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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatised ABC

Please consider this request not to privatise the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. As with many of Australians' daily services, the ABC is provided by the government and funded only through the government, which guarantees a fair voice for all citizens and a protection of their interests and right to information. Privatising will deliberately undermine this important bulwark of our democracy, and should not be undertaken in any way. Please reconsider this move and understand that by doing so you will be protecting a vital interest of all Australians for many years to come. Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public and restore funding lost!


I am writing on behalf of my whole family to implore you to retain the ABC in public hands. The only thing worth watching on the box, in particular the highly valuable Monday night programming of 7:30 and critically important Media Watch.

The Checkout is also very valuable to our family, we like the team protecting consumers and keeping us aware of predatory and misleading marketing.

We do not want more brainwashing from Rupert Murdoch's empire, nor do we want bought news with commercial interests in mind.

It is an act of patriotism to keep the ABC public owned and impartial, unbiased and financially solvent. Thank you.

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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

Do not privatise the ABC as they are the only media that do proper investigative journalism and help keep the Government honest and accountable.

If the Coalition is successfully in privatising the ABC it will be another reason to get rid of the at the next electionbring it on

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The people of Australia own the ABC

I cannot imagine life without the people's ABC. As a small child I thrived on Kindergarten of the Air, and 2FC (later ABC Classic FM) was always on in the house - this is where I first delighted in Schubert songs and Brahms piano solos. As a teenager I found that all my friends' parents (of various political hues) depended on the 7 o'clock ABC news for an accurate account of world and local news. The ABC also brought out the best of the BBC such as "My Word". The ABC Young Performers' Competition (previously the Concerto and Vocal Competition) was a great inspiration to me and to my musician friends, and I was fortunate to be a state finalist and to perform in the Town Hall with the SSO. Nowadays we also have excellent home-grown products like "Mystery Road", "Tonightly", "Gruen" and "Please Like Me" and the amazing benefits of iView. The ABC News continues to be the unbiased and reliable account of important events. How dare you consider selling off this precious asset of the people of Australia?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell My ABC

The ABC is a cornerstone of our democracy. Many would argue that it is the last independent, reliable news operation in this country. It is also a bulwark against the erosion of Australian content in the media - both for news and entertainment.

Even floating the idea of selling it looks like a sell-out to the Hansonites and should spell political doom to the government. Weasel words claiming it is not part of our plan, not our current policy etc. are not good enough. The government needs to get up on its hind legs and make an unequivocal statement of support for Our ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the public.

We need to keep the ABC in tax payers hands. To privatise the ABC will jepadise the independence of the broadcaster.
Support keeping the ABC in the hands of the people.

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VIC 3121 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's our ABC!!

From our rich red soil of the outback to the glistening turquoise water that laps the white sandy coasts, Australia is a diversely beautiful country both geographically and culturally. It is this diversity that is SOLELY celebrated and voiced by the ABC.

The ABC is a truly independent media organisation for all Australians. As is its charter, it “provides within Australia innovative and comprehensive broadcasting services of a high standard, broadcasting programs that contribute to a sense of national identity and informs and entertains, and reflects the cultural diversity of, the Australian community; broadcasting programs of an educational nature; as well as transmitting to countries outside Australia broadcasting programs of news, current affairs, entertainment and cultural enrichment that will encourage awareness of Australia and an international understanding of Australian attitudes on world affairs and will enable Australian citizens living or travelling outside Australia to obtain information about Australian affairs and Australian attitudes on world affairs.” It provides high quality digital media services in a changing digital landscape; and “encourages and promotes the musical, dramatic and other performing arts in Australia.”

This is priceless and cannot be bought. You simply cannot privatise such a charter that belongs so uniquely to the heart of all Australians- our public deserves a public broadcaster. Public money is the only way that such a broadcaster should be funded. I am proud to know that my taxes go towards the ABC. I am angry when I hear of budget cuts to Australia’s independent voice. Shouldn’t we be striving to protect, preserve, nourish and enrich this public service through public funding rather than selling off and selling out?

Privatising the ABC would be an irreversible error, an error so shortsighted and foolish that this error would haunt the decision-makers for the rest of their days. It would destroy an integral part of Australia; a part of Australia that has moved with the times, celebrating our wonderful country and being a trusted voice to turn to when times were tough.

If we want Australia to stay true to ourselves and to our collective heart, there is no place for the privatisation of the ABC.

It’s our ABC, let’s keep it that way.



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatize our ABC!

I am very concerned about the news, that the ABC broadcasting channel is going to be put in private hands. The ABC is delivering one of the last remaining sources of independent journalism and investigative journalism on Australian TV and these are needed to maintain a healthy democracy.

If you privatize the ABC, chances are too great that there will be an influence over what will be covered by journalists and in what way it will be covered.


In other words: the independence of our ABC is only guaranteed by it remaining a public channel!

Even if you were to put so called "save-guards" in place to try and make sure that the ABC's independence was maintained after privatization, it would be (as experience taught us) a slippery slope, because rules and regulations are changed, depending on what government is in place and who is exerting an influence on this government.

Please do not privatize the ABC. Ever.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must always belong to the Australian public


The ABC must never be privatised. It is our most respected, valuable and essential news and entertainment outlet.

It reaches all areas of Australia with topical programs, targeted unbiased news, educational programs, entertaining programs, factual, informative, instructive and educational programs and documentaries and thinking programs. It is aimed to all - towards all ages and all interests. It is the only truly trustworthy broadcast and media outlet in the whole of Australia.

It must NEVER be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

I cant believe there is even a thought of privatizing the ABC. The ABC are the last of freedom speech prodcasting in Australia. I will be gathering as much support from our local community and beyond to make sure this doesn't happen.How dare the Turnbull government.

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VIC 3450 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not muzzle the ABC

Over the past several years, the "Liberal" Government has attempted to restrict the ABC from reporting in ways it does not like. Don't let this inquiry become the means of further restricting freedom of speech.

These restrictions have been perpetrated in different ways. Complaints about the neutrality of reporting is one. No reporting can be completely neutral so it is easy for anyone to find a lack of neutrality from any point of view. I have watched the ABC over the last few years trying to bend over backwards to present alternate views and it is tedious.

Another point of attack on the ABC is trying to make it present all kinds of reports on all possible interests out there in its serious news programs. I watched as the Lateline program went from the best one stop news program I have ever seen to being muzzled by having to present all kinds of soft news, specific interest segments to the detriment of its serious news coverage. Of course it was finally eliminated as it became less and less relevant.

I trust the news on the ABC. It may be slanted towards the left but it does report stories that the left of politics may not like. Why should it be restricted from reporting stories that the political right does not like?

The world seems to be moving further and further to the right. The ABC is a good counter-balance to this. We don't want the ABC becoming just a populist mouthpiece for a right wing government.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retaining the ABC in public hands

I cannot believe that anyone could ever consider selling off the ABC. When I was a child we listened to every scrap of news we could get if the war raging overseas. Today, I still make the ABC my go to place to accurate news.

This wonderful public owned institution, is not a propaganda tool for whatever party is in government. The Liberal Party was content when it was a Labor Government dealing with the ABC's policy deconstruction. Now you are in power, you are blaming a few journalists supposed biased commentary. This is grossly unfair to the people reporting on political affairs. To put it in well chosen private hands will only make matters worse and confirm our worst fears.

You do not own the ABC, we the people of Australia. There are other channels you can easily report your newsworthy item, exactly how you want them to be.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] Derby, Tasmania

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TAS 7264



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public Broadcaster for all Australians

My origins are from regional Australia (Mt Gambier) where in the 1950s the ABC was the only sensible source of good reliable news at very predictable times on radio. The introduction of television saw me as a bush pilot based in Port Augusta where the combined radio / television services were a stark contrast to the commercial stations. Later, as an Alice Springs based Air Traffic Controller, the only television for us was the ABC. As our children started to grow, they did not watch commercial television in Adelaide, but the ABC provided quality children's programs. My wife and I are regular watchers of: The Drum; 4 Corners; Insiders; and some good Friday / Saturday dramas for relaxation. The political programs seem very balanced and represented by both sides. Ellen Fanning is particularly brilliant at her job, as is Barrie Cassidy. To stifle their work, and the work of all other ABC journalists with commercial interest is, in my opinion, a bad joke.

Turnbull doesn't need any help from the ABC to make himself unpopular- he does a perfectly good job of that himself with his arrogant tantrums in Parliament Question Time. Pauline Hanson only needs to open her mouth on any station for people to see through her; and doesn't need the help of the ABC. We know about the socially ultra conservative rump of the liberal National Coalition (for whom I have voted a number of times). These ultra conservatives have used commercial media to ram home their agenda, as well as the ABC. Finally with exception of SBS, commercial television programs in general are garbage with the exception of some evening news. I have never donated to or affiliated with any political party in my life until now, but "Getup" now seem to me the organisation which can "watchdog" a modern evolved social conscience.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in Australia's public hands!

Having grown up watching the wonderful programming on the ABC, I am so happy to be able to share this also with my small children. To offer them world class programming with great educational, music, science shows; and especially to not have to have them exposed to so much corporate and manipulative advertising while they watch their shows.

I love the political and social programming on the ABC also, which offers such a broad range of experience and voices.

It is really a very special and important resource that we have as a nation, our own broadcasting channel. Please don't privatise the ABC. Keep it in the hands and access of our public. It will only be tainted by which ever vested interests purchase it and it will NEVER have the same integrity that it has proudly held for so many long years.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should be kept in public hands

I am appalled by the idea that the ABC could be privatized. A true democracy requires its citizens to be fully informed. We cannot rely on the commercially controlled media to take this role. Who do the proponents of privatisation think is going to be the emergency broadcaster in times of bush fires and other emergencies?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT privatise our ABC, please

I rely on the ABC in its various platforms to bring me informed, intelligent well researched and timely local, national and international information. My children and grandchildren grew up watching the creative and stimulating children's programs and as a teacher many students found BTN educational and informative. The ABC provides immediate and trustworthy reporting of major disasters. Those of us living in Canberra appreciated the outstanding job done in the covering of the bushfires which caused so much destruction in this our Capital city. Our democracy needs a strong public broadcaster regardless of which party is in power, to ask those frank and fearless questions and to do the investigative journalism which is a hallmark of the ABC. The thought of having to watch adds is just too much to contemplate. Please, retain our ABC, we need our Aunty, she is an integral part of our Australian family.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands


The ABC must never be privatised.

ABC News at 7pm, the 7:30 Report and 4 Corners are the primary news source I trust in Australia, cornerstones in my daily life. The fact they are NOT commercially funded means they can tell it like it is. The ABC's standard of journalism is very high; their programs are well-crafted and comprehensive. Take the recent 3 part series on Trump/Russia. A program such as this would never be created for commercial television. 4 Corners investigates a wide range of topics, all extremely relevant to the Australian public. In this world of "fake news" and twittering ABC's level of integrity is priceless. Commercial television is too Hollywoodesque. If money is involved, the lines become blurred.

Only government can fund a news source. Commercial interests prioritise themselves first, not their viewers. They are interested in making a profit, not in ensuring the public is informed in a responsible way. Democracy is priceless. Democracy works best when its citizens are informed, fully informed, with the facts. Commercial television provides what is often almost a sham form of news; shallow, sensationalist and glitzy, in style giving brief coverage of events. The Coalition's attack on the ABC is understandable but cannot be justified. One wonders just what they are afraid of. Funding the ABC is the responsibility of the government, the government elected to look after the interests and well-being of its citizens and residents. The only way to ensure this is to fund the ABC.

Truly, the ABC must not be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is the only trusted news source we have. Dont kill that

You may think it hurts Australia to have political mistakes aired in public. You may think its unpatriotic to have the government of the day held to account. Look closely and you will see that all political parties are equally questioned by the ABC. I have seen as many reports on mistakes of labour governments as we have ever seen of liberal ones. They are a fair and unbiased news source in an increasing sea of biased reporting in Australia, and we desperately need to hold on to that.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ...

I'm nudging 90, born in Sydney, and never dreamed
I'd have to defend the ABC against privatisation!
The ABC is Australia's defender of decency and
democracy;

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NSW 2066



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep ABC in our hands

It's OUR ABC so leave it as a public broadcaster

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I strongly support public broadcasting, both radio and television. Except for sports programs, I rarely watch other than the ABC and SBS as I find most commercial channels programs to be mind-numbingly banal. While I rarely watch the ABC's current affairs programs other than Stan Grant's excellent and thought-provoking Matter of Fact on Channel 24, when I do I consider them to be fair and impartial, in keeping with the ABC's charter. The fact that whichever political party is in power usually complains that they are otherwise is a clear indication that they are.

Privatisation of the ABC would inevitably result in an organisation that is not impartial as they will become just another commercial body beholden to ratings and its advertisers and it should not be allowed to happen.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in safe hands

The notion of privatizing the ABC is purely ideological and is based on market driven capitalism. I cannot see it benefiting the Australian community in any way at all. The focus would change from service to making a profit. And making a profit would be prioritized over the facts and the truth. Governments and industry need to be held to account just like everybody else in this country - the ABC does that as well as providing quality drama and children's programs.

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NSW 2759 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC is an important public asset. The idea of throwing away its important role in our society to commercial interests is crazy.

Since I was a child, the offerings that ABC has brought to our community have been an important part of my, and most other Australian's lives. I grew up listening to triple J, and watching ABC television. In my adult years, ABC has become the mainstay of my media consumption and an important source of news and entertainment in my and my friends lives.

Everyday I wake up with ABC news, listen to ABC news on the way to work and chill with the bevy of entertainment options provided by them. ABC iView is a resource of education and entertainment.

Why ABC over all other options? For 1, it is free, provided by the taxes that I and every other Australian pay to ensure that essential services (such as continual political coverage and emergency information) are made available. The lack of commercial interest is refreshing in our consumer world, free of adverts and influence, the ABC remains the one broadcast that is free from subliminal message.

