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

I have always found the ABC to be a reliable, balanced and responsible broadcaster well worth the public investment required to keep it running. Sements like ABC fact check, Four corners and the 7:30 report are integral to maintaining an open political dialogue between citizens and the government and privatisation would only create conflicts of interest within their reporting.

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QLD 4030




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: never privatize the abc!

Each and every week we enjoy, learn from, and are enriched by ABC programs and we will do anything ! to fight anyone who wants to privatize it!!

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SA 5041 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Better fund the ABC

It is imperative that the ABC remain a public media organisation. True democracy depends on it and in the current era democracy is under constant attack, within Australia and globally. If the ABC is publicly owned it can continue to present both sides of every issue, which it does very effectively. It is incredibly important to robustly question all that is proposed, but the incumbent government should always be under high scrutiny as they are the people in power.

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VIC 3162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be kept in Public hands to remain unbiased and fair.

Australians are proud and always have been of their A B C. There is no other media entity , that has the experience or skills to discuss in detail so many issues that effect our country and the people who live in it. The prospect of the ABC losing its rights to investigate and report on issues it deems necessary ,for the benefit of all Australians: is absolutely not an option !

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NSW 2097 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should remain in Public hands

The ABC radio is the only station I listen to, the ABC TV programmes are the only programmes I watch. This is because I know that news is fairly presented, there are no commercial interests to serve and entertainment programmes are carefully chosen and presented. The ABC serves the people of Australia and it has a long history of doing so.

The ABC stands up for the Australian people and my vote goes to the ABC remaining in public hands. Competition with commercial stations has nothing to do with this issue - the commercial stations compete with each other. The ABC plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy, and should not be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I don't like everything the ABC does: nor should I, as the ABC and SBS for that matter, serves a much broader spectrum of tastes and needs. This morning, eating breakfast at a motel in Armidale, the radio in the dining area was playing country music incessantly. After I got over the strife of Lucille leaving four hungry children and a crop in the field, and someone else going back to Jackson with Johnny Cash, I discovered that this was a station called ABC Country. While it may have been metaphoric finger nails down a blackboard to me, I have no doubt that there's a happy audience out there celebrating a pub with no beer. No my cup of tea, but I pondered how good it was that a national broadcaster could cater for the diversity of the Australian audience.

The ABC is essentially the weave of the fabric that is Australia. It provides one unifying platform that we can all contribute to, and discussion and debate we are invited to participate in. It has the courage to investigate difficult issues and challenge government policy at any time. It also is custodian to a vast library of film and written information that is and will continue to be so important to Australia's history and culture. There is no argument for dismantling it, and certainly no argument to support its privatization, other than to protect vested interests from the scrutiny that is so desperately needed. It doesn't need to turn a profit. The benefits of a well-funded and properly resourced ABC far out weight the small cost of running it. Without it, we would be a very poor nation.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our A.B.C. in public hands.

The A.B.C. is very important to me, in my opinion its the only channel that gives an unbiased view of the news. I would not like to see this channel become anything different as it would if it became privatised. I hope for everyone's sake the Coalition and One nation will be unable to do what they want to do, amen.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not even consider privatising the ABC

It seems that the Likes of Senator Eric Abetz and his little mates would love to close down the ABC to prevent any more criticism of their hard line Right Wing views. Which is exactly why we need an independent ABC, to allow some questioning something the commercial broadcasters cannot do. If politicians cannot take questioning of criticism they should not be in politics.

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TAS 7054 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

Dear sir/ Madam

Talk of privatising or reducing funding for the ABC are alarming and out of place.

The ABC has long performed vital functions in meeting the needs of remote communities and being a respected voice in the media.

It would be wrong and retrograde to assume that privatising would somehow meet the needs that the ABC has fulfilled.

The ABC is my primary radio and television and online source.

I rely upon it for independent news analysis which provides a counter to the for profit news organisations which have dollar value as their prime consideration and which are often quite partisan and reflect the values of a small group of owners.

The hallmark of a resilient democracy and liberal society is diversity and a range of views.

Privatising or reducing funding for the ABC would be a retrograde step for all the above reasons.

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WA 6073




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave ABC alone!!

My children watch ABC for kids everyday, they love the TV shows but for me I allow them to watch them purely because of no commercials!! if the ABC is privatised they will definitely put commercials on and we will switch to Netflix. I do not want to do this because the shows on ABC are great and educational for the most part. I want my tax to go to paying for the ABC!

