutshell this inquiry would be better suited looking into the deplorably low standard of programming on Australian commercial broadcasters than in trying to blame the national broadcasters for being too good.

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SA 5075



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation will kill the Liberal Party

The ABC represents the Australian people and gives them unbiased news. We need to have news that is independent, and to be completely independent it must be financed by the Australian people ie the government, not private interests. Privatisation would infuriate the public and take away reliable information. We already have plenty of news sources that are profusely biased and produce twisted information to suite the monetary interests of certain businesses. The controversy will harm those that introduce it. The people will resent the theft of the open truth.

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QLD 4069




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC as our public national broadcaster

We need an independent broadcaster, not one driven by advertiser's agendas. Commercial TV current affairs programs are clearly partisan and push commercial agendas in the guise of 'news'. The ABC and SBS are the only broadcasters who bring to air intelligent, well researched and non-partisan information for the benefit of listeners. Please continue to support the ABC and keep it a public broadcaster independent of grubby commercialism. Threats to the ABC are driven by political and commercial interests who don't like the people of Australia having the opportunity for making up their own minds about issues based on facts, rather than emotionally charged biased accounts. An independent broadcaster is critically important for democracy to flourish. History shows that human rights can be curtailed when the media is unable to speak out about abuses and critically appraise the decisions of governments. Don't let this happen to Australia. Please.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC needs to stay in public hands

I live in Kronkup w.a. The ABC is very important to me. Unlike the city we don't get the NBN so streaming news is not an option.

I have the radio on all the time and my preferred stations are the ABC -- Classic FM, Triple J for a change and Radio National for news and current affairs.

Apart from the AFL football I only watch SBS and the ABC. Unfortunately again because of limited internet I cannot use the on demand functions so do tend to record programs.

The ABC is part of my life and I definitely would hate to see it privatised.

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WA 6330



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission: Competitive neutrality of ABC & SBS

I suggest that, because the ABC and the SBS exist to provide a service to Australians rather than to make a profit, it doesn't really make sense to consider them as being in competition with the for-profit TV stations. (In the main: perhaps there are a few edge cases where the ABC is mainly trying to increase their audience? (Ditto for the SBS, but that seems to me even more unlikely.))

I'm not at all sure that they should even be considered as operating in the same market, or in any market.

If you do consider them to be in competition anyway [I suppose the SBS does compete for advertisers!], surely they are at a great competitive disadvantage, because of the very limited government funding they have?

P.S. I very strongly support the ABC and the SBS remaining government-owned. (And I'd support more funding, in particular so that the SBS no longer needs to run advertising.)

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NSW 2152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I do NOT want the ABC privatised!!

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is something that Australia has got right. It is something that everyone of us benefits from and we should be proud to have it. Every member of my family enjoys the benefits of a public broadcaster - the adults have a trusted news source and the children have a source of education and entertainment. We all enjoy a quality tv station free from mindless commercial advertising. I am truly appalled by the recent coalition vote to privatise our broadcasting company. I do not want my information and news supplied by commercial media. It is not difficult to understand that a public funded ABC will deliver a more balanced viewpoint than a commercial outlet that needs to make a profit. Perhaps the Coalition does not want a balanced viewpoint?? They do however like a three-word slogan, so here is one: Shame! Shame! Shame!

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VIC 3429 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC & SBS has always been an integral part of Australian broadcasting, as long as I can remember my family have viewed numerous programs. Generations of family have viewed unbiased news & current affairs shows, children have loved watching Bananas in PJ's, Peppa Pig, Playschool, Sesame Street, Dr Who, The Goodies, the list goes on.

Every government in power has been criticized by the ABC & The Australian newspaper, it is part of presenting unbiased facts to the public. What, is my question, is this present Hard Right so worried about that their focus is trying to privatise what has always been a public forum.

HANDS OFF OUR ABC & SBS!


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QLD 4702 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off Our ABC!

ABC Radio and TV programs and access to classical music listening have kept me sane and informed for over 40 years of living in this country. Their journalists and creative programmers for adults and children have a professionalism and integrity that put commercial channels in the shade. During emergencies (bushfires, flooding) their coverage has been exemplary and much appreciated because of the level of information available. When we first arrived in Australia with a very young child it was thanks to the children's programs that we purchased our first piece of furniture . . . a colour television . . . and now we enjoy those colourful children's programs with our grandchildren. Investigative journalists connected to Four Corners have done amazing work in exposing corruption - which has benefited us all. Our most trusted news source is the ABC - always balanced (whether governments like it or not!) and insightful. I am horrified at the attacks on the ABC by members of governments. We very much need an independent organization whose staff can do their job without fear or favour. The very premise of the inquiry into the ABC and SBS is utterly misguided. It is essential that the ABC remains in public hands. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. We don't want to listen to commercial rubbish, with commercial interests overlooking all programs. Presenters on the ABC are not allowed to express their personal opinions; they are there to look at all levels of any narrative, without influence from vested interests. I object very much to what I see as a futile exercise to undermine OUR ABC - funded by OUR TAXES.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is a PUBLIC SERVICE not a money-making business opportunity! It holds everyone accountable for their actions and that is the only reason you lot want to get rid of it. How about acting with integrity and responsibility to your taxpayers instead of trying to get away with more underhanded dealings and making sure no one finds out about it by silencing debate. If you want to seem at all legitimate in the eyes of the public, don't try to wheedle out of fair public scrutiny. It is unique and integral to our democracy and cultural education. It is one of the reasons Australia is a great place to live. Stop chipping away at our quality of life in the name of money and power - even you will not benefit from that in the long run!

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SA 5035 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the backbone of my life as an Australian! From RN with its in-depth analysis of politics here and abroad, the stories of our past, and broad ranging topics from science to philosophy to the arts and culture. A commercial station wouldn't invest in programs such as OffTrack, The Minefield etc- programs investigating how we as a diverse community live, even how to live an ethical life! Meanwhile my TV is tuned to the ABC and here I appreciate the experimental comedy (so many successful talented performers have sprung from ABC shows) to dramas involving Australian stories, written by Australian writers, and in the past few years featuring Aboriginal characters. Again I can't imagine a commercial station producing the recent drama Mystery Road! The ABC is a place for experimentation and innovation which other channels and our society benefits as a whole.
Please no more cuts and no to privatisation.