The ABC has coped a lot of criticism in recent times from the Liberal Government and its right wing supports, and now more than ever the processes of the ABC must be protected above all else. From a public observer, it seems that the Liberals wish to remove the oversight that the ABC provide in the interest of Australians. Without them, the public would be blind to corruption and political malpractice, allowing those in control to strengthen their draconian positions and assist their commercial friends in deepening their pockets.

And that is just the news side of the ABC.

Children's entertainment is pride of place with the ABC, being the provided of Sesame Street, Play School and a continuous kids chanel. Privatising the ABC would risk the integrity of our next generation and subject them to even greater commercial influence at a very young age. McDonald's, Coca-cola, Matel and other companies would be free to pay for access to children and pervert entertainment into another way they can brainwash youngsters into a commercial mentality.

I touched briefly on the importance emergency information services provided by the ABC. There is no commercial interest in the broadcast of these messages meaning that the provatising of the ABC would lead to the end of this vital community service. Even if their were laws enforcing their broadcast, they would be paraphrased with statements like 'this emergency broadcast was brought to you by....' This is not a game that should be played with with Australian lives.

There is no public interest in the commercialisation of the ABC. The importance of the network of television and radio coverage is far too great to be risked by leaving it in commercial and market hands. It would destroy freedom and erode democracy, hurting everyone in this country. Funding needs to be restored to it to ensure that its contribution to our wonderful society continues and that democracy flourishes.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I have given up supporting any political party -a pox on all of them.
My support for the ABC is based entirely on
it's independence to be able differentiate scientific facts from fiction,
The hugely wide range of topics that it presents
It's high production values and quality ABC entertainment values
The classical music station is the best in the world for the average listener (and I have heard many).
If you want a population of poorly educated citizens who cannot discern value when they see it, then go
ahead and dumb us down. Australia can head towards the 'banana republic' status in our general knowledge.
Right now, the ABC adds to all the other virtues of Australia.
Crass commerce will never add any value to it's citizenry.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is far and away more important than any elected member of any parliament in this country. Just remember that. [REDACTED]

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NSW 2289 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

1. RE QUALITY OF COMMERCIALS USED BY VARIOUS PROVIDERS:

If the ABC is privatised, there will be no form of media that Australians can enjoy without being exposed to commercial advertising of a kind that is more invasive and repetitive than any promotional material aired by the ABC.

2. ENTERTAINMENT AND INFORMATION VERSUS BRAIN WASHING:

For those of us who enjoy viewing and hearing material that is either entertaining or informative, the continual onslaught of attention-getting advertisements is annoying. Most of these messages incite the urge to spend on goods or services that the viewer/listener may not want or need.

3. CONTROL OVER QUALITY OF PROGRAMMES OFFERED:

Privatisation of any service removes the option for the government or members of the public (other than company shareholders) to have a say in the content or the operation of the service. Profit for the company is the chief motivation of any commercial entity. History shows us that private companies usually sacrifice the interests of the public in order to meet their budget.

4. QUALITY OF LIFE IN A CIVILISED SOCIETY:

Most Australians like to call themselves “thinking people” and resent being exhorted to spend, spend, spend. We are entitled to continue receiving the entertaining and informative material we currently enjoy without being bombarded with commercialism.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

To the Communications Minister Mr Mitch Fifield

There are very few countries that have a broadcaster like our ABC. It is an organisation to boast about. Our children have been nurtured by such programs as Playschool and BTN. The celebration of local and nationwide stories through documentaries, interviews and investigative journalism as well as Australian drama, adds a depth to our culture that could never be replicated by commercial interests.

It is up to all sides of government to protect this national icon. Without it, the daily cacophony of misrepresentation and commentary by factional "opinion makers" will only starve and weaken our democracy. Please continue to support generous funding for our ABC.

Sincerely [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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TAS 7109



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

No reasonable person thinks the ABC is biased. That is the truth!

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VIC 3054



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must not be privatised

Re my earlier letter posted on 14-Mar-2018, to the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, PM. , and Scott Morrison, Treasurer


Additionally, there are now concerns that Liberal/National Party coalition are now raising the option of PRIVATISING the ABC, and no doubt also the SBS.

Totally opposed to this crazy idea, which can only adversely affect to political dialogue in Australia. This must, and will be resisted by all thinking, sensible Australians.

Meantime, await response from the Hon. PM and Treasurer to my earlier, a.m. submission.

Regards,
[REDACTED] Murrays Beach NSW 2281

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

Dear sir/madam,

The ABC is a huge and rich educational and knowledge resource that is owned by all Australians. A knowledge driven modern economy relies on a resource such as this to progress, especially in the face of the scaling back of newspapers due to digital disruption and a general dumbing down of television and other media. I am often struck by the amount of high quality specialist information that my wife and her sister glean from their walking commute as an example of the broadly based dissemination of knowledge achieved by the ABC.

The ABC was constructed by a conservative government with a large minded headset.

It is about information flow and verifiable facts and cannot be even-handed, rather it must represent verifiable facts, even when these do not suit political fashion. A privatised ABC could not possibly be as rich and extensive and as fine-grained as it is now. As a high quality educational and knowledge resource it is not going to return a profit, despite its huge value to the economy and to society. To privatise the ABC would be an act of considerable small-mindedness and economy folly, and given depth and quality of the intellectual capital Australians have built up in the organisation, would be in a small way similar to the ancient burning of the library in Alexandria. We ask that the government restore funding to the ABC so that Australia can resume its task of becoming a proud and productive modern nation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hand. Populism and market forces won't give us a culture for our future Australians.

the ABC offers opportunities to explore ideas in depth. I've just been listening to an hour long forum on 'Can Artificial Intelligence Predict Crime'- which ranged across many important current issues, including the fact that cybercrime has only been tracked internationally since 2016 ... This, and other important programs like 'Philosophers Zone' and 'All in the Mind' provide opportunities for Australians (old and new) to engage with significant new ideas - e.g. in neuroscience , one of the most critical developing sciences of the 21st Century. There may never be a commercial market for this kind of in-depth conversation - but that makes it one of the many 'social goods' that government provides. One of the most precious heritages we have to pass to future generations is the best of our knowledge and culture.. and in every circle these kinds of discussions are generated by ABC programs - including things for kids (such as Japanese anime art). Surely the generations before us have not made such important strides in knowledge and culturally significant developments to have us trash them. We are very clear that valuable knowledge and culture of our indigenous populations should be preserved - we should pay no less respect to the way in which the best and most informative aspects of our wider culture's knowledge and art is transmitted to future generations. European cultures and Asian cultures know this matters - but it seems the Liberal party may be willing to leave it to populist markets to shape the values and knowledge of our future Australian culture.. Please don't let our best (and cheapest) national education and story telling be trashed..

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NSW 2114



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The need for adequate support and the continued integrity of the ABC

Government Inquiry into the ABC,

It is with concern that I note the coalition again putting pressure on my/our ABC through budget cuts and threats of privatisation.

I believe your government is being unfair and that your actions are not in the best interests of the Australian people. We need to have a strong and independent ABC. It is our National broadcaster whose independence we can trust and who is always there - ALL over Australia, cities, regional and remote areas.

Your Liberal Government is clearly trying to make the ABC toe your line, you are trying to influence the ABC reporting through budgetary constraint and threats such as Liberal party vote to privatise the ABC. This is not right. This is not what Australians want - take note.

It is in our best interests to be well-informed through independent ABC sources not informed through news with a commercial bias.

The ABC is my/our National asset. It is a fantastic National resource. Please consider a more generous approach to the ABC and its budget requirements and stop trying to threaten, stymie and corrupt the independence of the ABC.

Regards

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QLD 4860



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need a Public Broadcaster

A public funded ABC is one of the pillars of our democracy. It is more important now than ever, with the instability in the world, to have a broadcaster that is trusted by the public, and reflective of the public.

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NSW 2076



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC for ever

I watch ABC daily for overseas news and it is the only broadcaster that depicts all sides of politics so that I can rely on receiving the latest world news. Also much enjoy the weather forecasts as an old person I can keep warm & dry when outside!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep m our ABC in public hands

The ABC Is my favorite TV channel. It's invests in local talent offers a number of fantastic children's program and alsodelivers unbiased news and investigates Numerous Incidences of wrong doings within our community which have led to a number on Royal commission. Other channels do not have the freedomThe ABC enjoys and content is controlled to some extent by the owners of the channels and advertisers
It will be a very sad time if the ABC is commercialized a privatized
Your sincerely [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hand's off our ABC!

I can't imagine my life without the ABC. I have been informed, educated and creatively enriched by our public broadcaster, and particularly Radio National, all my life (I'm 52 now). Our foremost cultural institution has always done its best to carry out the objectives of its Charter and I believe it serves the diverse Australian public very ably. I want the ABC to have its pre-Coalition (2013) funding restored so that it can continue to invest in new programmes and technology as well as continuing its current good programmes. I believe the recent criticisms of the ABC have arisen from Coalition and One Nation politicians who have been exposed for policies and behaviours they would rather that the public didn't know about. This, to me, makes the ABC more important than ever: to "keep the bastards honest"!

A free and creative ABC is a non-negotiable part of Australia for me. The idea of its privatisation is truly creepy: every tyranny I've observed over the years has always headed first to TV and radio stations to shut them down or make sure they're only reporting the party line. It's completely dangerous for our democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC is the best Australian station and supports local news, media and young performers and film makers.

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VIC 3105



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

Why take a vote on privatising the ABC if there is no intent ? I notice the naysayers stated it would stay in public hands, but DID not mention privatising control & operation of the ABC. Same as telstra eh, keep 51% and sell off the rest - look how well that turned out.

Time for Liberal to go I'm sorry, it's left the grass roots behind a long time ago & is fast turning this once=great country into a cheap version of America.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off "OUR" ABC

The right wing of the Liberal Party has crossed the line again. What these politicians need to know is that the ABC provides the people of Australia a balanced news service, high quality children's programming and blessed relief from advertising rubbish that now infects even SBS. Public Broadcasting provides a vital and irreplaceable role in maintaining an informed population in our democracy. Big business already has more influence than is necessary or good for our communities. Make the ABC free from any political influence. It should be a stand alone commission with an adequate yearly budget tied to inflation. Hands off "our" ABC

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VIC 3070



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC in its current form is something for all Australians to be proud of - rigorous, ethical journalism (untainted by commercial considerations), quality kids' programming and well-made Australian drama. I grew up on the ABC, like all people my age.
Please don't trash the ABC!

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QLD 4035



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am an Australian man of 66 and have watched the ABC my entire life and having traveled overseas I am so proud of our country to have such a fine institution I feel strongly about any attempt to privatise our ABC and that it's an ill-conceived notion and would only benifet those who want to stifle free speech.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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VIC 3840



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

The reasons for having the ABC are many and varied including independence, expertise and programme variety.

To sell the ABC to a commercial concern is of great concern.

Where will the independence go?

Will the owner exert influence to drop certain inquiries if they are at odds with the policy of the owners?

Will such forums as Q & A be scuttled?

Will the coverage of worldwide news be curtailed?

Will advertisers influence content?

The whole idea of selling the ABC is ill thought through and should not go ahead under any circumstances.

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SA 5159



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

Keep the ABC public. It is one the many things that make Australia a great place to live.

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SA 5065 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retaining ABC

I feel it is most important to retain ABC as it covers a wide variety of subjects not covered y commercials and is devoid of ads. If the ABC is privatised program content will be determined by advertisers - it will no longer be impartial.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to keep the ABC in public hands.

To Whom it May Concern

I am a 68 year old person who has had the benefit and joy of watching quality television on the ABC and SBS for many, many years now. When I was young I was devoted to commercial TV because these were the cowboy and Indian years of the 1950s and boy was I a devoted fan of that American film and serial genre. Now days my viewing is so much more refined. I cannot watch the bland, stereotypical programs that are served up on commercial TV - appalling reality shows that depict the very worst in human nature or a steady diet of advertising designed to make us more materialistic and uncaring about our environment.

We are at a crossroads in this country where the forces of conservatism want to control and limit our views. With the ABC you get excellent current affairs covering a range of views and issues. I have watched leaders of all parties squirm in their chairs when they were asked tricky questions on 7.30 Report. This is how a serious current affair program should work. Asking the tough questions and ensuring our leaders and opposition or cross benches have reasonable views About proposed legislation and transparent processes. The ABC is the people's broadcaster which I believe makes politicians accountable to the electorate. It should thus be independent of political manipulation and be there to tell us the truth or at least give us enough neutral and balanced information so we can make up our minds about issues.

If the ABC was privatised excellent investigative programs such as 4 Corners would likely disappear. Who then will call out and shine a spotlight on corporate greed, Illegal and unconscionable use of the Murray Darling Water or many other issues that plague the business world. Who will shine the same spotlight on political mismanagement and corruption? Will a commercial station or a privatised ABC be independent? Accountable to the people? I very much doubt this.


Before the last election the then leader of the Liberal Party, Mr Abbott promised there would be no cuts to the ABC under his government. There were significant cuts. Significant cuts have also been flagged in the recent budget under Mr Turnbull. Are we going to get to a stage where our beloved ABC will be a shadow of its former self and will thus be easy to dismantle? It is hard not to read a conspiracy theory into these cuts or is it the punishment given to our national broadcaster who dares to speak out for the disenfranchised, the battlers, refugees or those who fight for those refugees in indefinite detention? The commercial channels are not likely to be controversial and it is this ability to question and shine a spotlight on dubious governance that enables our country to have a healthy democracy.

The ABC and SBS are the two channels I rely on most to let me see what is really happening in our world and in Australian politics. If they were substantially altered I couldn't watch TV and that would be a crying shame at my age. Would I then be expected to get my news and comment from commercial interests. Is this likely to Make Australia Great Again'?