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VIC 3178 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell the ABC!

The ABC is a vital source of news, commentary, information and entertainment for me, as an aging person. I never watch commercial channels because I hate the loud and discordant adverts and the orientation towards all things consumer. I like the balance and moderate tone of the ABC.

Beyond my personal preferences, I believe a strong, independent channel is vital to the health of our democracy, bringing deep investigative journalism to the crucial issues of the day. The ABC also provides invaluable support to Australian culture and society in all its myriad forms.

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TAS 7050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: privitisation of ABC

I only listen to a variety of ABC radio programmes. The different stations offer a wonderful range of choices for all people and are advertisement free. As is ABC TV, which also provides a huge range of programmes suiting the needs of the whole community.

Any kind of privatisation would affect the range of programs and their content as well. ABC is a trusted news source an absolute necessity in this day of fake news!

Public funding needs to stay. When I was child we all paid a fee to ensure the ABC remained "free"
A return to this would be a better option!

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NSW 2041 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

To whoever is considering making the ABC subject to commercial pressures: Making sure that the ABC is not competing with commercial media organisations is a legitimate debate. However the ABC (and SBS) appears to me to be the only source of information that I consider unbiased and accurate, and delivered in an impartial and un-sensationalised way.


The ABC is also the only media outlet (other than other non-commercial bodies such as PBS in America) that covers issues about which I am interested, and that commercial media companies might not consider delivers a financial return.

Whenever I speak with people from other countries, I hold up my government in Australia as being truly democratic because it tries to inform its electorate via the unbiased ABC. It really is the only 4th estate that I trust.

Thank you - [REDACTED]

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WA 6019 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

Hands off, you have already reduced funding?
The only intelligent, researched programmes come from ABC&SBS
I watch almost exclusively these channels; the others are rubbish& helping to create a nation of morons.

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QLD 4285



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC and the SBS should be kept inviolate.

Far too many MPs are abandoning their principles in order to remain elected (this is inclusive of all parties, unfortunately). We need independent voices to challenge some of the incompetents ruining this country.

The ABC is tarnished with being of the left, but I would welcome a right wing voice that had the lofty ideals of the ABC.

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SA 5044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

I am horrified that any Australian politician
Would consider threatening the independence of our ABC in these troubled times. Never before has it been
so important for Australians to have access to reliable truthful analysis of national and world events. The
Australian public are very fortunate to have s trusted news source, and a valuable cultural asset. Like many
thousands of Australians I will fight to see that our ABC is adequately supported by all sides of politics

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VIC 3216 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC


I currently see the ABC as the best place to get quality news reports on what is really happening in the world. Their current affairs programs are also of the highest quality.

I no longer watch any commercial television news or current affairs programs.

Regards

Dr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


VIC 3058 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Public

The ABC does what no other broadcaster can do - it is independent and it works in the interest of the public - not the interest of the advertiser or the shareholder. Is it perfect ? - no, so let's work to enhance its independence and its ethical journalistic values and actions. Menzies was a party to establishing the ABC and thought that it's non-commercial charter was essential to democracy and accountability. Let's not allow politicians to murder our right to independent journalism because of short sighted politics.

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VIC 3095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I regard the ABC as an essential part of my life and would be devastated if it was privatised. I am saddened by the cuts and see them as an attack on our democracy. It is the one institution I still trust

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NSW 2534 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC MUST REMAIN OURS

It is vital that the ABC remains free of commercial influence: to continue investigations into all aspects of our society; to be free to publish results of such investigations; and to instigate discussions of these results. This is particularly important when the topics of investigation have been politicised, as unfortunately is increasingly common in Australia.

It is also important, for the happiness and well-being of many Australians, especially older people such as myself, to have radio and TV free of advertisements. I find these insupportable, and apart from some programs on SBS, never listen to or watch commercial stations.

The ABC can also be relied on to report all sides of arguments, unlike the Murdoch press, seriously contained by it's owner.

DON'T let the ABC be forced down that path.