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VIC 3018 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

We were alarmed to hear that the Liberal Party Council voted to privatise the ABC. We think this is a very unwise decision and it makes us fearful and insecure that our most trusted and loved institution is not respected by the Liberal Party. As older Australians we depend on The ABC for News and Current affairs, music, health reports, comedy, documentarys which are of high quality. These cannot be found on commercial stations. We never listen or watch commercial media because the poor quality of their programming and the constant flood of advertising. The ABC is currently under extreme stress from punitive and malicious funding cuts by the current Coalition Govt. in the 2014 and 2018 Budgets. Any attack on the ABC is a direct assault on free speech. Signed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Merricks North, Victoria

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VIC 3926 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is necessary for balance in Australia's future

We live in a world filled with false news and fuelled by various self-seeking agendas; and so we live in a world in which the ABC is more important than ever. OUR Public broadcaster takes us beyond self-interest, profit margins and political bias and so gives balance to the very future outlook for many Australians. The ABC is a benchmark that enables individuals to sort through the lowest common denominators offered by politically biased or profit seeking private broadcasters. If we do want to build Australia into a nation with creative vision then the ABC is vital in taking us beyond the commercial view that promotes a US foreign policy and dulls the common intellect with a variety of cooking shows and competitive childish games. The conservative right are threatened by the ABC because the ABC provides a variety of views and illuminates possibilities that open eyes to a view beyond the status quo. I cannot imagine that the ABC will be privatised, but then I could not imagine that Donald Trump could be elected. Please consider this inquiry, and in particular why it is being called and from where the call originates. Australia needs a Publically funded broadcaster more than ever,

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WA 6162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The first children's programme my children watched was Playschool and I enjoyed watching the hijinks of the presenters as much as my children did. Now my grandchildren and great grandchildren watch it with just as much enjoyment. So many other quality kids programmes have been added over the years. Now I am a regular watcher of the ABC, choosing the quality programmes that interest me. It is great to have an alternative to commercial TV which I suspect I would not watch anyway. There is only so much you can buy and not everyone is a retail fanatic. I find all the talk about privatizing the ABC very concerning and I am led to question why has this Coalition has been such a deeply disturbing political party in power. I know I am not the only one.

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SA 5290 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC content is far better than commercial or pay channels, it is fearlessly independent and it's investigating skills beyond compare. If Australia loses a broadcaster of such integrity & trust the shame will rest solely on the party responsible & will not be forgotten come election time.

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NSW 2140 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please protect OUR ABC.

In no particular order.

To strangle or sell our ABC will diminish our society. If commercialised it would cater to the lowest common denominator and not rise above the crowd as it does.

We pay for a unique voice and content that doesn't pander to commercial interests.


The quality of programmes is of a high order which will be adulterated to a point of sameness with the other trash.

When we were pioneering the wine industry in Margaret River the ABC was fodder for my spirit and intelligence. I value this organisation so very highly.

What a short sighted act it is to consider its execution.

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WA 6286 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia needs an impartial broadcaster

Please never put our public broadcaster in private hands. Australians value well researched and objective reporting. A broadcaster can only provide this without vested interests. If the ABC joins the ranks of other commercial broadcasters, it would lose its value and Australians will lose quality Australian productions and trustworthy reporting. Don't even consider robbing us of this wonderful asset.

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QLD 4217



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC provides an exceptional public broadcast service to the people of Australia. This includes unbiased reporting of political and current affairs news. The ABC are able to provide this service because they are publicly funded and not beholden to private political views. Unbiased media is key to building and maintaining a civilised society. The Liberal Party Council voting to privatise the ABC is a clear sign that they are afraid of unbiased reporting and probably have a lot to hide. If the ABC were to be privatised it would be a huge leap backwards for democracy in Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC a publicly owned asset

Our household relies on and chooses the ABC for journalism and cultural content. Insightful, informative and of this place. A healthy culture of nurturing young talent and also engaging with established, mature figures and content without commercial bias, banality and propaganda. ABC is independent, unique and separate to this. Why is this government creating disturbance along with punitive funding cuts? Attacking innovat

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: non privatisation of our ABC

Every country needs a non commercial public broadcasting station to present a diversity of content. Rural Australia benefits from local cultural or educational productions/ stories that would otherwise not be produced.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatisise the ABC

By privatising service organisations your Government is destroying the very values and qualities of life which make Australia unique. Money making is the American way and every organisation, particularly one which provides independent communication, free from commercial bias, provides the majority of Australians with a service which is irreplaceable. Please stop reducing services, including the ABC. Spend out taxes on the services we need. The ABC is one of these. We cannot vote for your party if you continue down your current road.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

ABC is the only TV channel that reflect common values of ordinary people without political back tone. It's important that it stay as it is as the other channels mainly show the same type of programs at the same time. It is also the only channel that shows a wide diversity of programs in different with the other channels that mainly shows what they believe people like to see..

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QLD 4160




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never, ever privatise the ABC!

I feel so strongly about this. A move to privatise the ABC is immensely damaging to the fabric of Australia that I love.
The ABC must remain publicly funded to ensure it can tell the important stories and provide services to all Australians - not just the ones that are most marketable or popular.
I rely on the ABC news service as my source of news. I am sickened by the biased journalism and editorship in the Murdoch press and others, and cling to the ABC as a balanced source of diverse and important news. This is crucial to the health of our society.
Additionally, my children watch iView for playschool and other educational programs. I do not want this ever to be threatened - and I make no mistake about privatisation being a threat to that.
It's not all about money. The ABC is worth more to Australia than its current level of funding. Do not privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3054 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC, our PUBLIC broadcaster

The ABC has been a very important cultural icon and asset in my Australian life. I would never thought that any government would ever consider making the ABC rattle the can - as the NPR does in the USA - and that seems to be one of the desirable scenarios in the current government's agenda. I can't see commercial television in Australia producing programs such as Four Corners, The Checkout, Utopia, Playschool, Q&A, the latter being live television at its best!


I am an avid listener of both Triple J and ABC Jazz, guilt-free pleasures! All the radio and TV programming on the ABC and SBS play a very important role in our democracy: access to quality programs should not be defined by your discretionary purchase power or geographical situation.

The ABC has been trying to appease the Right in their news programs, as evidenced by 4 separate inquiries into bias by the broadcaster, but I believe that the ABC still can fulfill its charter.

Australia is a rich country and we all deserve nice things.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC HANDS

I am an intelligent, educated woman, and the ABC is the only Channel I watch consistently. PLEASE DO NOT PRIVATISE IT. iT'S GREAT for ALL as it is, (with a special role for country folk).
THANK YOU for listening.

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VIC 3102




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is vital to the knowledge of Australians. Keeping it in the public's hands ensures that the news remains unbiased by commercial and political influences thus keeping the facts untarnished and in place. Do not privatize the abc!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We must NOT privatise the ABC

The ABC is probably the most trusted institution in Australia, relied upon by millions for honest news reporting and up to date current affairs programs. I believe it is the backbone of what makes Australia a worthwhile society in which to live.


My wife and I religiously watch the Chanel 2 7:00pm news daily, followed by the 7:30 report, and on Mondays all the following programs. There is no other chanel producing programs of this calibre. To update myself daily I go to the ABC news website. And the programs on ABC Radio National each morning always teach me something about this world. Where else does this occur?

By contrast the commercial media are often biased and influenced by dollar considerations which the ABC is not as it is truly independent.

In my view, privatising the ABC would amount to a crime against the people of Australia. I urge the continuation of public funding for this great organisation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Australian culture and communication is vital for the ABC viewership. From a young child I have grown to learn about the plight of Australians from a diverse background. It's my belief that privatisation will attract corporations that will apply pressure not to report certain stories we all need to hear about.

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VIC 3021 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I write to implore you to keep the ABC from being privatised.


As far as I am concerned, it has had the best record for in-depth, accurate reporting over the decades I have been listening and watching. It has consisted of wonderful presenters, guests, broad and interesting subject matter and needs to be kept as a national trusted broadcaster out of private hands. With the exception of SBS, most commercial stations do not offer anywhere near the standard that we have at the ABC.

Sadly, due to funding cuts, it has suffered with loss of content, programming and editing more recently.