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3095 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is an essential public service

Privatising the ABC totally goes against the mission of the ABC. As a non-profit organisation it is independent and so able to carry out truly investigative journalism. Thus such criminal acts as water theft in the m\Murray Darling are exposed. Even more important, the government is truly held accountable for its actions. This is an essential part of a real democracy. No wonder the far right doesnt like the ABC! All the more reason to keep it free and independent.

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NSW 2848 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am deeply worried by talk of privatisation of our national broadcaster. The ABC is more important than ever as a source of fact-checked news and current affairs. It is the only forum for ideas and in-depth programs in Australia.

I believe that democracy cannot flourish without a good public broadcasting service to inform the population and create a common narrative. This is essential now as we are bombarded by information and misinformation on the internet.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

A civilised country needs a public independent broadcaster. It is outrageous to privatise an institution as valuable as the ABC. Biased???? Just because it provides us with an alternative to the commercial channels, the shockjocks, the Murdoch press which are all biased towards money making commercial nonsense. Privatising the ABC will restrict investigative journalism and harm our democratic rights.

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NSW 2110 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in our public hands

I cannot believe that my ABC would be taken from me. It is the only TV station(s) I watch and the only radio station(s) I listen to. There are excellent news broadcasts, with unbiased reporting, of all sides of any issue.

I have listened to the ABC since I was born almost 70 years ago. Without it, I will be deprived of quality programs. My children and grandchildren will be deprived of quality programs. I have paid taxes since I was 15 years old and now this government, for some reason that is unclear to me, wants to spend my taxes on everything other than the one thing that means something to me.

Does this mean I'll be forced to listen to the likes of Alan Jones SHOUTING at me? Because, I'm afraid, that's what he does! If he is anything to go by, the commercial stations and channels do not present facts as facts, but opinion as facts. Furthermore, how is one able to follow programs on commercial channels when the content is continually interrupted by commercial breaks? Please do not deprive me of advertising-free intelligent programs and especially news bulletins.

PLEASE! The ABC must NOT be privatised! PLEASE! Do not allow it to be taken from public control.

Thank you and best wishes

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NSW 2481



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I love the ABC - Please keep our ABC in the hands of the Australian people


I love the ABC.

It has been with me all my life, from childhood to now. Some of my fondest memories are with the ABC, from early learning watching Play School to listening to Macca on a Sunday Morning with the family. It always teaches me something new. I learned how to garden in our Subtropical Queensland thanks to Gardening Australia. Driving in the car there's always one station I look forward to listening to: the ABC. It's one of my favorite things about Australia, I get to hear from Aussies from all over the country.

Losing the ABC would be losing a part of Australia and the notion that it would never again exist as it is would be a great tragedy.

Yes, I love the ABC.

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QLD 4211 

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public media and our nation

As a child in Adelaide, I first learnt I was part of a nation by interacting with the things which were there for us all, as citizens. We kids played on the slides in public parks, read books in public libraries, were told to keep our feet off public benches and bus seats "in case a lady in a white dress sits there", and watched the Goodies and Dr Who on public television. We were taught that these things were for everyone, and should be looked after by everyone. I believed this thing called 'the government' was benign and even-handed, making sure there was something for all people (including poor kids like us) to use and learn from. I learned that some places excluded us - places that were for making money - and other places included us, and treated us respectfully: public places.

While my theoretical understanding has of course developed, the values are essentially the same. In Australia, both our individual experiences and our collective identity are shaped by how we are included or excluded, and whether we value one another as citizens and Australians, or only as economic units. The quality and availability of public resources is a very clear demonstration of these values, and it shapes us every day.

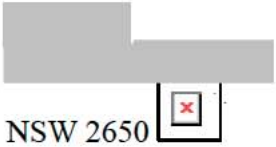
Public television and radio affirms that Australians and our government believe that everyone deserves access to information and culture, and that this should be of a high quality, measured independently of profit or the interests of a small number of privileged people. Public broadcasting affirms that the people's need for information and culture should not only be used as leverage to get people to buy things; that people should have access to broadcast media without advertising. Public media demonstrates a commitment to content which is there because it is inclusive (e.g. content produced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, content for people who speak languages other than English). Public media shows that we as a nation understand that commerce is not the only value to place on information and culture: content which does not make money can be precious for other reasons, such as intellectual rigour, art, innovation, spirituality or provocative ideas which help us grow.

If you have ever had a day which fills you with despair for the future of people and our planet, try watching an episode of Gardening Australia. Personally, my hands are never in the soil, but I am always refreshed by half an hour with that show, to experience content which sincerely affirms the disinterested sharing of information, practical experience and enthusiasm among people all around the country.

Taking a consequentialist perspective, privatisation of public media is unethical because of the predictable results, which will benefit a small group of people and organisations which are already disproportionately privileged, and disadvantage a much larger group of people, including those who are already disadvantaged in multiple ways. Quality content which is not profitable would be ditched. There would be no check on bias or the interests of power in media practices. Rural and regional content would be over. There would be no reliable news alternatives to metastatic Foxification.

I would like to close by adding a note about political pressure on public broadcasting content and practices. Encroachment on media freedom is one of the measures used by the Economist IU to define "Flawed Democracy" - the category to which the USA has recently been downgraded.

I thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.



NSW 2650


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please privatise the ABC

It will make it certain you ignorant neanderthals will be tossed out despite the Commercial stations' propaganda.

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NSW 2283 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

The ABC, for any and all faults it may have, is still the most trusted news source for this WA regional listener and viewer. Free of commercial pressures, it can provide the nation with news and entertainment that commercial broadcasters simply cannot match. With the decline of traditional news media due to the digital revolution, now, more than ever, do all Australians, including the Luddites like me, need the ABC to continue its proud non-commercial tradition. The blatantly ideological attempt by the Hard Right to destroy an institution they cannot control must be resisted and forestalled, just as much as if it was the Hard Left doing the same.

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WA 6530 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off independent journalism!

Look at the long and honourable track record of ABC programs, such as for example "4 Corners". Australia would be so much the poorer without our honest, fearless and independent broadcaster. Exposing wrong doing, time after time. Wait until the wrong doers are paying for the content.
For further emphasis, look at the tripe that is trotted out by the private sector broadcasters. Paid advertisements masquerading as news may appeal to those seeking to hijack democracy.
Stop the race to the bottom! Stop trying to emulate the USA, a country which is second rate by most measures. We are Australian, an egalitarian country.....until recently.

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QLD 4350 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC!

I am outraged to hear of moves to privatise our national broadcaster, the ABC! This cannot happen. The people will not allow this to happen. The ABC is our trusted source with no political or business ties and remains the only broadcaster which can act as a trustworthy independent source of information. It is a national treasure which should be safeguarded by all political leaders and parties. I call on you to immediately do so.

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NSW 2300 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF THE ABC

I am appalled by the very suggestion of selling off the ABC. Were it not for ABC outlets, there would be no authentic Australian voice in the broader media. Without the ABC there would be no dedicated platform for Australian drama, comedy, lifestyle or children's programmes, no Australian focused news and current affairs outlets and no televised public forums for the debate of social, economic and political issues or world affairs. There is no economic argument for selling the ABC because it pays for itself while its contribution to every aspect of Australian life is priceless. There is certainly no political reason for selling it off and the excuse that it is flawed by a left-wing bias is absurd. Anyone who watches or listens to ABC news and current affairs programmes regularly will know that ABC journalists / commentators sometimes play devil's advocate with prominent guests but they do so with those from the left as well as the right of politics. If the government of the day gets more attention than the opposition it is only because it is the government, and not the opposition, that makes decisions, that devises and implements policies. It is the kind of journalism / commentary we get from the ABC that gives us broad insights into the way our country is governed and enables us to make informed choices. If we only had the kind of news broadcast by commercial channels, we would get only one perspective on the world and we would not have the tools we need to consult our own best interests. I know that most Australians feel as I do, are outraged by the thought of losing the ABC and would join with me in saying HANDS OFF!

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WA 6530 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must never be privatised. As a public broadcaster it is held to account by oversight provisions not faced by commercial media. It provides reliable, trustworthy, independent news and current affairs as well as Australian drama and programs. It actually adds to the value and worth of Australian culture and society. Moreover it is a bulwark against 'fake' news - note the following quote:
"Individuals are tempted to destroy by spreading scandalous news", Pope Francis said during Mass. '
An accountable public broadcaster is the least we can ask for. With the ABC we get much more.

Don't touch it!!

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NSW 2103 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't you dare!

I love the ABC because it is not commercial and is far more independent than any other radio except maybe SBS. We all know you are under the influence of the Chicargo Boys who are still working on privatizing everything under the sun - world wide. Lay off!!!

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SA 5255 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC in public hands

The ABC was set up in 1932 to provide for the culture of Australian life. There was no mention of economics in its Charter. For critics to say it costs too much is beside the point. The ABC is necessary to provide a counterpoint to vested interests, i.e commercial interests who don't want competition.

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NSW 2068 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of the ABC

I am horrified at the thought of the ABC being privatized for the following reasons:

1. The ABC consistently provides high quality information to the Australian public. One of its best services is ABC Radio National which I listen to most of the day to ensure that I keep up to date with news and important topics including science. Flagship programs like the Science Show and the Health Report are wonderful sources of information untainted by commercial interests.
2. ABC television together with SBS are the only channels worth watching. They consistently provide high quality news programs, Australian made drama and informative documentaries that seem to be free of the sensationalism and inaccuracies that often pervade the commercial channels.
3. I am happy to pay taxes to ensure that we continue to have a free public broadcaster with no advertising. Parents who don't wish their children to be exposed to advertising have no free to air alternative to the ABC. There are many advertisements aimed at getting children to want things, particularly unhealthy foods, that parents should be able to steer clear of. We have an obesity crisis that is not going to improve if children are bombarded with ads for junk food.
4. If the ABC is privatized it is likely to fall into the hands of someone like Rupert Murdoch. His FOX news is notorious for its bias and lack of quality journalism. I for one would not want to pay to view such rubbish and would be faced with no other option if the ABC ceased to exist. I recently visited New Zealand. Its TV and radio services are all appalling compared to the ABC and the BBC. The only alternatives to their national broadcaster are equally appalling and very low quality. Australia needs a national broadcaster that provides high quality thoughtful content. The IPA seems to think that it should be able to impose its right wing views by removing any perceived criticism of these contained in ABC programs. This is an extremely dangerous path for any democracy to take. It is not being biased to criticize right wing views when they are clearly ill founded. A prime example of this is the current climate change debate where the right wing of the Liberal Party is setting Australia back years. I for one am grateful that the ABC can inform me of the current scientific consensus on this issue rather than pandering to right wing climate change deniers.
5. The ABC is an asset of the Australian people that should never be privatized. The mania for privatization needs to be seen for the con trick that it is. I haven't noticed that I am paying less for my electricity and gas since these services were privatized - quite the contrary. I resent the idea that an asset which I have funded through my taxes for many years will be sold to someone who will then try to provide me with a service that is far more expensive and of such low quality that it is not worth having - leaving me with no viable alternative in radio and only SBS TV. Why should we be concerned about any perceived unfair advantage over commercial media outlets? In a true capitalist society the commercial media need to provide a product that is what people want. If it is, people will use it. If it isn't, these companies should go to the wall. There is no reason why our ABC should be privatized just to give commercial outlets an advantage by virtue of the fact that their competition has been removed. This is the worst policy idea that the Liberal Party has ever voted for.

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VIC 3095



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and this is the first time I have ever sent an email of this type but I believe the ABC is one of the most important institutions that Australia has.

I believe that in today's world of "fake news", where vested interests are harder to see, a media outlet such as the ABC that is funded by the public is more important than ever.

I worry where free speech in this great country is heading and hope that the ABC isn't lost in the far right's lust for control of speech and specifically criticism.

Thank you for your time,

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NSW 2341



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should never be privatised

If the ABC is privatised it will only become another Fox News, toeing somebody's line. Impartiality will be the first thing to die.

I have long enjoyed the ABC and don't want to see this last bastion to finally fall.

Thank you, [REDACTED]
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NSW 2077




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Conservatives, ha! Save our ABC

When I was a boy it was the 90s. A slower decade without instant news. The ABC taught me what journalistic integrity was. They taught me to be impartial and intellectual in drawing my conclusions. Without the ABC I would never have had big Ted and gemima on playschool teaching me to share, and that all Australians are my mate. It brings a bitter tear to my eye and a sour ache in my heart to think that political cowardice and big business is set to bring down our TV. Not Murdoch's telly, OUR telly. For what it's worth, thank you to all those that brought me triple J, the Shaun Micallef show, Andrew Denton and Kerry O'Brien, Virginia Trioli and so many internationally acclaimed programme's. It's been a blast. Let's share it with the next generation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC government owned


The ABC and SBS have been vital sources of rigorous journalism and great entertainment for me since I was a young child.

While I don't always agree with the opinions expressed by those who appear on the ABC, the views are similar to many people I know.

I've been concerned about the direction the organisation has been heading since radio presenters started taking part time jobs with other organisations. They began to avoid certain topics when their views may have offended their second boss.

Honestly, the very reason for holding an inquiry is irrelevant. Any perceived advantage that the ABC now gets from public funding is, in fact, a relative benefit that occurs when others give up on quality programming. It is essential that Australians continue to get quality local content and the Australians shouldn't be denied this because others failed to plan well enough.

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QLD 4030 

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

Every country needs a public broadcaster. I believe the ABC delivers credible news and current affairs programmes and we need to see this continue. We have seen in the past how the Hard Right via the Murdoch media treated former PM Julia Gillard, and as far as I'm concerned this is not the Australian way. What we don't need is the likes of Pauline Hanson ruling the airwaves.

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NSW 2289




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

No other news or entertainment source has the accuracy or quality of the ABC. It can be trusted much more than any other outlet. Do not privatise this very valuable public asset or we will lose our most trusted and loved news source.