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VIC 3150



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC Hands

Please don't privatise the ABC. ABC is one of the few channels that I can leave on and there is always an interesting story on an interesting topic. We love Four Corners, 7:30 Report and Australian Story... not to mention all the shows my children are growing up with and they hold a special place in their little hearts! Please don't commercialise the ABC, we don't want just another commercial channel!
Take note and listen to us, from myself and my family.
The [REDACTED]

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WA 6162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

The ABC and SBS are strong bastions of local content and good quality programming. When you look to Channels Seven and Nine, I can barely find a show I am interested in watching!
We need to allow for diversity of voices and viewpoints and also intellectual discussion on news and current affairs.
The commercial networks have their champions, well, I'm a champion for the ABC and SBS - to each their own!

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VIC 3101 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Who ever downsizes or sells the ABC is in political trouble. It does not pass the ``Pub Test``

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No, to ABC privatisation

It is important for a democratic country to maintain independent media - how else do we get unbiased truth? Don't allow us to go down the same path of Trump's attempt to silence what he opposes . We need more than ever to have open & honest discussion & to be kept informed.

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VIC 3031



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep a Government-Owned Independent ABC

The need to have a government-owned but independent television station is of prime importance in a democracy. Totalitarian governments have state controlled media outlets, which exist exclusively to broadcast pre-prescribed government opinions. The difference between totalitarianism and democracy lies in the independence of its media. Although journalists working for privately-owned media outlets strive to be impartial and independent, their continuing employment relies on their ability to align their reports with the wishes of the owner. How to combat this- have a truly independent, government-funded network, beholden to no individual. Do we truly value our democratic ideals, touted daily by politicians, or has our government become so craven that it needs to exert control over the ABC? Lacking this control, only a government afraid of a truly independent press will seek to destroy this voice of freedom.

We pander enough to commercial interests in our society.

Keep the ABC independent and in the hands of a truly democratic government, prepared to countenance a variety of views and robust debate.

If not, totalitarianism looms large.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

VIC 3130




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC should be in public hands.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is a national public broadcaster. This means it is neutral and has no string attached to sponsors. This is very important. Keep ABC in public hands!

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NSW 2050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Plans to Privatisise the ABC

We cannot afford to lose the independence and culture of programs like ABC news, media watch, 4corners, triple j etc. It is OUR ABC and it should always remain OUR ABC. Commercial stations and other media outlets are influenced by their sponsors/advertisers.

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WA 6163



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC - keep it in public hands

To whom it concerns

I have a firm conviction that Australia needs to maintain an independent broadcasting entity. I believe it is imperative to have independent investigative reporting that cannot be biased by funding constraints.

In many ways, the current government, you, are shutting down openness and transparency of an incumbent government.

Privatization of the ABC means that its future is dependent and hence controlled by the dictates of the funding source. This does not support unbiased independent reporting, which means that voters do not have a source of information that has not influential ties.

Instead of funding big business tax cuts, perhaps the government should consider retaining and funding social services such as the ABC.

Kind regards

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WA 6149



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC provides the only balanced and non-partisan news and current affairs, despite what the LNP may think. Their charter as a public broadcaster is to provide high quality news, current affairs and entertainment to the Australian people via TV and radio mediums. Which private broadcaster is going to produce and screen LandLine or Gardening Australia or any of the other plethora of information services that they provide for the entire population of this nation? Answer is; none! Keep ABC in our hands! It is for us; we should own it and fund it!

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NSW 2204



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

The ABC has been under fire since John Howard was in power it has been a constant chipping away to undermine it with Tony Abbott announcing "there will be no cuts to the ABC" and as soon as he could he did it then it was followed by a dodgy enquiry and another rounds of cuts - the Liberal government wants to get rid of anything that will criticise them they only want full right wing information backing them up. The very thought that we would not have an independent articulate informative ABC is so disturbing that one would be absolutely disillusioned with our democracy it is frightening

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NSW 2040 

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

The only news I watch is ABC and SBS because they are independent and trusted. If ABC is privatised it will fall in corporations and ruling parties hands. That's a step to control public opinion by taking away freedom of reporters.

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

The ABC and/or SBS are my 'go to' channel for news and current affairs. As they are publicly owned I trust them to be impartial to the any 'owner' influence. This cannot be said about any all the other commercial electronic and print media. This is crucial to myself as well as it is for our democracy.

The ABC & SBS drama and sport coverage are of a very high quality and I generally watch and listen to these broadcasts over any sources. They set the standard by which the Australian public and media authorities judge others. Without ABC & SBS being in public hands we would not have this level of quality. If sold off it would gradually be degraded to the level of other commercial broadcasters.