As well, my children, and now grandchildren, have enjoyed many excellent programmes over the years.

Please look after this much loved institution with due care. People are losing faith with the government already. Please don't add this to the list.

Sincere ABC fan,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in our Public Hands!

The ABC has provided Australia with almost 90% of truly educational programs for my entire life. I feel that the commercialization of storytelling and journalism can only end in a sad death to the freedom of artists and a freedom of information.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I find it very sad to think of the ABC becoming privatised. It is such an essential part of many Australians lives for current affairs, documentaries and great Australian drama. It would become yet another tool for private interests to service their own agendas. Please do not let this happen

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't sell off our ABC

Whether it's TV, radio or online, the ABC is the media organization I trust the most. The ABC is, and always has been, my go-to source for the news and current affairs information that I need. The quality of their journalists is first class and I know I can rely on them to present important stories in an honest, balanced and informative way. Investigative journalism has been a strength for many, many years with 4-Corners among the very best there is. Insiders is by far the most informative program available for keeping up to date on what is happening on the political front. As an independent public media service the ABC does not compete for advertising revenue with commercial media organizations. The ability of the ABC to investigate and report on issues without the filter of an owner's or advertiser's bias is an absolutely critical component of our democracy. Please, for the sake of Australia's future, don't allow our ABC to fall into private ownership.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

In these days of "fake news", Australians are so fortunate to have a news source they can trust. Overwhelmingly ordinary Australians love the ABC, whether it is for news about our everyday lives or exposes of problems in our society that need fixing. Don't take this precious resource away from us !

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VIC 3123 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Respect Our ABC

The Coalition's increasingly craven attempts to silence and censor fact-based, publicly accountable information says it all really. In particular, Four Corners, Media Watch, the science and nature programs, and Radio National are invaluable to me and my family. Ongoing attacks on the ABC for reporting the facts while undermining its capacities through funding cuts, and stacking its board with entirely unacceptable people with vested interests - such as Vanessa Guthrie from the Minerals Council - amount to outright assaults on our democracy. The Institute of Public Affairs and the decision makers in its pockets must be held to account for the damage they are doing to Australia's social fabric in their quest to prop up dirty and dishonest industries. Unlike so many of our current politicians, the ABC serves all Australians not just those with the most money and power. Restore its funding so that it can do its job properly.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

In March, 1964 I joined NBN Channel 3, Newcastle, NSW, as a producer's assistant, later moving to the News Department as Newsroom secretary and librarian. In 2011 I retired after having spent 48 years working in the film and television industry, 45 of those years I was employed by the ABC, first in radio current affairs, then Television News, Television Drama, Television Current Affairs and finally around 40 years in TV Archives & Libraries, during which I was fortunate to be assigned to documentaries such as 'The Blainey View', 'Beyond the Fatal Shore' 'Frontier' and the 'Centenary of Federation' related to our rich Australian heritage, as archival producer. The ABC's collection of archival vision, stored in air-conditioned vaults at Ultimo and Australian Archives, on Australian culture and history since transmission began in 1956 is quite simply, priceless and about which, we, as Australians should all be extremely proud. Destroy the ABC and this extraordinary digitised, catalogued collection of Australian history will be destroyed too, or incorporated into the collections of an organisation such as The National Film & Sound Archive, or Screen Australia. I would like to point out to the committee that there is far more to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation than News and Current Affairs, which I believe sets a standard of the highest order, despite the criticisms levelled at these productions. Think Children's & Education, Drama, Documentaries, Music, Dance, Archives both in Radio and Television - all aspects of the Arts in fact and I urge you to reconsider your intent to destroy our unique, national broadcasting organisation, which belongs to all Austalians, of which we should all be very proud.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC (and SBS) are the only media channels I routinely watch and listen to. The ABC's quality of news and current affairs and intelligent programming is of paramount importance in a media landscape saturated with trash.

The ABC and public broadcasting generally has a vital role to play in providing trusted sources of news and information that are not distorted by commercial or political influences. Free from 'lowest common denominator' concerns, it is able to innovate and take chances on new artists and performers, many of whom become household names. In addition, the ABC plays a valuable nation building role, and is invaluable as a force for cohesion in times of crisis.

I am concerned about recent calls to privatise this national treasure from people who know the cost of everything and the value of nothing. Hard right ideologues are driven solely by their need to create a society of the rich against the rest, and to thus pander to the vested interests of greed and rapaciousness. Calls to privatise the ABC are at the behest of commercial media outlets such as the Murdoch press and Fairfax. Because they are unable to compete in quality, they wish to sweep the ABC away. They're supported in this by hard right politicians who don't like the inconvenience of an institution which scrutinises and calls out their ideological attacks on the public good.

Unthinking privatisation has been a disaster for this country, sending prices up, destroying trust, and entrenching inequality. The ABC must remain in public hands and continue to play its irreplaceable role in our democracy. The very premise of the current inquiry into whether the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting mustn't and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. It's place in our national life is too crucial for our continued democratic health.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is owned by all Australians and should stay that way.

The ABC should stay in public ownership; one reason being because it plays an important role as a impartial communicator of news. Public funding ensures the ABC is not subject to the editorial pressures that commercial media outlets are subjected to by their financial backers.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only tv I ever watch! For many, many years it has been a huge part of my life, both tv and radio. If the hard right of this government persists with its threat it will lose office and not be returned for many, many years.

DO NOT EVEN CONSIDER THIS.

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VIC 3193 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Government (people)-owned ABC

I am 71, a great-grandfather. What you do to our ABC won't affect me for long. However, I trust that our governments of the future and their processes for reviewing ABC fairness, accuracy and funding will ensure that our children, grand-children and great-grandchild will have access to quality trustworthy programs and reporting.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the only television station that is not in commercial hands. All of the Commercial entities who manage Commercial TV, have their own agendas to push including rampant and incessant advertising, from which there is no escape. Most of them also show what in my view, is ridiculous reality shows, biased reporting and US based rubbish that I can hardly bear to watch. The ABC provides the only opportunity for the general public to choose commercial-free television viewing that is free to air, it provides a balance to the right-leaning propaganda that is commercial television and it also provides quality viewing - including documentaries and homegrown dramas. If you commercialise the ABC, it will take away the choice for the general population for an alternative to trashy commercialism. Is this part of the master plan? To not provide an alternative view to the Corporate perspective? ABC's investigative journalism is second to none - perhaps you don't want them seeking the truth any more? Commercialising the ABC and taking ownership of the National broadcaster from the people that voted you in to provide good Government for is a travesty! I can only hope that this will provide the "straw" that breaks the will of people to return this appalling Government to power again!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the only politically-unaligned voice in journalism. The ABC is the only news source that is not reliant on profit and can therefore provide to smaller communities. The ABC is the only source of serious investigative journalism. Think of the Royal Commissions and investigations and legislation changes that have come about as a result of 4Corners reports! The ABC used to be our only good source of local news until the funding cuts caused the end of local 7.30 Report coverage. The ABC produces and used to produce great local content and work for the arts industry. Now with the funding cuts, that had lessened considerably. The Federal Government should be ashamed of themselves. They should not think that the ABC viewers of Australia are a small voice or are unlikely to speak out. We are quietly seething and awaiting our turn at the ballot box! Same message for the other Parties. Restore ABC funding and stop the Bullying!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

It appears that one of the most vocal critics of the ABC is Senator Eric Abetz before to much credence is given to his view point it is worth considering what percentage of the Australian population of some 25 million actually voted for him! A senator from Tasmania?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

The name says it all AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION. How can you privatise a broadcaster that belongs to, and serves the nation? Besides it is the last bastion of ad-free viewing.