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SA 5062 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why the ABC must remain a public broadcaster

ABC news and TV programming has been a hugely important part of my and my family's lives since childhood. My father was a High school principal and the 7.45 am news on ABC radio while driving to work was where we found out about the world and what was happening. The ABC was the source of information which was then discussed and debated at the dinner table.

Commercial businesses always have their own agenda. In Queensland the Murdoch newspapers are so biased and one sided they are an offence to journalism. The ABC is the only media that can be trusted to deliver objective, balanced news and analysis and this is despite being constantly attacked by conservative politicians to scare them into submission.

The ABC is also an important provider of Australian content that is not just crap reality TV. Australian story is one of our favourite shows for its sensitive portrayal of Australian lives.

Four Corners is essential viewing and is one of the last true examples of investigative journalism in this country.

Politicians need to keep their hands off our public broadcaster. It is way too important for us as a nation and a democracy.

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QLD 4566 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

Public broadcasting enables us to have an independent voice for discussion and debate on matters that are important.

If the ABC is privatised I have grave fears that it will come under the influence of commercial interests and that independence will be lost. Who will present important current affairs programs, human interest stories and world news?

I feel very passionate about the ABC retaining its independence -- it will be a sad day indeed for Australians if that is taken away.

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SA 5159



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

While my ABC is in public hands, I can relish the reliable, unbiased and independent news coverage. To be owned by a private media mogul would further destroy the fabric of our democracy which you fools on the right are wishing us to do.

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NSW 2016 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands.

The ABC is a wonderful and very accomplished and diverse organisation. It produces and shows a variety of wonderful Australian Drama and Documentaries and has the highest standards in all it does including fair and unbiased News Coverage and reporting. As an independent broadcaster owned by our Nation it is completely free of any undue commercial influences which would not be the case should it ever be sold off to private enterprise. To ensure that the ABC continues to be absolutely independent it is essential to KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS.

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VIC 3132



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as an important asset for the people

The retention of the ABC in the voters hands is the most stringent multiple method of sustained, truthful and honest method of broadcasting in all of its platforms. It surpasses and outperforms the terrible broadcasting and politically influenced Murdoch enterprises which favours the liberal party and its exorbitant claims and policies.

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NSW 2260 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

There are so many wonderful programmes for all ages on the ABC that are not to be found on commercial broadcasters; think Playschool, BTN, Landline, Back Roads and Back inTime for Dinner. There is comedy, like Gruen, which is intelligent, illuminating and very funny. Where else would the public find current affairs analysis like 4 Corners, Foreign Correspondent and Q and A. The ABC is such a rich resource of independent information it must never be allowed to slip into private hands where its public charter will be corrupted.

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VIC 3946 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

This week the Conversation Hour on morning ABC Radio 774 discussed stem cell research and its ramifications for potential health improvements in our society. As always it was an intelligent and highly informative broadcast in line with many such offerings from the ABC. One aspect of the program concerned potential breakthroughs in the treatment of Type 1 Diabetes. My wife suffers from this chronic disease. It is possible to find information from many sources but I doubt I could count commercial radio stations in this country as such sources. Yet some would argue that the ABC has an undue advantage over commercial outlets; the difference, among many, is the charter to which the ABC is bound: to inform, educate and be inclusive. Making money is not, nor should it be, a part of this compact with the Australian people.

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VIC 3188 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands: diversity/eaquality/justice

our community has a right to unbiased news and current affairs.

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VIC 3550



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC To Stay Public

Dear Sirs,

I love the ABC, it's non-commercial atmosphere, it's willingness to expose issues without fear, favour or commercial pressure. It's very important that it stays this way. Please do NOT privatise the ABC. It is one of our most treasured public assets, a symbol of real democracy.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2095



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC MUST STAY in public hands

I am writing this submission as I want to express my deepest concern and outrage that the Liberal party is doing all that it can to privatise our (as in our the people of this country) only source of independent news and entertainment. I choose to watch the ABC and SBS over the privatised television stations as the news I get is so much more informative and the majority of the entertainment does not insult my intelligence and I know it is safe to let my grandchildren watch the kids' shows without being bombarded with crass and inappropriate advertising. How many good kids' shows do we have on our privatised stations? How many shows do we have, which address the concerns of the public, in depth, on our privatised stations? Oh, that's right, no money to be made from kids shows and as privatised stations get their money from advertising and whatever other sources they deem to be appropriate for the bottom line means they are not going to rock the boat, by informing the public of what is critical to enable their decision making to be based on all the facts and not just on what the privatised stations feed them.

We, the Australian people, need to have an independent news source one that can-not be bought and sold on the whims of those that want to attain and then keep control of the public. I liken what the Liberal party is trying to do to what is happening in Totalitarian regimes where all news sources that inform the public of what is really going on are shut down and those that are trying to get independent news out are then gaoled. Is this where we are heading under our present Liberal Party?

The citizens of this country are the ones who should decide on whether or not we need a public broadcaster and the vote is already in and it is overwhelmingly in support of our public broadcaster and I join with the rest of the citizens in calling upon the leaders of this country to listen

I believe that without the ABC the citizens of this country will no longer be informed (could that be the buried intent?) and they will then only be offered the information that supports, lets say the Liberal Party! I remember quite a while ago when one of our privatised stations was taken over and the new owners were asked this following question from the attending media "What will the news format be now" and the answer was (and this has remained burned into my memory) "The news will be what I say it will be" now if that is not an exact quote (was a long time ago now) it is and will always remain to be the exact message that was being given to the public and as I mentioned before, I shall never forget that moment!

So it is with this in mind that I say the majority of Australian citizens' not only want and need public broadcasters (ABC & SBS) they expect their money to go into funding them and to not have those funds slashed as to cripple the ability of those public broadcasters to deliver what we have always had and have come to expect to continue. It's called DEMOCRACY!!!

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NSW 2094



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

The abc is the only free to air station without commercial advertising and I want it to remain like that.

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QLD 4305




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Private ownership could control, and limit the ABCs freedom of expression. Also, I think would tend to push it to popular, rather than culturally more challenging programs.

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VIC 3057 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

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

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WA 6009




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our public broadcaster

As a proud western democracy we firmly have to support and adequately fund our public broadcasters. One of the very fundamentals of democracy is the availability and distribution of balanced informaton, and the adequate funding of investigative journalism is an essential part. Biased and manipulative content as produced and broadcast by the commercial stations has to be balanced by a publicly funded body, free of commercial and political interests. Any attack on the ABC is in essence an attack on our democracy and needs to be condemned and exposed as such. Anyone in favour of privatizing our ABC is either unaware of the crucial role of free and unbiased (non commercial) reporting and journalism for a democratic society (and therefore should not be in politics) or is in contempt of democracy.

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NSW 2120 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone!

The ABC has been and still is a lifeline to country people. I grew up with its high standards of news reporting and commentary, its educational kids shows, serials, comedies, plays, concerts and much more. In spite of successive budget cuts the ABC has received, I still rely on it for analysis and education and entertainment independent of commercial interests. I rely on it (and SBS) for high broadcasting standards, for quality and culture. England has a strong public broadcaster as do many other countries. Australia must retain this too or the information we receive will be wholly commercialised and mostly 'fake news'. Our democracy will then be a total farce. Our national broadcaster should be divorced from politics and politicians who merely want to stop criticism and exposure of their policies.

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VIC 3550 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

Dear Senator,

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

To privatise ABC undermines a core part of our democracy, and much of the premise of journalism (reporting to the public relevant socio-political events) .

A public rather than privatised ABC means it is able to be a more accountable mechanism in Australian Broadcasting.

To undermine this would undermine a cornerstone of Australian democracy... please stand today to sanction public broadcasting!

Your's sincerely,

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VIC 3089



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in Public hands

This is the only broadcaster where I can rely on for unbiased views of not only Australian news but world news I am still mourning the loss of lateline and now we only appear to have the excellent seven thirty report and insiders to be kept reliably informed . What the ---- is happening to my country of adoption ,the hard right has so much to answer for.

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VIC 3927 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Renewable Energy

I like the ABC because it doesn't have Adds and it has well balanced programs for both left and right as well as inbetween. We all need to do something about Renewable Energy, saving our natives and not wasting our beautiful world.

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VIC 3666 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the Australian public

The ABC has long been the only independent free source of news and information for the Australian public. Plus it provides good quality entertainment programs free from irritating ads. It must remain in the hands of the people not big business.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2066 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC independent and in public hands

I am appalled at this Liberal government's attitudes to the ABC and the recent vote of many Liberals that it should be privatised.

We watch the ABC and listen to Radio National and our local ABC radio almost exclusively. The Science Show, God Forbid, The Arts Hour, Conversations, The Economist and so many more programs have no equivalent on commercial radio. They are windows into so many facets of Australian society, broadening our understanding of science, economics, literature, medical matters, politics, history, education, design, computing and AI as well as the problems we face in the future. ABC television provides news, information about current affairs, and the results of investigative reporting, as well as quality drama. These are rarely covered in any serious and in depth way by the commercial channels which must dance to their sponsors' tunes.

And yes! The requirements of sponsors, advertisers and commercial deals mean many of these important issues are NEVER covered by commercial channels. We need an independent quality broadcasting service to achieve a well informed population. Why do the Liberals want to feed us rubbish in the form of bread and circuses instead?

By constantly cutting funding to the ABC this Liberal government's policies are threatening the quality, quantity and independence of its broadcasts.

Please increase ABC funding, ensure its ongoing independence and support our marvellous ABC. Signed

[REDACTED]

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TAS 7004



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC Public

3 generations of our family have supported the ABC. By staying in public hands we the people know it will have a strong healthy unbiased future. We say no to privatisation!!!

Sending love and gratitude 🙏🏠

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VIC 3444 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Private ABC? Over a lot of dead bodies!

The ABC is as Australian as the kangaroos and Uluru. It is an important feature of our national identity and to privatise it seriously erodes that identity. It is hard to imagine why such a ridiculous idea would even have been suggested let alone got up at a political convention. The other stupid idea is that as far as the ABC is concerned, is that people in metropolitan areas should be treated differently to those in the bush. Just what we DON'T need.

Thank you
[REDACTED] (for the [REDACTED] family in Wamboin)

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NSW 2620 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:12 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Keep ABC in public hands

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WA 6169



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave our ABC alone

You privatise all our essential services. Why don't you leave the ABC alone . I live in a regional centre and rely completely on the ABC for local news and up to date essential reports. Leave it as is

[REDACTED]

NSW 2370



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Mooted privatisation of the ABC

The last time I looked, we lived in a definitive democracy. Free speech is central to the concept of democracy. Investigative and critical journalism and independence of a substantial proportion of the media is central to free speech. When we 'privatise' free speech we no longer have independence. When gag orders are placed on the media and the independence of journalists is compromised we no longer have critical socio-political commentary or freedom of speech. When this happens, we no longer have a democracy; when this happens we have a dictatorship, only nominally different from the likes of Iran, China, North Korea and many other nations. These are the very nations who we hold in contempt for being 'undemocratic'. We cannot be a nominal democracy whilst definitively being a dictatorship. Selling off the ABC is not just a way of making a quick buck; it's an ideological attack on democracy. Privatisation of public owned media assets enables and would embolden any government who opposes a free media – to manipulate the population through increasingly unchecked powers by operating in a media vacuum. There is no justification for a democratic government to sell off its media assets unless there is a sinister motivation indeed; one which likely involves aspiring to a populace which is malleable and compliant, rather than sufficiently well-informed to think critically about socio-political issues and to exercise their democratic rights.

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VIC 3055



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I implore you to keep our ABC in public hands. Imagine if the ABC was to become another 3AW (or the like)!!

It was never set up to make money- the first paragraph of its charter does not mention economic interests. The ABC should not be vulnerable to commercial interests - it was set up for cultural, social and educational purposes. It should serve the public interest not the interest of some advertiser or owner. If it were to take advertising it would greatly weaken any independence.

I listen to the ABC and the calls would indicate that 50% of people feel it is biased one way while 50% feel it is biased the other way.

This would indicate a fairly middle of the road outlook.

I feel there is no fake news on the ABC. I don't trust many other sources.

As Denis Muller in today's Conversation suggested

"The Competitive Neutrality Enquiry should be called the Editorial Neutering Inquiry"!


This Govt has taken so much money from the ABC it is shameful.

I shall never vote Liberal again, and will support anyone who advocates increasing funding.

A private ABC would lose all credibility even if (horrors) advertising did give it more money.

Don't let the pride of Australia be denigrated by privatising it.

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VIC 3220 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC. Belongs to the public

It is undemocratic to privatise the abc. It will be the end of authentic honest journalism.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2291



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC!

I am writing to say that I am deeply concerned that the ABC is under attack. Both ABC Radio and ABC tv are vitally important to me as trusted and reliable news sources. In addition, the high quality of informative programming and entertainment simply cannot be found on commercial broadcasters. I have spent time living outside Australia and came to appreciate how lucky we are to have such a service, as there was nothing comparable.

Public broadcasting is crucial to our diverse democratic society. The ABC is indeed a national treasure and must not be privatised.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I can't imagine what Australia would be like without an independent and bipartisan national broadcaster. If our news, scientific information, the Arts and public morality and ethics are in the hands of private vested interests then the government will totally lose the already weakened trust the people of Australia have. Our values are already being skewed by the overwhelming and abundant advertising we are being subjected to. For some this is so offensive. I personally can't bring myself to watch or listen to any program with advertisements and many of my friends and acquaintances feel the same. Please keep an independent ABC; it should be a service, not a business. Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2119 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain a public institution

The ABC has been an important part of my life for 50 years and remains an informative, entertaining and essential part of my daily routine. I value its independence, its integrity and its cultural diversity. Freedom from commercial interests is vital to its integrity. The value of the ABC to the community far outweighs its cost. It is as vital in the city as in the country. Do not privatise the ABC

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SA 5154



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC and SBS in public hands!!!!!!

To whom it may concern

I am an Australian I was born into a country which has what's called freedom of speech, unlike some countries like China, North Korea even America it's monitored and monopolised by what they view to dumb people down, and keep them living in fear to control the mass, or other countries which are run by dictatorship and they dictate what people can view we however live in a country where it's our democratic right and freedom of speech what I and fellow Australians watch on television We also VOTE !!!!!

I have grown up with the ABC my entire life, my earliest memory is Bill and Ben the flower pot men which was my favorite show, as a teenager Countdown for example, the very good investigating journalism 4 corners which I might add has been instrumental in letting the public know of two men who brutally raped and murdered a woman in northern NSW some 4 years ago but were never brought to justice thanks to this show and public demand these two men were brought to trial and convicted for their brutal crime, I love Gardening Australia which I have watched for many years, 7.30 report, Australian story and a ton of other amazing programs and series run through our fantastic ABC which belongs to me and all other fellow Australians it belongs to the public, not the Liberal Party Council to vote on and sell it off. How elitist are they!!!!!!

I am an adult and I am a voter and I am concerned that the coalition's attacks on our ABC and also SBS will be an attack on ALL AUSTRALIANS and change our society forever. This is our ABC and belongs to the AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE not a collective of elite people who are dictating what they want, the out of touch politicians and the Liberal Party Council voting to sell it because they think they can because they are the elite, and they are not happy with what they see on the ABC. This is 2018 not 1950 this is our ABC the people of this country not these elite and politicians, are they trying to turn our democratic country into a dictatorship, are they bowing down to the Chinese Government? and dictating what the people of this amazing country can watch because our politicians and the elite of this country are bowing to their wishes.

Also we do not want an American like Keith Rupert Murdoch dictating yet again to this country's politicians and demanding what he wants, just like he managed to stop the Labour version of NBN as this would affect his beloved crappy Foxtel, getting his hands on OUR ABC this belongs to the people and must stay in the public's hands we are not America we are AUSTRALIA. It's the only source of real news just like SBS unlike the now American versions that the commercial TV's have which sensationalise things blow them out of proportion all to keep people in fear. ABC and SBS are the only news I now watch because they tell you exactly what is happening in the world.

This current government are incredibly conservative, pandering to the elite and conservative groups and most probably the Chinese government what we the people of this democratic country watches.

THIS IS OUR ABC THE PUBLIC'S AND IT MUST REMAIN IN THE PUBLIC'S HANDS

WE VOTE !!!!! AND THERE IS AN ELECTION COMING UP AND I KNOW I WILL FIGHT WITH FELLOW AUSTRALIANS TO SAVE OUR ABC!!!!!!



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
From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I grew up in the nineties with a television that was permanently switched onto the ABC. It's always been home to my favourite broadcast programs and I think captures the very essence of what it means to be Australian.

This has changed over the years, as ruthless cuts and outward pressure have attempted to change and ultimately silence our national broadcaster. Yet, the ABC has such an integral place in Australian society - it fills so many gaps in the market, it provides news and information to those who reside in far flung corners of the country. We need a fair and balanced source of media to continue to exist.

You can't lump the ABC in with the public broadcasters. It must continue as it is - a noncommercial, non-privatised source of entertainment and information for the public, a government watch-dog, an outlet for fair and unbiased news.

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VIC 3039 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not consider privatising the ABC


We would like to express our opposition to any attempt to privatise the ABC. The ABC has always held an important part in our lives. We have appreciated it for entertainment, for news, for in-depth analysis and for support in times of National emergency. It has been disappointing to witness the savage budget cuts over the past years.

There is no doubt the ABC has been under attack for a number of years. Yet we stand firm that it is essential to preserve its independence. Any attempt to claim bias has been disproven. It is important to us to have a national broadcaster that we trust and we do trust the ABC

We believe that the public will not stand for this.

If the Liberal Party wants to lose the election, we suggest they bring this proposal to the next election.

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QLD 4157 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF THE ABC

OUR ABC is the most precious asset our advanced democratic society Australia that we have.
Commercialisation will ruin its integrity.

[REDACTED]

ACT 2602



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Taxpayer's money, keep your hands off our ABC!!!!

[REDACTED]

TAS 7009



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation

The ABC is the only source of quality current affairs available on TV an radio especially in country areas. Parents appreciate the quality children's programmes on ABC Kids. Four Corners is the best investigative programme highlighting serious issues in the country and world. A Matter of Fact is another important programme playing a role in our democracy. The Drum is a good daily panel discussion on daily news events. The classical FM stations as well as broadcasting superb music has news bulletins keeping listeners informed.

I am concerned by the number of unfounded attacks on the ABC by coalition members. I am also concerned that too many public facilities are being put into commercials hands where profit and share holder interests are paramount.

Public broadcasting is vital for a democracy especially outside city limits. It also ensures that programmes are not presented at the behest of advertisers and viewers are not plagued by constant advertising. Public Broadcasters are publically accountable

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VIC 3144 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our public broadcaster

I was appalled at the suggestion this week to privatise our national broadcaster the ABC. The level of debate, information and analysis is simply not found on any of the commercial stations. Radio National is a national treasure and its high quality and depth of analysis could not be maintained if it was commercialised. The ABC must remain in public hands and despite the 'hard right's' accusations to the contrary, it is the most balanced reporting in this country.

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QLD 4556 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell the ABC

Hon Malcolm Turnbull

I am in a state of shock to think the Liberal Party would even contemplate selling the ABC, I grew up in the country and the ABC was integral to keeping farmers up to date with information, as they now cannot often get the internet in rural areas it is a vital unit for getting information. Also advice on emergencies like fire and floods.

I cannot believe it is even being contemplated, if it wasn't for the investigative work of Four Corners we would have no Royal Commission into Sexual abuse of children or Royal Commission in the the banks, so many scandals that would hidden from the public I hate to imagine.

Already there have been so many cut backs, the type of investigative journalism is mandatory to maintain our democracy as the news papers cannot afford to do that very much now.

I will never vote for the Liberal Party again if you even consider selling the ABC and I will urge my friends to do the same.

Yours sincerely

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Mosman 2088

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NSW 2088



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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VIC 3186



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

As voters in regional Victoria we rely heavily on news, views and entertainment content from the ABC, both radio and television. That the Liberal party adopt privatisation of the ABC as policy is a very unfortunate development. Recent revelations of government incompetence (for example activities relating to the Murray Darling basin) obviously discomfort some people but are the hallmark of responsible reporting in a liberal democracy. I hope and trust Australians generally will see these further attacks on the ABC for what they are. And vote accordingly.

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VIC 3227 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation

Please don't privatise our wonderful ABC. We'll lose all those wonderful Australian dramas, comedies and current affairs. I couldn't live without Landline, Back Roads and One on One. Don't let greed get the better of you. Living in a remote community is hard enough, let us at least have our commercial free, unbiased telly, just the way it is.

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SA 5640 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: no privatisation of OUR ABC

The ABC provides an independent, educational, non political and vital role in our increasingly "make a monetary profit to the detriment of all fairness and honesty and completely disregard the word COMMONWEALTH " attitude of many services purporting to assist the public. There has been too much privatisation in various sectors with appalling consequences. The ABC belongs to the people of Australia and must stay that way.

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NSW 2135 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: If the Australian public lose the ABC you will lose the election

This is very simple, even your far right Trumpist little rich kids in the Young Liberals should be able understand this, if the Australian public lose the ABC , then the LNP will lose the next election,pure and simple. I am 62 years old working male, voted LNP most of my life but you have slowly being white anted by the far right cretins who make Trump look sane. I am only one among thousands, probably millions, who will make sure the LNP pay for any attempt to privatise the ABC at the ballot box, even it it means letting Shorten and his mob gain power it will be still a better alternative than the road your far right wingnuts and the immature Young Liberals want to drag us down.

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NSW 2650 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise ABC

Dear Inquiry representatives,
I cannot stand private TV I rarely watch it. It's like watching Donald Trump all puff and no substance. If you were to privatise the ABC I would vote in future years for any political persuasion that opposed it. Just retain the ABC as it is. And I would certainly encourage restoring the \$50m that was taken away this year. Think about it:
\$140b for corporate tax cuts and \$50m removed from such a valuable institution of Australian society and culture. If they can afford \$140b in tax cuts, they can afford \$50m for the ABC.

Regards,

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SA 5031




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcaster

Apart from the obvious considerations of the fire effect of commercial broadcasting on bias and quality standards, the issue of competing for advertising dollars inevitably results in a lower cultural product. The ABC is meant to uphold the highest quality broadcasting and thank god, it provides a standard for commercial broadcasting to measure itself against. The ABC is absolutely vital to provide in-depth analysis on topics which are vital to the nation's intellectual health. If some people can't handle the higher end of the market, then neither can others handle the bottom end. At least there IS a higher end. Privatisation would simply reduce all to the lowest common denominator. The ABC is the sanity of this country. SBS is already suffering - this kind of vandalism is simply unacceptable in a civilised democracy.

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NSW 2025 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I was shocked to hear in the media this week senior Liberal party members supporting the privatisation of the ABC. I am opposed to the sale of the ABC which being not-for-profit caters to the interests of all consumers not just the interests of majority consumers in order to make a profit. The ABC is part of Australian culture and any move to privatise will be vehemently opposed.

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NSW 2021



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC for Truthfull Reporting

The ABC reports the Truth about ALL CORRUPTION including the current Corrupt Government handing out billion dollar grants to Adani a known environmental Criminal and Pandering to Murdoch and Reinhardt for substantial kickbacks to their personal offshore accounts and hiding the criminal Banking farce 66,000 counts of laundering money for terrorism and criminals ! The hard right want a dictatorship which if happens will lead to a class WAR ! These and many more reasons we Need the TRUTH Reported !

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NSW 2478



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the public

I regularly watch programs on the ABC, because I value quality and unbiased programs. I'm more than a little disturbed at the Coalition's stance on the ABC and its incessant attacks. To me, it makes it clear the government's more concerned about its image than integrity. Trying to imply that the ABC (and SBS) have an advantage over commercial outlets is ludicrous, and thinly veiled.

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
From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The A.B.C is an icon for us all, private control will destroy it.

Sure, the A.B.C Networks, are funded by all Australian citizens, from our Federal, general revenue budget strategy, it is a critical essential service we're entitled to, just reflect on its history of engaging with the population, through dire periods, of world wars and numerous additional warring conflicts that impacts upon so many people directly/indirectly, in addition, serious destructive natural disasters, always covered/reported expediently & nationally, private/corporate networks journalism & reporting, will target densely populated regions first, (monetary returns on capital invested is always prioritized), much of regional areas would be denied full quality services. The A.B.C, public's contribution may be approx \$1' Billion, but, be assured, the private networks, are definitely not free, every time we purchase goods or services that are advertised, promoted on commercial networks, a component of the cost includes an advertising element, the total combined \$ value (unidentified of course), will be many \$ Billions, make no mistake on that point. Total private control is pure fascism, do the research and become enlightened. Already, massive essential services are in private control, just reflect on the energy costs spiraling out of control, the current banking/financial establishments R/C, and the evidence of corruption, collusion and blatant criminality exposed, that has caused untold stress, financial crisis and even incidences of suicide,. All political elders who subscribe to this diabolical proposal of privatizing the A.B.C will pay their dues in the fullness of time, not the least being their careers. We are many, you are few. Think very careful and constructive, in your deliberations on this paramount issue,

Kind Regards,

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SA 5290 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have lived in a regional area for many years and during the time of disasters occurring i.e storms, the earthquake and fire warnings I have relied totally on the ABC for advice. Public broadcasting is important for democracy in this country and it will be a disaster to lose this facility. There has been many funding cutbacks over the years and I feel it is time to put back funds to enable the ABC to operate successfully.

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NSW 2323



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC must be kept free from any interference from politicians of any persuasion or any business interests. Its charter is vitally important in our frightening world of growing populism with its campaigns of misinformation. The ABC provides invaluable investigative journalism and in-depth reporting not matched by any other channel. Its satirical programs provide an important safety valve for our culture. Its current affairs programs ensure that Australians have access to information about local, national and international events not provided by other channels.

The ABC also provides a wealth of educational programs for all ages that rise above the trash TV that dominates the commercial channels and gives us some chance of becoming a clever country.

Rather than trying to destroy the ABC by reducing its funding, governments should be acknowledging the valuable role it plays in Australian society and supporting and encouraging it. Privatisation would completely destroy its greatest asset of independence. If our politicians wish to regain the trust of Australians, they need to defend a free press. The motivation behind a move to privatise the ABC is glaringly obvious. The ABC's long and greatly valued contribution to Australian society must be able to continue without any political interference. No further cuts should be made to its funding. It ensures that Australians have a range of media offerings and can hear a crucial voice not dictated by commercial interests. It is one of Australia's greatest assets.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public handd

The ABC must stay stay as it is and not be privatised. For years my children and now my grandchildren have loved watching Playschool, Peppa Pig and the like, plus I trust the ABC with news, and programs such as Four Corners, Australian Story and the teleseries they Make. New Year's Eve broadcast is proving popular from the Opera House. We love and trust the ABC, please keep it as it is

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NSW 2546 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public's hands

I Really enjoy the ABC ..Catalyst and Documentaries of significance for learning and information. A wide variety of Movies and it seems less of the bias towards consumerism.

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WA 6163



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the abc public!

The abc is hugely important to myself personally and to the culture of Australia, we need our own independent media now more than ever.
Please don't privatise the abc!

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NSW 2010 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC ... it belongs to us!

The ABC is a trusted source of news and analysis. It has demonstrated its ability to be up to date with technology and new ways of delivering products. It has been a source of programming generated in Australia by Australians for Australians. As a person who lives in a rural community, who has seen the degradation of news platforms delivered to our town, ABC is a vital resource. It should never be privatised where profit is the only goal and professional standards are compromised. Australian tax payers pay for and value our ABC. Hands off Turnbull.