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NSW 2204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I enjoy program content on SBS and ABC. My son, who is in a small independent band gets played on Triple J. I listen to ABC podcast content. I rely on ABC news. Slash this funding and you take away one of the best things about living in Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

Keep the ABC do not privatised

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC PUBLIC, NOT PRIVATISED

I will never again vote for a party that privatises the ABC. Privatising of the public broadcaster means that it will have an agenda to push, be owned by people with self-interest, and stop being the vital, trustworthy source of information that it is in a world full of fake news, spin and greed.

I deplore the recent funding cuts to the ABC, which has the internationally best research, professionalism and relevance of any such broadcaster I have come across. The staff employed there are experienced and gifted. We cannot afford to lose any of these people or their programs, which are of an extremely high standard across the board. Such professionalism cannot be bought at a later date when people realise how valuable it is and what they have lost.

Sale of the ABC may make certain interested parties very wealthy in the short term, but give some thought to our children and the world they will live in before you destroy the voice of the ABC.

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VIC 3158 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC has to stay in public hands.

Dear Sir,

We have travelled extensively all over the world, and have seen how poor TV news, and a lack of proper analysis of political parties is in other countries.

I was astounded when in New Zealand, when I turned on the television, at the trashy content and lack of any news coverage that is the right of people who live there.

Any government that doesn't want to face criticism from any section of the community that doesn't agree with it, doesn't want a non-biased press.

I only watch the ABC or SBS because of the recycled American sitcoms, violent simplistic films, and news services produced by old right-wing morals, shown by them just to make more money.

John Howard put ads on SBS and every time an ad interrupts a program I think what asshole he was.

If the liberals went down the path they want and give their right-wing mates control over the press it would be a very sad day for democracy in Australia.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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TAS 7004



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC MUST REMAIN IN PUBLIC HANDS


Dear Mr Kerr , Ms Flynn , Ms Levy .

I am a private citizen who has listened to and viewed ABC broadcasts for over 60 years . I view with extreme dismay the recent intensification of attacks on the credibility and integrity of the ABC , and the push to emasculate and/or privatise it .

I do NOT support the "corporatisation" , deregulation and privatisation of all of our significant public services and bodies . In particular I believe the ABC provides an essential service to the Australian as a supplier of impartial news and also of quality investigative journalism . No doubt the ABC is not always 'perfect' but if the alternative is for example like the Murdoch press , with all it's bias and agenda (whose agenda?) driven reporting , I submit that a sometimes imperfect public ABC will always be preferable . It is interesting to note the origins of this very Inquiry - a 'deal' undertaken by our Government with Senator Hanson , who will not even subject herself to ANY rigorous questions ! The Inquiry is supposedly into 'Competitive Neutrality' and 'business activities' , but I can assure you that most Australian people understand the political nature of what is happening .

We are witnessing worldwide the destabilizing and destructive effects on societies of all manner of rubbish and tripe (and lies) which is passed off as 'news' or 'alternative facts' , and is believed by some victims . It would be extremely dangerous and foolish to damage in any way the ability of the ABC to continue to provide Australia with honest and impartial news and journalism .

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

I am appalled that the Liberal Party Council has voted to privatise the ABC and will vote against any party or candidate who supports this motion. It is crucial that the ABC remain a public broadcaster, governed not by profit but by a mandate to educate, inform and entertain us with everything from quality children's television to rigorous investigative journalism. If the ABC were privatised we would lose Australian voices and experiences on our screens. We cannot let this happen.

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VIC 3011



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep ABC in public hands

The ABC has been part of my life since The Children's Hour, and Jason and The Argonauts; the 'Blue Certificate' I received from Tom the Naturalist for a painting I did of a caterpillar I wanted identified. It has been invaluable in times of bushfire, keeping us advised on fires that could impact friends and family. We trust its news reports and comment, on radio, TV, and online. We enjoy the drama it has been able to make. ABC-FM has been a source of pleasure and instruction. Please, please keep our ABC in public hands!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I cannot imagine what television would be like without the ABC. I live in a small Victorian country town with little population diversity and as such it would easy to view the world through a narrow lens. I watch the ABC News and Four Corners for up to date, unbiased and measured reporting of current affairs, both in Australia and internationally. I absolutely enjoy the quality of dramas, comedy, education and science, and children's programmes which my children and now grandchildren, have enjoyed over many decades. To watch the drivel on commercial television, the fake dramatising of just about everything and the sense that we are being 'dumbed down' and entertained while serious and tragic events are presented in a manner to boost ratings.

I ask, seriously and deeply - please do not touch our ABC. This beacon of light must be allowed to continue broadcasting for all Australians, present and future.

Thank you.

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VIC 3862




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I see no reason for complaint from certain Coalition members on the performance of the ABC in terms of political neutrality. I note these same members are not critical of the Murdoch television and newspaper outlets whose commentary is almost invariably slanted and often biased towards the Coalition. Indeed, in my opinion, privatised media would be greatly improved if it was not self regulated via the Australian Press Council and the Australian Communications and Media Authority.

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VIC 3284 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I believe the ABC to be very neutral in its reporting. Disclosing truths is not being Partisan. Leave the ABC in Public Hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF THE ABC

Please keep the ABC in all its forms in public hands. It was bad enough when SBS got commercials. I love watching many shows on the ABC and want the ABC to continue to be in public hands

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VIC 3931



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must never be privatised!

I am 75 and have listened to the ABC all my life. It has formed my attitude to music, to literature, to investigation and to the history and culture of our country. I believe it to have complete integrity. Tony Abbott promised not to cut ABC funding, and promptly did! How can we ever have faith in Coalition leadership again if they also break their promise to the millions who fervently support our public broadcaster!!

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NSW 2257




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: stop privatisation of abc

the abc has been a lifelong learning source for me all my life- from music, literature, art, classics, health , history ancient and modern, science including natural science and health from them as a child -all a basis of future knowledge and empowerment eg I learnt how to eat healthy food and drinks, how to be clean and the reasons why etc etc. All a basis of further knowledge which is passed on to society which is essential to keep a society and country be functioning effectively and productively. do not open the doors to decline in australia for now and the future or we face danger.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Our children and grandchildren have watched and enjoyed children's programs (Playschool) without the commercialism and intrusion of marketers attempting to sell. Many important investigative programs have supported the Australian democracy. From This Day Tonight to 4 Corners, the important role of the ABC has been to raise awareness of important issues. When this is left to commercial operators there is always the risk (if not the reality) that editorial decisions are made in the light of who is sponsoring rather than the importance of the issue to the public. The payer calls the tune!! It intrigues me when I reflect on the criticism of the ABC by the government of the day - they always seem to see the ABC as the enemy. For me the ABC is an extremely important part of our democracy. I rely on the ABC for news and background information that can be trusted as it is not beholden to any interests outside those of the organisation itself. If there is bias or misinformation found it is challenged and corrected. This does not always (or often) happen with a commercial media outlet. I believe it is crucial we maintain a public funded ABC to protect our democracy and to give us a socially conscious media organisation we know is not beholden to individual financial interests.