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NSW 2705 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF THE ABC

The ABC is owned by the Australian taxpayer and it's not the Coalition's to sell in order to appease their right wing conservative members. It is a national public broadcaster that provides fair and balanced reporting without fear or favour. It provides essential services to all Australians - particularly in the country and areas that other broadcasters do not.

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NSW 2131




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS!

The ABC holds a very special place in hearts of Australians, and to even consider privatising the public broadcaster is unthinkable. This is one of the few issues that unite the electorate, both from left and the right side of politics. The Liberal Party will feel the ire of the voting public if they dare tamper with the ABC. Aside from its iconic place in Australian society, the track record of public assets being privatised is very poor indeed: think the Commonwealth Bank, electricity, Telstra, just to name a few. Message to the Liberal Party: the ABC is NOT yours, it is OURS, and belongs to the Australian people. The argument from the Liberal hard Right that the ABC is too Left-wing, is merely evidence of the fact that they cannot bear close scrutiny of their policies. We travel a great deal and I can assure you that the ABC, is without a doubt, the finest public broadcaster we've ever come across, and reports without fear or favour, without bias (despite the cries to the contrary by many in the Liberal Party), and with a very high quality of content. There is no comparison between a commercial enterprise and the independent ABC, and its role in our society is irreplaceable.

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NSW 2088 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I demand that the ABC stays in public hands for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

The programs for children on ABC are NOT SPONSORED by purveyors of JUNK FOODS like high sugar cereals and drinks, fatty fast foods and unsuitable drinks
There are NO JUNK toys advertised prompting children to SPEND SPEND SPEND and add to the mountains of plastic

ABC programs do NOT promote violence as some commercial ones do, nor do they underestimate the intelligence of the viewers, YES even pre-schoolers.

Children NEED entertainment that is at their level of interest and understanding and which are also educational in simple ways like sharing, being kind and offering science and craft ideas.

I have NOT seen such programs on commercial TV but I have seen MANY on ABC

The Federal Gov't makes multiple pronouncements about caring for our children but its ACTIONS ARE FAR AWAY FROM CARING if privatising ABC is considered

Many people in regional areas rely on ABC for reliable reports on what is happening in their area, Commercial stations are capital city centric as that is where they make their money and they just feed in what they want to. Emergency service announcements are RARELY included as they take time away from programing that brings in the \$\$\$\$ so ONCE AGAIN people MISS OUT on essential information

As far as more adult programs are concerned voters need to be FULLY INFORMED to make decisions about what is happening in this country and the world. Commercial STATIONS promote whatever programs their owners dictate..... ones that bring in advertising DOLLARS..... mindless sit-coms, totally false 'reality' shows and competitions or sport that is generally one long advertisement for various gambling sites

I know that LNP and Pauline Hanson are AFRAID OF SCRUTINY by ABC but to have a well informed population BOTH SIDES of ANY ARGUMENT MUST be PRESENTED. I BELIEVE that these people DO NOT WANT an INFORMED PUBLIC as they are AFRAID

Without ABC to provide balance the country will be ruled by the RIGHT WING SHOCK JOCKS and the RIGHT WING MEDIA BARONS (many of whom are not even AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS or TAX PAYERS)and we will ALL BE LESSER PEOPLE if this happens

We are ALREADY seeing CHINESE BROADCASTERS taking over the short-wave and regional spectrums that the ABC has been forced (by funding cuts) to close so the Pacific Islands and parts of S.E, Asia are now getting Chinese propaganda instead of balanced news and opinions from ABC

Is this what our Government wants to happen, a Chinese takeover of our region? I'm fairly sure it is NOT but that is ONE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE of the DEFUNDING that has happened over the past SEVEN years since LNP became the government. IT MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, the ABC MUST HAVE its FUNDING RESTORED as a matter of URGENCY for the SECURITY of OUR COUNTRY

I strongly support the continuation of ABC as a Publicly Funded Broadcaster for the WELL BEING of ALL AUSTRALIANS



NSW 2103



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Private Hands

The ABC is the most trusted source for independent and objective news and commentary. If any political party is afraid of scrutiny it will, of course, want to limit its objectivity. It would be a sad day for democracy in Australia is not an issue if politicians are handed the power to control or influence and outstanding and honest media channel such as the ABC which has proven over decades of time how objective and trustworthy it is. It is a household staple and must remain so.

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NSW 2232



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC is much more than a public broadcaster. it is a source of many programmes for education in a wide variety of fields for all age groups. No other media channel in the country does this. In a democratic society an organisation that can be free of Government or commercial pressure and still give critical comment on the workings of the Government and commercial institutions is an absolute necessity. In a democracy the Government is required to provide a defence force to protect it, a police force to maintain order, a health system to keep the population healthy. It should, for the same reasons fully support and finance a public broadcasting service to ensure democracy is not undermined. It is my concern that the Government is moving to a situation where it can privatise parts of the ABC and thus weaken its position. I am sure my feelings are shared by many others, as consistent polling shows that the ABC has massive public support.

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NSW 2064



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC is a cultural institution that helps to identify and to confirm the nature of our Australian civilization. It is an indispensable adjunct to our democratic culture, AND IT MUST AT ALL COSTS STAY IN PUBLIC HANDS.

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NSW 2350



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC will not be privatised!

The ABC is a public broadcaster and so it must remain in the hands of the public. Simple!

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SA 5086



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC!

The ABC must not be privatised. It is essential that there is an objective source of news in order to protect our democracy. We have been ardent viewers of the ABC for 50 years+ and rue the day that any changes should be made,. Funding cuts are the last straw. We have travelled the world and always return and say how grateful we have our ABC, a world leader in broadc asting. Innovations there in recent years have improved the content despite sever funding cuts. Leave our ABC alone!

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QLD 4220




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain in public ownership

The ABC must remain in public hands. What other cultural and information entity is able to report, create Australian entertainment and connect people across the whole of Australia. The ABC is a central part of my life, and living in a rural area where we farm cattle and sheep, the ABC radio especially, and the TV channels, inform us and keep us connected to an independent Australian broadcaster. I believe it is my right and my families right for my taxes to contribute to this amazing entity. I do not support in any way, privatising the ABC; this would be an enormous mistake, as we have seen when other public assets have been privatised. Keep the ABC in public ownership - it is our right as citizens to have this fabulous service remain in public hands. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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NSW 2630 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!

To Whom it may concern,

Keeping the ABC publicly funded is imperative in our democratic society. Privatisation will severely impact the ability of the broadcaster to remain unfettered by the corporate dollar.

As we see in politics today, large corporations and wealthy individuals have the ability to essentially purchase favourable outcomes from the government and politicians seem to be guns for hire to do the dirty work for corporates.

The ABC is a voice of reason and is unhampered by having to pander to corporations or organisations to keep the funding flowing in. The ABC should absolutely remain in public hands so we can be sure that a critical voice is always there to be heard.

To do otherwise risks corporations having the ability to silence critical debate and possibly criticisms of their behaviour, which is what seems to be the driving force behind the Governments attempt to try and silence the ABC.

Rest assured Australians will not stand for the privatisation of the ABC or a number of other attempts this Government is trying on to hinder the rights of ordinary Australians to have a say in what happens in their country.

The actions of this Government are deplorable and as see through as cellophane.

Instead of trying to silence the critics or criticisms by the public broadcaster perhaps they could consider engaging with the debate in a meaningful and constructive way rather than trying to put measures in place to control what gets said.

It would be the beginning of the dumbing down of the masses to turn our public broadcaster into a privately run organisation, which to be honest seems to be a driving force in the Governments agenda.

The Australian public should be respected and our right to have a free and unfettered public broadcaster is inherently important to our democracy.

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SA 5000




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The last thing you want is to have the trusted ABC to be just another commercial station where making money is always prioritised over actual news coverage and programming.

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WA 6019 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017

I believe we need to keep the ABC as a public broadcaster. It should not be in the hands of some private company or private individuals. Each Monday night I look forward to Australian Story, inspiring accounts about Australians and 4 Corners because of its ability to put before us the results of inquiries into aspects of our society that need to be uncovered. It is a protector of our democracy. It is also essential in passing on information when there is a crisis e.g. during storms like the east coast lows; bushfires and floods.

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NSW 2321 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A publicly owned ABC is essential for diversity of content and our democracy

The ABC is the only free-to-air broadcaster I watch and trust for even-handed coverage of world events and issues. Just like me, my children grew up on the ABC's high quality children's programming - free from junk food advertising.

Privatisation would simply turn the ABC into yet another commercial broadcaster, competing with the other commercial broadcasters to satisfy purely commercial needs; making programming decisions based on their bottom line, and compelled to show only the news and stories deemed suitable by their business partners and advertisers. Ultimately delivering the same cloned style of content and paid-for 'news' stories now broadcast by Channels 7, 9 and 10 – rather than providing the Australian people with real quality, a choice of content that reflects the diversity of our population, and most importantly news that can be trusted.

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NSW 2049 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should be kept in public hands

The ABC and SBS are the only stations to offer decent, well made, thought provoking, local and international programmes.
Will our choices be taken away and we have to watch trash reality shows or nothing at all?

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NSW 2076



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC - must stay in public hands

Privatising the ABC is not only short sighted, it is immoral. The existence of a public broadcaster is an essential feature of a civilised society. It is an important way to protect freedom of speech. This is one aspect of our nation that must remain above the greed and narrow vision of the market.

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VIC 3184 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS - IT IS OUR TREASURE

The ABC is my link to the world - radio and TV including iView. It has been there all of my life as a lifeline when in distant places and at home. It shows us who we are and I do not want or need another clone of Rupert Murdoch. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

The ABC is sacred ground do not even think about destroying it or all of the grandmas and grandchildren will be out marching.

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VIC 3228 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep you hands off the ABC

it keeps me sane

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VIC 3740 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Keeping the ABC as an independent, publicly owned entity.

ABC radio, specifically Radio National, is important to me. It is where I get my information about current affairs in my adopted country, Australia. I do not own a television and nor do I buy a newspaper and this has been my choice for the past 20 years. Other sources of information that I access regularly and trust are The Guardian Online and the BBC. For music I also go to America's NPR or Radio France.

Ever since my arrival in Australia in the mid-1970s the ABC has been under attack from commercial media companies, who resent the competition, and from ideologues on the right who oppose any public ownership of utilities or who resent the failure of the ABC to fall in step with their political agenda. While these attacks have failed in their primary aim of turning the ABC over to private ownership they have succeeded in crippling it through successive funding cuts.

When at home, in my studio or relaxing, I used to leave the radio, tuned to RN, on all day in the knowledge that pretty well all the programmes would be intelligent and interesting, even when dealing with subjects not of specific interest to me. These programmes included the reading of poetry, drama productions, humour, jazz and contemporary music (particularly in live performance). Where else would I have come into contact with contemporary Australian poetry, drama, jazz or music? One leading Australian musician with an international reputation commented to me, on the end of the Daily Planet, saying "It's the only programme that plays my music. How else will people hear it?" The last time I heard original Australian drama on the radio it was BBC radio 4 running a set of contemporary Australian crime dramas in their own drama slots. In place of creative programmes we now have informative programmes about the creative arts, which is qualitatively different, and this from an organisation that won the Prix Italia in 1959 with George Selwyn English's Death of a Wombat. The same award was later won for the ABC by composer Nigel Butterley, improvising musician Jim Denley, composer Sarah de Jong (twice), sound artist Colin Black, and most recently (2005) by composer Jonathan Mills' Sandakan Threnody. This use of radio as a creative medium in itself is in stark contrast to the musical offerings of Australia's commercial radio stations and to the ABC's current programming.

So my listening time now consists of Radio National's Breakfast/AM, PM, the 5.30 "Reports", Late Night Live and The Science Show; plus of course BBC Radio 4 and Radio 3. I recently heard a fascinating interview with a civil engineer now working on Sydney's metro – on BBC of course.

The accusation of political bias does not reflect my experience of the broadcaster but it is very true of the commercial media who in the main avoid serious content in favour of uncontroversial entertainment. Where there is bias, as in the programmes of both Amanda Vanstone and Phillip Adams, it is acknowledged and a clear distinction is made between fact and opinion. In news and current affairs public figures are subjected to forceful, well researched questioning and given ample opportunity to respond appropriately. The concept of "balanced" opinions assumes that wherever there are differences of opinion all opinions are of equal value, even when established facts support one side, which is the case with climate change.

In truth I often find myself in severe disagreement with the voices I hear on ABC radio, but hearing those voices forces me to reassess and possibly modify my own beliefs and opinions. The privatisation of the ABC would force me and my fellow listeners to look elsewhere and probably settle on those sources which would do no more than reinforce our existing opinions. In the long run privatisation would remove an important vehicle for a wide range of opinions and contribute to a growing polarisation of society.




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: To valuable- a democratic imperative

As an Australian who values democracy and democratic review I contend that it is imperative that we maintain, as a matter of urgency, the independence of the ABC. The ABC remains, as it should, free from commercial or political vested interests. Only then can the sophistication of the ABC's independent reviews be guaranteed. This is worth keeping as a safeguard to our freedoms, freedom from political manipulation and from commercial manipulations and interests. Then there is also the quality of the Science programs, the Arts programs, the indigenous support programs, qwwwsport broadcasting and current affairs and news broadcasting, none of which is equalled in the commercial media. The only beneficiaries of a privately owned ABC will be political and commercial interests. The Australian democracy must be protected and the independence of ABC is absolutely integral to that need.

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VIC 3215 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The risk to Australia of privatising the ABC

I am deeply disturbed by the putsch to privatise the ABC. In my judgement the ABC is one of the few sources of trustworthy news and worthwhile investigative journalism left in this country. Are we to rely on the bought and paid for coverage of current events provided by the commercial market? Fox news for example. Not only do commercial organisations ignore issues that they judge do not turn a dollar, but they blatantly pedal bias....at a price.

In contrast, I firmly believe the ABC tries to provide balanced coverage. That the coalition does not like this approach suggests a desire to muzzle alternative views to theirs. Putin and Trump play a similar game. Australia's democracy and societal fairness depends on open and alternative opinions being aired and promulgated. I believe public funding for the ABC is still the best way to achieve this in an environment where much media sets out to bias and influence the public to the detriment of truth and accuracy. The ABC is still a very valuable public asset and should be preserved as such.

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NSW 2620 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not ever contemplate privatising the ABC (or SBS either)

I grew up in country NSW and lived 15 miles from town. We had a mail delivery but did not have electricity or get a daily newspaper. We did not have mains electricity but had a battery powered radio which was always tuned to the ABC to give us news and sporting coverage which was first class. I have always appreciated and relied upon the ABC for its unbiased coverage - too many of the commercial media and networks have soaked up news and sports coverage and in many instances we are now denied access without paying exorbitant subscription fees. ABC and SBS should be kept in public hands and financed accordingly - a small price to pay for unbiased and total coverage.

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VIC 3054 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone!

The ABC is our bastion of free speech, please leave it alone! I will vote against anyone who tries to privatise it !,

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QLD 4560



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should stay public for the public


I'm writing as a very concerned citizen to ask that the ABC not be privatized. The ABC as an independent public broadcaster stands for something to all Australians but I'll tell you what it means to me and my family. To myself and my husband it is news and current affairs which can be trusted. The ABC shows both sides of a story and aren't asked to compromise their editorial objectivity by third parties who have paid and vested interests. For my children it is a place where they can enjoy educational and enjoyable entertainment free from any advertising or the subtle manipulation of product placement. As a parent it's a relief to have some buffer for my kids from this.

The ABC offers a free service for all

Australians on the screen, on air and digitally. That is something we deserve and something which should be preserved. It is also a service which offers something to all demographics, this would be seriously compromised by privatization.

Ordinary Australian citizens don't support this and ask for you to keep it public, for the public.

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NSW 2205 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

The ABC has been a big part of my life as far back as I can remember. I rarely watch the commercial stations as I see very little value in them. They can be sensational in their delivery and quite one-sided when it comes to opinions on certain issues. Programmes like Australian Story that brings us interesting stories about everyday Australians , Q & A, One Plus One, 7.30 report, The World, Gardening Australia & design programmes, interesting Australian and British Drama series. I could go on. The ABC is my first port of call as I find the programmes extremely good and informative.

Please do not privatise the ABC. If anything more funding should be provided to enhance this National Treasure so it can better deliver its programmes.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2031



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

SUBMISSION RE THE PROPOSED PRIVATISATION OF THE ABC

My submission is based on the value an effective, government run broadcaster to Australia's democracy and education.

Democracy

Basically the motivation for a privatised broadcaster is profit. Motivated by profit an organisation's aim for next year is a bigger profit.

The motivation of an effectively run government organisation of any kind, broadcasting, education, medical etc. is professionalism. A good example is provided by the Commonwealth Bank. As a government run bank its aim was to provide professional banking services. When privatised its aim became producing a profit which it strove to increase every subsequent year. With privatisation, the abandonment of professional banking ethics and standards meant that profits were excellent, but at the cost of quality banking services and of professional goals which suited the changing banking environment.

Without the Commonwealth Bank, no longer answerable to a Minister, the benchmarks quickly fell into decay.

There should be private organisations and government organisations. But, a balance has to be maintained. That is the trick of good governance.

As an organ of democracy the ABC serves the dual purposes of maintaining democracy i.e. by reflecting old problems and exposing the new problems which will inevitably occur. i.e. Caused by technical and sociological change. This allows government to solve these problems.

This makes democracy both more responsive and improves it.

We know that democracy either grows or declines. In the modern world it cannot stay stationary.

It is one of Australia's responsibilities that it demonstrates to second and third world countries just what a functioning democracy is.

Please support the ABC and let us have a world leading democracy operating here in Australia.

To exemplify this point one only has to look at ABC programmes and for profit programmes to see how little the privatised stations explain how Parliament works.

Education

The second point is education.

The ABC screens many, varied and effective educative programmes ranging from child programmes such as 'Play school' programmes to those like "Catalyst."

The financial benefit to Australia is immense.

These programmes are used by education services, (as a Tafe Teacher I regularly used recorded ABC programmes by utilises them as teaching tools for both up to date scientific technology and up to date social change and its effects on management techniques. The result is more innovative and competitive industries along with a more informed workforce.

Students made more informed employment choices as a result of ABC programmes and better career choices, resulting in a more effective workforce.

The effects of having no public broadcaster can be seen in those of our neighbour New Zealand.

In privatising the ABC our representatives would be evidencing their lack of knowledge of the principle of democracy and great lack of understanding of the role of education in efficient national industry.
Preserve the ABC in public hands!

[REDACTED], B.A.(Structural Social Work), Cert Ed., Dip. Train and Assess.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

Since I have become less able to get around the ABC has become increasingly Important to me. It has a range of programmes I listen to and view for e.g. The Health Report, news from Asia, articles on Australian design and culture, interviews with many and various people, news and current affairs. No privatised station would cover the range the ABC does. As for news and current affairs, I think commercial stations present mostly the most entertaining part of them rather than a balanced view. It is very disheartening that Australian governments see any criticism as a threat instead of fair and necessary comment in a democratic society. The idea of no ABC and there being another commercial station fills me with dread.

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NSW 2478




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian people and not to the government of the day

There's no good reason whatsoever to privatise the ABC. It has provided excellent value for money for many years - at least until more recent times when unjust political pressures and unnecessary budget cuts began to take their toll. I want it to remain in public ownership and not go the way of the tacky commercial networks that rely on advertising revenue for every dollar.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC Public

We get so few trustworthy news sources, we need at least one in this country. We don't want any more News.com.au type sites that are just pure clickbait.

In addition, any left wing bias the organisation shows is the result of how people truly feel about things when a corporate lens is not upon them. People naturally believe in an inclusive mutually beneficial society, this comes out in ABC's reporting.

Don't be afraid of how people really feel. Embrace it and act accordingly.

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NSW 2088 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

i want the ABC to remain in public hands i do not want it sold off to privatisation as the ABC is the life line to a lot of country people I urge the Turnbull Government to keep there hands off the ABC

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VIC 3434 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We live in a society, not just an economy

As a citizen of Australia, I am very concerned about this latest attack on the ABC. We live in society, for goodness' sake, not an economy!

I don't listen to commercial radio or watch commercial TV because I can't stand the advertisements. I tolerate the ads on SBS (though I turn down the volume) because of the sheer quality of many of their programs.

Apart from flagship programs like 4 Corners, Q&A, Australian Story and 7.30, the quality of ABC programs has deteriorated as their budgets have been cut.

Where would we be without 4 Corners? Investigative journalism at its best, 4 Corners has done its job of exposing fraud and crime for the benefit of all Australian citizens.

Commercial media has a place, to be sure, for those who wish to be entertained. But for serious programs, we need a public broadcaster.

Australia's reputation as a serious participant in world affairs will be seriously undermined if the Government of the day fails to maintain the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I love the ABC, it has quality drama, lots of it Australian, it has such a wonderful variety of programs, it has good journalism, and it questions itself as much as it questions other media.

The intelligence and daring of its journalists is second to none. How it must be to be constantly derided by politicians and other media I cannot imagine. The ABC is accused of presenting falsehoods, yet no apologies are given when the accusers are found to be in error, the politicians, and writers in the popular press, continue their onslaught. Why? I feel that the powerful press would love to see the end to our national broadcaster. Who is going to investigate the lies and wrong doings in our country? History has shown us that when politicians and the power hungry seek to silence the truth then the rest of us pay with the loss of our freedoms and quality of life. Just look at the truths uncovered by "Four Corners" alone. Listen to the style of presentation with other media, is it the best we can do? Look at the loud voices of those who seek to get rid of the ABC, all have come under the scrutiny of the National Broadcaster, silence the criticism seems to be the real agenda here. How dangerous is that? As dangerous as it gets in this age of political turmoil.

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WA 6152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

For as long as I can remember (40 years?) I have turned on the ABC news and current affairs because I know there will be level headed but at the same time sophisticated reporting, discussion and interviewing. I would be devastated if this would be lost through privatisation. There would be just another commercial channel to avoid.

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VIC 3280



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is virtually the only broadcaster I watch,. It has serious content, great entertainment and is entirely reliable.

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VIC 3051



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Do not sell the ABC as it is a highly valued public institution. Selling the ABC would be a huge mistake and result in a loss of confidence by the public in the political process.

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WA 6163




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Australia needs a broadcaster that is not owned by a corporate vested interest. Yes, we need the amazing investigative and current affairs programs, but the ABC is so much more than that. It is education and entertainment across the generations. It provides it across many platforms to Australians in cities, in regional towns, in isolated areas and overseas. It links Australians to the world. I believe it is still a most trusted source of news and we certainly need that in the present world. Privatisation will surely turn the ABC into just another channel chasing ratings. The ABC must remain in public hands and we must keep it strong and independent.

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VIC 3049 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC both Radio and TV keeps me in touch with beautiful music,current news reviews etc.It must remain in Public Hands to be free of advertisements for things I dont want or need to know about.

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WA 6052




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Do we never learn. One of the most important components of a Democracy is a free press. The ABC doesn't have to report for profit. This affords the ABC the ability to report on all issues effecting the collective Australian community, issues that are uncomfortable for the community as well as issues that don't impact as much. We need a comprehensive unbiased media. The ABC provides this. It is essential. Free markets do not work equitably. Look at the streets!! Don't let greed be the driving force. We need robust debate.

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VIC 3015 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Australia needs a media outlet which is not accountable to corporate interests.
Please don't let the ABC die!

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NSW 2031



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC's Public independent broadcasting is more essential to Australian democracy today than ever before and ditto for my sanity. Couldn't survive at 90, and living alone without radio classic or The Drum or Mystery Road or National Press Club etc. The ABC is uniquely inclusive: First People, migrants, ethnic minorities (though not enough). My children and grandchildren feel the same. God save the ABC!

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NSW 2060



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The Chair
Inquiry into the ABC

Dear Sir/Madam

I am very concerned about suggestions that the ABC should be privatised.

Every Monday morning, over breakfast, I take a look at the TV guide published in the Canberra Times. The offerings for the coming of twenty TV stations are detailed. I only bother looking at those from the ABC and SBS. Those offered by the commercial stations are rubbish in comparison. Indeed even those offered by the ABC are decreasing in quality. No doubt this is related to budget cuts.

The news and current affairs programs and occasional new drama programs on the ABC are far superior. I find that the current affairs programs are well balanced. I can only conclude that the push to privatise the ABC is political and is motivated by shifty politicians not enjoying being asked to answer straight questions with straight answers. It is them that embarrass themselves on ABC programs.

We have seen what happens when other publicly owned institutions are privatised e.g. Telstra, CBA, Electricity services - increased costs, poorer service, etc.


I do not want the ABC to go down the same pathway and turn into another Channel 10.

I also do not want it owned by a media mogul with an ideological barrow to push. It must remain independent.

Yours sincerely

Professor [REDACTED]
Hawker ACT

[REDACTED]


ACT 2614 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is ours. It never can be privatised. This would be another control of the cooperation world. Hands off. How there you liberal party. How out of touch are you with the people of Australia. I cannot believe you think this is ok. We will fight this all the way.

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WA 6239 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain in public hands.

The breadth, depth and fairness of ABC coverage and current affairs generally, are a hallmark of the ABC - both TV and radio and also now online. I cannot imagine my life without my being informed by a broadcaster which does not have to kowtow to lowest common denominator community attitudes, or rely on shock jocks to reinforce a culture nastiness.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay in public hands

Privatising the public broadcaster is the worst idea I've ever heard.
It is one of the only corporations, businesses, which has almost universal trust of Australians.
The argument that it has undue advantage over the commercial broadcasters is redundant, as the internet and its ability to reach beyond those, is what's causing the commercials disadvantage.
Who else has a voice of reason, balance, only the ABC.
The commercials are skewed to the right, are not balanced at all, and can't be trusted as they are bought. The internet is voicing the people's choice, they're not listening to the commercials now.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

I have always loved the ABC, I love For Corners, Australian stories, Q&A, media watch etc.
I am appalled at the thought of it being sold.
This LNP government wants to privatise everything, their attacks on Emma Alberici I feel we're wrong,
The ABC belongs to the people, not for sale to anyone.
The ABC plays an important role in our democracy
and shouldnt be compared to commercial media.

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NSW 2036 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the public's hands

My Grand children have grown up with Peppa Pig and Bananas in pyjamas. In regard to adult shows 4 Corners, Question an A nswer, 7.30 Report and many more will call it as it is. Why Is Mr Turnbull trying to stop the general public from having a say? The Liberal Party Council does NOT speak on behalf of all Australians. The ABC needs to stay in public hands so ALL Australians have a chance to have a say and be heard.

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WA 6168 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands. Please

I am a longtime viewer of ABC television and listen to Radio National and local ABC stations as well as Classic FM. I rely on the ABC to provide me with news and current affairs that are authentic, impartial and informative.

Any moves to diminish the reach and depth of the national broadcaster through privatization will be a disaster and a diminution of our democracy and right to be informed. Any further funding cuts will have the same effect and I will be dismayed and frankly, furious if moves are made towards those ends.

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NSW 2320 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain independent and publically funded

Because it PROTECTS our democracy by its NON-bias and when the quality of the ABC deteriorates because of funding cuts so the quality of all the free to air channels also deteriorate because they have no first class competition. MOST Australians cannot afford cable services and they still deserve the dignity of quality media services.

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VIC 3020 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

I only watch the ABC and SBS. If they were privatised and had similar programs to those on the commercial channels, I would be deprived of an important part of my life. People should have real choice about what they can watch.