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NSW 2774 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Australian controll.


Please accept the obvious that our 'Liberal Government Members', are a bunch of Lazy, Corrupt, Greedy and closed minded individuals, lacking imagination for new ideas of how to make changes for the betterment of the People and just want someone else to do their Job for them.

By Privatizing the ABC they will just implant more 'like-minded Spoiled People' like themselves and we will find after a short time the 'Good people of the ABC' will be replaced by 'non-boat rockers' and foreigners, with an agenda that is not good for all Australians.

Its not broke so dont try to fix it, there are plenty of other things that need fixing, so get on with the job your supposed to be doing.

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QLD 4551 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep ABC Free

quality integrity and freedom of speach !

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NSW 2018 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

We need the ABC to remain independent and financed by tax payers. We do not need another media outlet that panders to private interests at the expense of truth; that values sensationalistic journalism appealing to the lowest common denominator; that is controlled by corporate interests, boardroom policies and stakeholder profits; that has advertisers who exist to subvert honesty and add to propaganda; that is bubble gum for brains and does not provide an eclectic range of programmes. The loss of the ABC is another nail in the coffin of freedom of press and thought and an attempt to homogenise Australian cultural offerings.

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NSW 2017



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not Privatise the ABC

As an Australian citizen I choose to patronise and independent, non-commercial ABC, an Australian institution that is an integral part of our unique Australian cultural identity. Just as the BBC, that other great national and cultural institution, plays its critical role in the lives of UK citizens, the ABC plays a foundational role in Australian society.

Australia needs and deserves an independent, commercial-free news, educational, cultural and arts organisation. The ABC and SBS provide a unique service to the community and one which can never be replaced by a commercial organisation that is inevitably compromised as a consequence of a profit driven agenda.

The ABC and SBS serves the nation well, across the diverse spectrum of their activities and via a myriad of community services, with relevant, tasteful, quality programs and services and distinctive national and international content. I'm still waiting to see that degree of sophistication from any commercial broadcasting operation.

The ABC is one of the most respected and trusted institutions in the country. It is part of our national identity, uniquely Australian, not a branch office of some American commercial operation.

The ABC provides valuable diversity and different perspectives to the media sector and, through its innovation, brings products and services to all Australians old and new. How refreshing for it to not be a just rehash of some crass overseas commercial journalism or programming.

I am like most other Australians. We regard the ABC as a priceless, irreplaceable and vital asset, one that is more valuable now than ever as we face the danger of becoming over-run especially by American interests.

So what, if the ABC would fetch a high price in a commercial market! This is not the issue. I believe that I am not alone is as much as I am prepared as a taxpayer citizen to pay the price of keeping the ABC and SBS in its current form. It's time to stop "selling off the farm"!

Why change a winning formula? To do so is political vandalism in my view. The public does not want a new media organisation that compromises quality and innovation for profit. We want our beloved ABC and SBS. Does the commercial sector want yet another advertising organisation crowding an already overcrowded commercial market? To create one is just bad marketing strategy.

The ABC and SBS means original Australian content and Australian voices are more valuable than ever. The ABC and SBS gives support to Australian voices that speak to our cultural identity, to our arts scene, to community education, sport, public and human interests in our diverse and vibrant community.

The ABC is our strong, independent public broadcaster, one that the Australian public does not want to see hamstrung or meddled with by politicians of any persuasion. I believe that politicians who ignore this self evident fact will do so at their peril.

As a nation, we could choose not to have the ABC, but it would not be in the interests of Australians our national identity and the cohesion of our society. The push against our ABC is a belief that it is rooted in a false belief that it should conform to some economic free enterprise model. The Australian public is against this and no government should be even considering it.

There comes a time when one must realise the critical role that the ABC plays in Australian society. Now is not the time to change course. We love our ABC and for good reason. It should never be privatised. It must stay in public hands. It is not our government's property to sell. It belongs to the people.



VIC 3099




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands - IT NEEDS TO BE IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP FOR ALL TIME

HANDS OFF OUR ABC - DO NOT BE SO FOOLISH AS TO CHANGE IT'S OWNERSHIP. TOO MANY OF OUR ASSETS HAVE BEEN GIVEN AWAY ALREADY!!!

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QLD 4105 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

he ABC provides music (both classical and modern), information on local events, interviews with visiting people of interest, sporting commentary, and it caters for interest groups e.g. farmers. gardeners, travellers, history buffs), keeps track of both international and local news, gives updates on traffic and weather, and broadcasts emergency warnings. It also has JOURNALISTS who are likely to have actually done searches of background on issues and are trained to analyse in their various fields of expertise. They are not "shock-jocks" who rely only on their own prejudices and opinions. All my life I have had the ABC as a companion and can only assume that people who want to get rid of it or sell it off never listen to or watch it. It says a lot about their engagement with the world if they find it an encumbrance or a threat. That is really sad.
P.S. What will happen to the symphony orchestras? Maybe a new culture war means you get rid of as much culture as you can.

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TAS 7052 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of our ABC

Every advanced society has a tax payer funded public broadcaster. The voting public will not tolerate the privatisation of the ABC. Rest assured that the public will stand strong on this issue.

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NSW 2590



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC independend

ABC shall be independent and keep informative, unlike other stations depended on the best paying advertiser!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3155



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont privatise our ABC

Don't touch our ABC. It belongs to all of us and is not some toy to be played with by politicians

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VIC 3146



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep ABC in public hands

Hi

I am writing to ask that the ABC is maintained as the public broadcaster for Australia. It is my trusted source for information, and provides a lot of really relevant Australian content that commercial outlets do not.

It is irrelevant whether the ABC has an undue advantage over commercial stations - it is vital for our country's democracy that not all our televised content is controlled by commercial interests alone. The Australian people deserve better than that.

The ABC stands head and shoulders above the rest in its outstanding educational, entertainment and news advisory content.

Thank you for your attention to this most important matter

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2290



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC must remain independent of corporate bias so we have at least one news outlet that will report the news in a balanced way with no vested interest.

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WA 6027




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

I can understand why the Hard Right is so desperate to get rid of the real ABC. Anyone who feeds on the Murdoch press, as they do, would regard a balanced, reasoned news report as a rant from the screaming Left. Have a little think, folks, and let Australians continue to get the full story.

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VIC 3232 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to Senate Inquiry - Keep the ABC in public hands

Since the mid 1950's I have been a consumer of the services provided by the ABC. Most of this in the early days were things like cricket on the TV and radio, plus other sports where our family always depended on the ABC for good and passionate commentary.


For longer that I care to remember I have been a constant viewer of and listener to the ABC and over recent years as the ABC has moved into the digital age I regularly use products like iView, ABC online etc. As a city resident I have plenty of choice for viewing and listening but always choose the ABC for full and complete news, detailed unbiased analysis and commercial free entertainment. I do not need to depend on the ABC for emergency broadcasts. I can only imagine the comfort that must come for rural and regional consumers of the ABC services to know that they have a government funded and reliable source for their news, current affairs, entertainment and, more importantly, for their emergency service information. No private organisation could ever provide such a valuable service.

Some years ago the ABC was forced to close down their radio Australia service which provided the voice of Australia throughout this region. We now see other countries providing TV and radio services regionally and globally while Australia is mute due to government cuts and lack of insight into the value such services provide to the host country.

Much of the focus on the ABC recently has been the cost to the taxpayer for the ABC and can a government in 2018 continue to finance such an expensive operation. These has also been much debate about the ABC perceived bias. This Senate inquiry is considering if the public broadcasters have an "advantage" over commercial organisations. We should remember that the 'commercial organisations' that may feel they are disadvantaged are, in the main, large multi-national corporations with vast networks, massive profits and great influence in the political sphere. To suggest the ABC may have some advantage is has no basis in fact. If this inquiry and the ongoing attacks on the ABC are based only on the financial cost of the public broadcaster the using this logic, can taxpayers also fund, for example, the Canberra War Memorial as well as its very expensive current renovation program, and all the overseas memorials to war dead (e.g. like in France, Belgium) – these places provide no economic benefit to Australia and are in fact a huge cost. The people they remember are dead so can derive no benefit. Should we also close or privatise all government owned galleries and sell of the expensive art works. Further, there is no economic case for the public to financially support people in poverty or provide public housing or to maintain public parks and gardens for example.

Clearly we would never abandon our remembering of our war dead, no matter what the cost. So why do we allow the attack on the ABC which many of us hold in the same regard as symbol of our cultural uniqueness and a pillar of our democracy and commitment to free expression. The different viewpoints debated openly on ABC are essential for a well-functioning society, and we would never see that on a privatised ABC or an ABC bound by the government of the day ideology. We cannot allow this inquiry to degrade into just opening the doors for further attacks on the ABC by factions within the government or business which may be offended by the scrutiny.

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VIC 3109 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC of Democracy

In every democracy there needs to be ways that all people can access a range of views and obtain knowledge from a myriad of sources. It is vital all members of society can experience a diversity of opinions and content, not simply those selected to perpetuate the inequality of the market and convey it's own hegemony. It is well evidenced that the "market" does not provide a true representation or enable equal access. The primary objective is financial gain, not social cohesion through programs based on inclusiveness, equality and diversity of life experience. The ABC is Australia's broadcasting corporation, that means it is for every Australian, not only those that can influence the media content and the market. Australians do not want the ABC privatised - it is ours and not for sale.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2570 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC and fund it properly

We must strive to build a better society and not just an economy! Without the ABC we are at the mercy of partisan news which is untrustworthy. Big money will control our access to news.

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2035




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC/SBS must stay independent.

The ABC and SBS constitute together a valuable and irreplaceable source of objectivity in a world beset by ideologically driven agendas. It is unconscionable to think that this country may lose this resource on the basis of entirely spurious mercantilist arguments for economic even playing fields.

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NSW 2540 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

As a rural citizen, the ABC is essential to my safety, information, entertainment and quality of life. I listen to ABC radio, stream iView, watch ABC TV, use the Listen app and use the ABC News app on my phone. I simply can't imagine my life without it. If it were not a public broadcaster, many of the things I value simply would not be profitable for a private owner to provide and I fear that bias would become apparent, depending on sources of funds and ownership of a private business. A publicly-funded ABC is simply irreplaceable and far too important to abandon.

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VIC 3260 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No Way, No More Censorship's, Etc., No More Dictatorship, Etc.,

No Way, No More Censorship's, Etc.,
No More Dictatorship, Etc.,
Who Does This, So Called, Elected Representative, Think They Are, They Are All Trators, Working For
This So Called, New World Order,
To H'll With All Australians.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2477



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Reliable reporting from the ABC

Keep our ABC in public hands as it provides honest and reliable reporting in this country. The Coalition has stuffed up every public utility it has privatised and it is now imperative to leave the remaining utilities in public hands before this country becomes a colony of a dubious master..

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VIC 3938




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abolish the ABC entirely.

Get rid of the ABC entirely, nothing but propaganda on the ABC, and why would we want it to be privatized and turned into another owners propaganda?. To hell with all news stations and broadcasting corporations. Left and Right, you all lie and cheat. There needs to be serious laws to hold the corporate/state news media accountable for intentional lies, slander and deceptive editing, serious prison terms, maybe then some actual journalism with integrity will exist! The media is the largest enemy of this world. Turn off your bloody TV.

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VIC 3310 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am 72 years of age and have listened to ABC radio all my life. With the advent of television, ABC was the preferred option. My children grew up watching ABC children's programmes. Our national broadcaster should be something our country is proud of, not something that is to be sold off to the highest bidder. In an emergency, such as many recent floods and fires, the ABC can be relied upon to provide continuous information. This, or any Government, would lose my vote if they were to privatise the ABC. There are too many self-serving interests to be trusted with our ABC. Keep it where it belongs -in the hands of the people.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2290



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Media is about trust.


Hello,

One of the most corrupting influences known to man is money. When journalists are beholden to money before truth, then only bad things can happen. We need truly independent media for informed democracy to work.

It's pretty simple really.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


TAS 7008 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS!

On behalf of dozens of my friends and family, I insist that the Liberal Party push to privatise the ABC never be allowed to happen. The massive value of the quality news, discussion and documentary programming, and associated educational and social advantages, provided to Australia by the ABC is incalculable, and something that will never be provided by the private sector/corporations. This proposal is Liberal ideology on steroids, and must never be allowed to happen. The constant Liberal accusations of left wing bias are a total fabrication, and are based on their pompous opinion that they are never to be held accountable for their governance. Indeed, their wish to privatise the ABC is based on the certain knowledge that their political base, the large corporations, including the consistently conservative biased Murdoch/Fox/News Ltd in particular, will always promote the Liberal Party and denigrate the other parties. Please ensure that the ABC remains in public hands as it rightfully should, for the long term good of Australia. Regards. [REDACTED]
South Australia.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SA 5041 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS.

I am 76 yo & have been ABC listener for most of my life. If it were privatised it would go the way of all commercial media, the vice of capitalism.
We must keep open a media avenue to represent the voice of the people, diverse as we are.
It is an imperative need in a democracy.

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NSW 2534



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

We need the ABC to stay in public hands to ensure it will always be able to be an independent voice in Australia.
No other body can or does play that part. If we lose it we will never get it back.

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VIC 3162




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is AUSTRALIA's Broadcasting Commission! Keep it that way!

I want the ABC to remain Australia's PUBLIC broadcaster! Australians VALUE the research which ABC journalists and presenters put in, with their programs. Look at how Four Corners have uncovered massive scandals - greyhound racing industry, live sheep exports, people traffickers, exploitation of migrant workers in foreign Embassies within Australia, to name a few! Does this government think Australians would be satisfied with the low standards of 'news' and 'investigative journalism' put up by programs such as 'A Current Affair'? Don't think for one minute that Australians, especially Friends of the ABC, will stand by while this government pushes to privatise our ABC. Isn't it enough that you have already cut the funding to our national broadcaster to such a devastating degree!?