In addition, I am strongly against the move to privatisation in a number of areas so evident today. So often the result is extremely negative. Tertiary education is just one example.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Given the corrupt nature of Australia's financial sector and the government's determination to protect it from public scrutiny we need the ABC as the only media not under the control of big business. Too much of Australia's media is under the control of the American (by choice) Rupert Murdoch et al. I know there is not much left to sell off to big business, and you only have to look at the escalating costs of energy, telecommunications, transport etc to see how incompetent big business is to provide basic services at affordable prices. The ABC is a great example of what public utilities are capable of. Keep it in public hands!

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VIC 3163 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC should not be privatised, it provides a valuable, and in my opinion a balanced, and valuable service to the community. I believe that the reporting is accurate and fair and the shows (both tv and radio) are of high quality. The ABC is always my go-to service for the latest news around the world and locally. Not everything should belong to private companies and the ABC is one of those services. I strongly support keeping the ABC out of corporate hands.

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VIC 3174 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: your promise

It's just not on!

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NSW 2850 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

My grandsons would be heartbroken if their favourite programs on the ABC were to disappear. For their sake and for mine too, please do not privatise the ABC. Thank you.

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NSW 2515




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

We do not want advertising pressures and wealthy private enterprise to influence the news and programming that we can view on the ABC. Keep it independent for all our benefits.

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NSW 2800 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatised our ABC? Hell, no you won't!

Our ABC provides every member of the Australian public with high quality, distinctively Australian content alongside specialist broadcasting in areas not covered by commercial broadcasters such as religion, science and the arts. The Inquiry's focus on the 'undue advantage' the ABC has over commercial outlets is irrelevant when these commercial outlets are not interested in providing the breadth and depth of Australian regional and local content we currently enjoy from the ABC. Their focus is on appealing to their advertisers and providing content at the lowest possible price. This means that the majority of their programming is from the US and local content is almost exclusively reality programs. With a focus on art, drama, comedy, local news, science and religion the ABC is the only media outlet that reflects the lives of contemporary Australians. It gives us the opportunity to tell our stories, the stories our ancestors, our children and our grandchildren; to reflect the immense diversity of our heritage and our culture. Commercial broadcasters are not willing or able to provide this kind of programming. It does not deliver the kind of profits to their shareholders they are looking for. The ABC's shareholders are all Australians and it gives a voice and reflects the lives of all of us especially those who are marginalised and disadvantaged. This inquiry has been mounted at the urging of private, corporate interests; interests whom this government is in the pocket of. The ABC must not be privatised because ordinary people don't have the ear of those who dominate the Liberal Party.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to be kept in public hands as there is no other reliable news source or outlet for alternative ideas, children's shows, music etc. If the ABC is privatised then only shows that make huge profits will be shown. This will hurt local content producers. The ABC provides a valuable service to the Australian public that a private corporation just will not do due to them being profit motivated only. We have enough reality tv and bland tv and radio shows. Keep the ABC in public hands.

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NSW 2221



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Government funding of the ABC is as important as government funding of our schools and hospitals. It is vital to receive independent news and analysis. Without the ABC we would all be the poorer from my grandchildren watching Pepper Pig to me understanding Syria or The Murray Darling plan. Privatising it would be a disaster as it would end up like all the other second rate commercial broadcasting entities.

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NSW 2028



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC value to the community

The ABC is part of my quality of life. Radio National with its solid news and factual programs is our main source of information about the world. ABC FM is our primary source of music. There is no commercial station we can receive that provides such quality programming. Commercial radio only broadcasts trashy opinions and annoying ads. The in-depth investigations by the ABC TV are high quality and an essential way of uncovering corporate and government malpractice. Nothing commercial does this investigative work.

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NSW 2350



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am opposed to the idea of privatization of the ABC . I live on the north coast of NSW AND depend on the ABC for quality insightful news and current affairs. Commercial channels provide superficial, trite coverage. The ABC swings into action when flooding and bushfires occur so help to save lives and property.

Their intellectual insight and analysis are unmatched in Australia.

Selling off public assets has been a disaster in Australia e.g.. Telstra, Commonwealth bank so no precedent exists for success.

Commercial media is dominated by discrimination towards women, lbbt and immigrants through employment of shock jocks who appeal to the lowest common denominator of thinking.

Additionally the ABC produces quality Australian drama e.g. Mystery Road plus the excellent Gardening Australia, Landline and 4 Corners.

It is gloriously free of ads . Compare the damage to SBS since commercials were allowed.

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NSW 2453



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Is the ABC one of the last honourable institutions?

Please do not privatise our ABC - privately owned Media is anathema to unbiased, accurate reporting.

The ABC is one of the few institutions that cannot be bought and as such is still trusted by the vast majority of Australians at a time when Church, Government, Banks and other mainstay institutions plus their leaders are being found wanting in integrity, truthfulness, honesty and any genuine concern for the people they are supposed to be representing.

Please do not make every decision about money - there are far more important things in life that money cannot buy and the ABC mirrors those values that most people share.

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VIC 3352 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation for the ABC

The ABC is my principal source of news and independent commentary. Four Corners is one of the world's best sources of investigative journalism. In private hands Four Corners would not exist. You must defend an independent, non-commercial ABC.

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VIC 3051 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public.

I am largely confined to home through illness. My main entertainment is radio: exclusively ABC, and TV: almost exclusively ABC and SBS.

I am so angry that the coalition is considering privatising OUR ABC! How dare they?!

Most of my family and friends feel similarly. There have already been too many funding cuts. If you privatise I'm sure there will be a huge backlash.

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TAS 7011



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands


As taxpaying, self funded retirees we strenuously object to the hard right of the coalition Government seeking to privatize the ABC . IT IS NOT THEIR'S TO SELL!! The ABC is a vital asset, owned by the Australian citizens. It is the only media entity that is in any way objective, and remains so, despite the constant efforts of successive Governments, both Coalition and Labor to starve it of funds. The demand to privatise the ABC has been pushed for several years by Rupert Murdoch, who already controls far too much of Australian & International media.

We are very happy for some of our tax to continue to fund the ABC, far more so than much that the Government directs taxpayers funds towards.

HANDS OFF THE ABC-----IT MUST REMAIN IN PUBLIC HANDS AT THE END OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S TENURE.

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NSW 2259 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave something good, rare and honest alone! There is enough destruction in the world.

Honesty is hard to find any more, so much trickery around, people need to be able to trust what they are hearing is the truth, to feel safer with every-day life, nobody does it like the ABC. We and our children need it to educate with the facts I would go nuts without the ABC, so much good content in every way, good humor too to help lighten the load of every day life. It's like being in a court room where justice is served, too much people manipulate and are getting away with these days.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public ownership

I live in regional NSW and the ABC is my most trusted and reliable source of news and in-depth analysis of current affairs. Everyone I know, both in regional areas and cities loves and relies on the ABC - including my children and grand-children. Our grand-children love the children's TV Channels and are not allowed to watch television with advertising breaks, many of which are unsuitable for children.

Let's face it, the Coalition's attacks on our ABC are ideological, emotional and illogical. 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 a vital unifying and educational role in our society which will never be replicated in the commercial networks.

The ABC has vast radio networks servicing pretty much the whole of Australia with an excellent diversity of programs appealing to very broad demographics.

The ABC and SBS provide Australian eyes on the rest of the world that is not available on any of the commercial networks.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC and clear reflection on our world

The ABC is the most intelligent, honest and thorough reporting we can get. It is objective and ethically thoughtful in its analysis offering a depth that enables an appropriate and considered response from its audience. WE need it to support our democratic society

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Independent

the ABC is the most respected (because objective) source of news material and other documentary information. the lengths they go to to be meticulously even-handed are ridiculous but they stick to their charter. no other radio or television network in the country has such a range of interesting and essential programming as the ABC: science, religion, psychology, horticulture, rural concerns, arts, music both classical and popular, local affairs, background to world and national affairs, history, debates at a very highly-qualified level where all relevant views are argued, etc. etc. etc. commercial networks depend on advertising and therefore focus on the lowest common denominator thus dumbing-down their output. the ABC is among the salient measurements that allow Australia to call itself a civilised society. wreck it at our own peril and forever!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC was and still is no thanks to Libs the best radio station cos of the quality of the staff, the excellent research and the ethics and standards and love of our country. The funding cuts have hurt our musicians, presenters, audience and trustworthy news in Australia. We will not forget this at elections. And the bush and city all need the ABC unsullied by what ever unethical influences are causing these cuts and threats. The ABC is something to be so proud of even now. Think hard about this. Show we can trust you and make the ABC a priority for good funding again.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

One only has to watch the debate between guests from far right, far left, and middle on The Drum to see that the ABC is anything but biased. It is the only channel to air programs which truly stimulate thinking and discussion, no matter the viewer's political persuasion. Leave the ABC alone.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatisise the ABC!

The best investigative journalism is coming from the ABC, not from existing privately owned news sources, of which the Murdoch stable is the most overtly biased against workers and unions, and for big business. The quality of ABC programs, including news related items, documentaries and Australian drama far exceeds that currently available through commercial channels. The only in-depth reporting on off-shore detention comes through the ABC, and Dutton clearly hates independent and accurate news about these awful places. Leave the ABC alone.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC will not be privatised!

Our ABC is one of the last investigative News reporting sources in our country not swayed by corporate interest. The ABC provides an avenue for Australian Culture unrivaled by any of the other networks.

Our Country Demands in Independent Broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

An independent publicly owned ABC is very important to me as the only trusted source of reliable unbiased news and investigation into events of genuine public concern. I believe that, as an independent public broadcaster the ABC plays an important role in our democracy, by ensuring a range of views are presented, not just those of the prevailing government or any particular vested interest, whether political or commercial. The ABC is the most trusted source of national and international news available to us (especially Four Corners and 7:30 Report) and is invaluable in regional areas which are less well serviced for news and programming.

We must keep our ABC in public hands and funded sufficiently well to continue to perform this crucial role.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands

We trust the ABC to provide balanced views on various issues. Though the organisation has moved to the right in recent years, it is, we feel, the only TV and radio worth listening to. We would be bitterly disappointed if the ABC were to be privatised or tampered with in any way. We need a strong, well funded ABC that will inform about current issues of importance in Australia in the most balanced way without the intrusion of advertising material. At present only the ABC does that.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. Putting it in private hands will allow commercial bias & profit motive rather than delivering genuine news & keeping decision makers on their toes. Hands off our ABC!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC -always in public hands.

ABC in public hands is a fundamental right to our democracy. Our National broadcaster must remain out of private hands. The integrity of information and a well informed society is at risk here, The broad community can't even to begin to think this would be considered. Fundamental right to an independent national broadcaster .

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't even think about privatising the ABC

The ABC is vitally important to me and most people I know. I think the investigative journalism of a program like Four Corners, the great Australian dramas like Mystery Road and Redfern Now, the topical programs like Gruen and The War on Waste, the satirical comedies like Mad As Hell, and the live current affairs programs like 7.30 and Q and A are so important to all Australians and very rarely matched on commercial channels. My grandchildren watch the ABC children's channel. I am particularly fond of ABC radio: Radio National, Classic FM, and local radio, the latter playing such an important role in my regional area in the NSW Northern Rivers.

I strongly believe that, like free secular education, public broadcasting plays a vital role in our democracy. I find it difficult to stomach the idea of the Liberal Party Council that the ABC should be privatised. They just don't get it - to them, ideology comes before democracy. And the cuts to the ABC by the Coalition over the past few years - despite promises to the contrary - have only weakened the ABC and our democratic way of life in Australia. Public funding of the ABC and SBS does not give them an undue advantage over commercial broadcasters; it gives us, the Australian public, a skilled and trusted source of news, education and entertainment. HANDS OFF OUR ABC!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: That the ABC should remain free of commercial interests.

A free public broadcaster is the most obvious function of a true democracy.

The ABC foreign affairs coverage is incredibly important to maintain Australia's benign influence on the world scene.

The investigation of shoddy practices and shady claims is something all Australians should be proud of.

The integrity of the ABC in these fields is of the utmost importance. Its independence must be maintained.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

We, the taxpayers of Australia, own the ABC. it has served our nation well for decades and very many of us rely on it to continue doing so.

As a 71 year old living in regional Australia, I rely on the ABC for in-depth news reporting, free from sensationalising. I rely on the ABC to give me access to news as it happens, free from bias and advertisements. I rely on the ABC to present intelligent news programs, interviews, discussions and documentaries. I rely on the ABC to expose corruption, poor service, dodgy dealings that advertisers would not be prepared to pay for. I rely on ABC radio, especially late at night when I am unable to sleep. It provides stimulating discussion, good music, decent presenters who do not have a barrow to push. I rely on the ABC to give me regional news and other local information. I do not want to listen to "parrots" who get on a band wagon and harangue the listening audience.

For my grandchildren I want advertisement free programs such as the long-lived and loved Playschool; programs that stimulate their imagination and use local talent; programs designed to educate. Because the audience for such programs is limited, commercial media is not likely to invest in them.

A privatised ABC would become the pawn of another group with narrow commercial and probably political, interests.


We the owners of the ABC will fight to keep it safe from disruption, dismemberment and privatisation.

We don't want to lose this gem, this refuge from rubbish, this source of fair appraisal of news, this source of entertainment.

We rely on our ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!

I am sixty years old and have three children. We have all grown up being educated, informed and entertained by the ABC, enjoying high quality programs without ads pressuring us to buy consumer goods. It has provided us with authoritative news and current affairs programs, which are able to focus on quality and content, without being compromised by market drivers or private interests. We have enjoyed seeing new ideas, new formats, and new talent fostered by the ABC. We have especially loved the uniquely Australian flavour of programs featured, and the celebration of the changing face of Australia. The ABC has brought us the world, and the uniqueness of the country we live in. We love the ABC. We trust the ABC. We will fight for the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has done much to create and sustain our democracy. It's part of our history. It's an instrument of social cohesion. It embodies Australian values like equity, inclusion, openness and the availability of information. Privatised the Liberal Party if you like, but leave this cultural icon in public hands. Long live Aunty!

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