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NSW 2448 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Australia is meant to be a democratic country. Already our democracy is violated by the influence of powerful lobby groups on government. If the ABC is privatised one of the few remaining voices that can deliver information the public needs to know will be silenced. Privatising the ABC is an enormous threat to our democratic right to know information on which we can make our choices. Therefore, privatising the ABC is a threat to our freedom of choice. This is un-Australian, and unacceptable! ABC is for the people, which is what our government is meant to be as well.

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ACT 2603




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is one of the last bastions of fairness in what is supposed to be a democracy. Australia has always been concerned with fairness - it is supposed to be a national trait. What did my parents stand up for in the Second World War if it must all be lost to the power and greed of the private sector? The ABC has not changed - the society around it has been moving increasingly to the extreme right at an unprecedented and frightening rate. The ABC cannot be made to go the same way.

And I will not let this happen.

[REDACTED]

WA 6008 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in public hands.


The ABC is very important to me because I listen to it every day on the radio and watch it every night on the TV. I am 74 years old and live a long way from Sydney, but my father, who served with the Australian Army Signals Corp during World War 2, became a staff member in the control panel of the ABC radio after WW2.

My children always watched the children's programs on ABC TV and also listened to the children's programs on ABC radio My Grandchildren also love ABC programs and love Pepper Pig and Bananas in Pyjamas.

As an adult I always watch 4 Corners and the ABC Radio and TV are the most trustworthy source of news. If the ABC becomes privatised it will no longer be independent and trustworthy and it will become swamped with commercial advertising which is boring. The public broadcaster i.e the ABC plays a very important role and is irreplaceable in our democratic society and should never be compared with commercial radio and TV.

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NSW 2159 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Lay off the ABC

Please do not interfere with the ABC. It is the most balanced broadcaster despite why you may think. Because it doesn't agree with your opinions all the time it doesn't warrant any destabilising by you. I don't always agree with what I hear/see but that doesn't mean I'll spit the dummy like you appear to be doing. Just get on with running the country & leave beloved institutions alone.

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NSW 2251



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Please do not privatise the ABC or SBS. My husband and I only watch these two excellent channels as we find the commercial channels do not broadcast the programs we are interested in. Australia needs to retain its Public Broadcasting facilities which provide a higher standard of program content.

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VIC 3136




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO TO THE PRIVATISATION OF THE ABC !

AN independent media is critical to a western democracy like Australia. If it were to be owned by a single owner, the result would be biased reporting. That's the problem, with privately owned media, it pushes a political agenda of the owner. Much like what we see now on free to air commercial TV. By keeping the ABC in public hands. It means, no one biased view can take precedence over another. Diversity of opinion is important, as democratic society must present opposing and dissenting standpoints, against the current government. Especially when strong evidence is presented to counter the prevailing view. To privatise the ABC, means to silence opposing and dissenting voices. A path which we must not take. Only, authoritarian conservative regimes privatise media, to benefit the wealthy few.

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NSW 2208 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

As someone living in a remote rural area, I rely on the ABC to warn me of bush fires and floods. The ABC has been an integral part of my life for over 30 years. I have little internet coverage, no NBN, even satellite is a no go here, commercial radio is useless and has little to offer me. I will vote against any party that supports cuts to the ABC. Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2460 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to urge you not to sell or privatize the ABC, and to restore funding recently taken from the organization. I have lived in many remote places such as Cape York Peninsula, and in small regional towns such as Georgetown and Bourke, and also in larger Australian cities. I have relied on the ABC for news, weather, and current affairs in all of these places. I also believe the ABC provides essential quality educational services for both adults and children. It is a part of the Australian cultural fabric and should remain in public hands and retain strong public funding.

Please can I urge you not to privatize the ABC as it is far too important to many ordinary Australians such as myself.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ACT 2602



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is fundamental to supporting a healthy democracy in Australia. It is one of the very few unbiased sources of information available to the public. The ABC is trusted in a way that privately owned media, pursuing their owners' agendas, can't be.

The ABC serves the Australian people, not politicians, and not the government of the day. It is paid for by our taxes, and we want to keep it!

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

QLD 4152 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcasters are in the public interest

The ABC has been my favourite television station since childhood and has always been the default station in my household as a child and adult. My children watch almost exclusively ABC programming, and my 3 year old daughter's impromptu singing of 'ABC kids I-view app' to the tune of the alphabet song would warm the cockles of some ABC marketing guru's heart. My kids have been raised on Playschool, Sesame Street, Peppa pig, Ben and Holly's little kingdom, Sarah and Duck, Puffin Rock, In the Night Garden, Numtums, Wallykazam, Andy's Prehistoric Adventures, Octonauts (which have such excellent marine biology information as to be astounding), Horrible Histories, and many more. I still love the shows I have grown up with on the ABC, and my DVD collection owes a lot to the ABC shop. The traditional relationship between the ABC and BBC has been a tie between Australian culture and it's British origins, allowing us to engage with new and old cultural touchstones. We should be enabling the ABC and BBC to continue this relationship to the benefit of Australia and Britain alike. The SBS and ABC have both reflected the multicultural nature of Australia and been a place where Australian voices are privileged and Australian stories are told.

It is my most trusted news source, the twin beacon of investigative journalism with SBS, and a stalwart of integrity in a media environment increasingly driven by motivations other than the truth. Media watch is essential to keeping all media institutions, including the ABC, held to account for errors that arise for any reason, from honest mistakes to sloppy journalism to deliberately misrepresenting the facts for particular ends. So many investigations have probed the balance of the ABC and have always found that it is meticulous in keeping balance in opinion. I would suggest that in fact it demonstrates the severe skew in the rest of the media landscape that such allegations of bias keep resurfacing, despite such repeated findings of impartiality. The ABC is beholden only to the interests of the Australian public. The ABC is not beholden to political or commercial interests, which allows it to serve its employers- the Australian public- with all the integrity which I have come to expect and appreciate of Australian public servants in general, and the fine examples at the ABC in particular.



A strong and independent public broadcaster is an integral pillar of a democratic society. It allows for a discourse which is not beholden to corporate or political interests, but instead is beholden to the public whom it is created to serve. It belongs to us. It serves us. It does it well, and we love it for that. The bond between the Australian public and the ABC is a relationship built on trust over decades of dedicated service and demonstrated integrity. This reputation ought not to be attempted to be sullied for reasons of political expediency. The ABC is not beholden to any government of the day, to no political party, and anyone who does not like what they say when they report the facts should see that they change their behaviour and thus the facts, rather than seek to silence the reporting and discussion of those facts. It is unscrupulous to say the least to seek to undermine the ability of the ABC to report factual information regarding the behaviour of political figures in their roles as politicians. [The Australian public have every right to know the facts regarding those who are, in essence, their employees as well as their representatives. If our representatives do not wish to experience oversight then they should perhaps consider an alternative career choice.] If there is an incorrect statement by the ABC there are mechanisms for redress, which politicians seem to be so adept at using they have begun to use them frivolously as an apparent attempt to intimidate or influence the ABC. This ought not to be done. There is no place for political interference in a public broadcaster- a broadcaster who only reports the government's preferred perspective is a 'State broadcaster' rather than a 'National broadcaster', and is usually found in a corrupt or totalitarian regime rather than a vibrant democracy. If we seek, as we should, to maintain a vibrant democracy, then our public broadcaster ought to be bolstered, well funded, and allowed to act with the public interest as its primary consideration.

Commercial media outlets do not have the same requirements placed upon them, either in terms of legal obligation to provide high quality programming to fulfil a number of informational, cultural, educational and entertainment requirements, nor do they have the same moral obligation to the Australian public as the ABC, as the ABC are ultimately employed by the Australian people in a way that commercial media outlets are not. The very idea that being legislatively created and publicly funded gives a public broadcaster an advantage over commercial outlets misses the role of the legislative obligations of the ABC as distinct from commercial outlets which do not have these obligations. The ABC has an obligation to provide high quality educational programming which supports the education systems provided by the states. The free provision of these programs by a government entity ensures that the focus of that provision is on meeting the education and curriculum needs of the Australian public, rather than skewing focus due to commercial or ideological reasons. The free provision of these programs makes it possible for all to access this content, providing both equality of access across all forms of schooling and informal learning, as well as providing value for money for the Australian public due to economies of scale and removal of profit as a consideration (as individual schools are not then requiring increased funding associated with increased cost of individual sourcing of analogous educational materials). In the case of 'The Handmaid's Tale', a television adaptation of a text which I myself studied for English Literature in year 12, the interests of formal education combine with both informal education and entertainment. This adaptation could be used to support the study of the text in Literature for year 12, studied in its own right at university level, or used to spark a wider cultural engagement with the central themes explored in the text and which are currently more relevant than ever.

The ABC and SBS also have the obligation to provide high quality entertainment materials. This is another important way in which they serve the Australian public. This ensures high quality programs are available to all, and without providing access to your brain for advertising as a kind of 'fee for service'. Only the ABC is, in this regard, truly 'free to air', though of course we have already paid for the service through our taxes, which is why we should not have to pay for it again by watching advertisements. The requirement of the ABC and SBS to provide high quality programming of all kinds sets the standard for television in Australia, and as such elevates what is offered commercially. Commercial interests, contrary to their own opinion, are benefited by a strong public broadcaster as they are seeking to provide something as high quality as the public broadcaster's offerings, thus providing a higher quality service.

The ABC and SBS also fund Australian made content, providing much needed support for Australian artists and industries. Broadcasting Australian content not only provides Australian jobs and supports Australian creative industries, but develops and demonstrates Australian culture, which is essential in a global media environment which has a tendency towards homogeneity. Australian cultural distinctness and diversity is both mirrored and fostered by receiving representation on broadcast media.

The ABC and SBS are beloved of the Australian public for good reason. The ABC is more trusted than Australian politicians, and as such Australian politicians should consider whether they are in fact as deserving of that trust as the ABC, rather than attempting to undermine Australia's trust in the ABC. The ABC and SBS should be treated with respect, as they have treated us, the Australian people, with respect. If you treat the Australian public with respect, and seek to serve all Australians equally, then you will be in good company with the SBS and the ABC.


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

The ABC is a national treasure. It's value to our people is beyond price.

Here is what the ABC means to me.

The ABC brings us stories, both fact and fiction, which represent the diversity of Australia in C21st.

It is a source of reliable information about our country, our world and its people. I trust the ABC to tell the truth, however uncomfortable that truth may be.

I listen to RN every day, sometimes on an analogue radio and sometimes with the Listen App. Where else could I find a detailed discussion about the ramifications for Malaysia and Australia of the recent election of PM Mahathir? I watch ABC TV almost every day. I use the website for news updates and iview for cutting edge programs and to catch up.

I grew up with Kindergarten of the Air, Doctor Who and The Goodies. We laughed as a family at The Goon Show, My Word and My Music over lunch on Saturdays.

These days, I love Awaye, Background Briefing, Conversations and Occam's Razor, to name just a few. My day starts with RN Breakfast. We enjoy the the variety of ABC TV, from the best drama, like Mystery Road, to the best satire, like Mad as Hell, and the moving and funny Please Like Me.

My mother, who is very old and frail, loves to listens to Classic FM every day, while my father uses the website to follow the news with enthusiasm, keeping him connected to the world. When my friend M was too ill to leave the house, ABC radio brought the world to her.

The ABC answers only to the Australian people, which is as it should be. We, the Australian people, own the ABC and no government has the right to sell it.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to the inquiry into public broadcasters.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A publically funded, public broadcaster is the only way to achieve two desirable goals -

- 1) Objective reporting and journalism without concerns of commercial or political influence
- 2) Advertisement-free broadcasting which is especially important for young children who are vulnerable to unethical advertising.

If the main TV public broadcaster was closed or sold to a commercial company it would constitute a major assault on one of the pillars of democracy.

Sincerely,

Dr [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: the ABC must not be privatised!!!


The ABC is a public entity (that is my understanding) and any attempt to privatise it should not be tolerated or condoned by the public who are the beneficiaries of this institution.

Along with SBS which unfortunately has had to accept advertising to continue the ABC provides viewers with unbiased and informative programs, together with at times entertaining programs.

I do not wish to see the ABC taken over by corporate interests that will most likely change the independent culture of the ABC.

Yours

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR

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

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

I am 79 and ever since the days of The Argonauts I have loved the ABC radio and then television. I do not like the commercial stations, either tv or radio, and will be lost if the ABC loses its independence as a Public news service, willing and able to make and broadcast programs of intelligence and interest to me and my family. My children and now my grandchildren have loved the programs - and learnt from them. The struggle the ABC now has in obtaining enough funding has led to a much lower standard of tv than in the past and should this get worse, which it will if the abc is privatised, will leave any Australians bereft of news they can trust and progress they can enjoy. There is a clear differentiation between listeners and viewers of commercial media and those of us who prefer and rely on the ABC. It is a responsibility of the Government in a democracy to present trustworthy information and intelligent sows that challenge and inform. Dismantling this is a repressive and dangerous move.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands.

We need a reliable and unprejudiced broadcaster who can keep people informed and be able to give us unbiased facts in news.
We have this in our ABC. Surely a worthy government would welcome honesty and accuracy in reporting and good research which could lead to positive improvements in society and a better world.
Let's celebrate and encourage the ABC and their achievements.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public Hands

As senior citizens, my wife and I believe the ABC operates in accordance with their charter, with the principles of competitive neutrality. It is important to us because it covers relevant, fair, and unbiased current affairs programs, as well as public health and historical documentaries, quality Australian Drama and Australian children's programs. It is a valuable public asset for our Australian society in a sometimes over-commercialised world of media. These are some of the reasons we believe the ABC should remain as our public broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC it is Australias, not a business.

Seriously, if ever there was a more succinct demonstration of how far removed from the Australian people politicians are, it is this latest push for privatising the ABC. Every privatisation event has been a disaster with none of the promised benefits, ie electricity prices, water, telecommunications etc. In any event the ABC is the the only fair and balanced media organisation left as evidenced by all the "balanced" reporting we get from the Murdoch organisations. I will be voting against the liberal party now and forever and making sure I spread the word to all and sundry. This is just the latest in a long sad history of attempts to stifle free speech when it gets in the way of corporate profits and plans and political ambition to stay in power. Tell the truth, go to jail seems to be the latest liberal party plan from the entitled to keep the plebs in their place and liberal in power. You don't deserve it....get on and govern the country for all Australians instead of the entitled few and maybe the ABC would have less to report on...

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