In this country we have seen the media, especially the papers, consolidated, so now NewsCorp operate a majority of publications. NewsCorp are obviously pro coalition and it is my fear that without a strong ABC we would see a degradation of our democracy through lack of balanced reporting. This is a grave concern for me.

In summary - it is critical that the ABC & SBS stay in public ownership!

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NSW 2137



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

A privatised ABC would be far more liable to biased agendas and hence the multitude of unacceptable and dangerous influences that implies - corruption, political interference, control by foreign ownership, loss of Australian iconic representation, freedom of speech and much more.
Emphatically, do NOT privatise our ABC.

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NSW 2324



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need an independent, public source of information!!

We need an independent, profit free , publicly funded body which will take both sides of politics to task. This a a hallmark of successful western democracies. We cannot afford to let such a treasure go. This is vital for the survival of a democracy!!

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NSW 2127



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I value an independent ABC in public hands

I highly value the service the ABC provides to communities right across Australia. Not only does it inform and entertain, it also protects through provision of emergency messages.

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SA 5037




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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands.

The ABC offers a democratic view of the world we live in to all citizens who care to hear opinions from both sides of any subject. Being fearful and echoing the views expressed by one loud person doesn't have to be how the world is. Listening to other people gives us the right to have our own view, that's Democracy.

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NSW 2526 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is the pretty much the only tv station worth consistently watching. It's not just the fact that commercials are annoying interruptions, but the quality of the programming is far better. All the commercial channels are too much alike and quality Australian content and commentary is overwritten by sensationalist mind-numbing virtual boredom programs.

As taxpayers we fund a lot of things that we never use - and we all use some things more than other taxpayers whether it's roads, schools, health care or education.


At least the ABC is widely watched and enjoyed unlike very niche taxpayer funded things like shark drum lines to protect the very small minority of people going surfing.

I have yet to be convinced that there is any point to the argument that the ABC has an advantage over commercial stations. If it does, so what? That means we get some decent free to air programs? Why would it be better for the public if the commercial stations had less competition?

Privatising the ABC will be another reason for me to cast my vote elsewhere come election time.

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WA 6152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC publicly owned

The ABC is the only major media outlet whose customers are its audience, not its advertisers. It is the one we trust. And so we know not to trust any politician that wants to privatise it.

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SA 5062




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in our hands

Its important that we have an independent public news organisation to keep us informed about the integrity of our government and other institutions. We have seen the damage that can be done with private ownership/dictatorship such as Murdoch. There is so much fake/false news bandied about that I feel the ABC is there to keep us informed with the truth. Commercial news organisations just don't do it because they are beholden to their advertisers. I honestly believe if the Turnbull Government removes the ABC from our hands that he is confirming that not only do the people not matter but that we no longer live in a democracy but a dictatorship.

Public institutions belong to and serve the people, not commercial enterprises.

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NSW 2534 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our public hands!!!

I just composed a wonderful email and you lost it!! Thanks!! Anyway, the ABC is the intellectual lifeblood of this country and this wonderful multicultural society, it must NOT be privatised, because that will ruin it, as so many other public entities have been as this government insists on grabbing money instead of doing it's duty!! Public broadcasting is essential because it covers so much in such a non-judgemental, reliable way, and, like public transport, is not subject to fashion, at least not to the extent that commercial bodies are, so things like information about weather, natural disasters, assistance available, etc etc are not subject to 'unpopularity'.....The children's programmes like The Argonauts should be brought back, they were so wonderful, just like Playschool when TV arrived. Mountains ahead of any of the commercial offerings, which at always looking at the bottom line. I realise how difficult it these days, but the widespread educational opportunities and sheer breadth of knowledge of all cultural aspects of our lives in this country are so wonderfully served by 'our ABC' she cannot be privatised!!!! PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS!!!!!!

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NSW 2072 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Only decent station I watch now - filled with great drama - local & international when all the others are just reality TV.

I love my ABC, especially the breakfast show.

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NSW 2321



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need non-commercial media

Shutting down public media outlets is often an early move made by dictatorships. The ABS in Australia has earned similar credibility to that of the BBC in the UK. Please don't privatise this national asset.

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NSW 2099



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I only watch the ABC and SBS. Life is too short to watch the drivel on the commercial channels, eg, MKV. I want to listen to the news. I want my mind expanded by four corners, landline and gardening australia. There are only a couple of things australia has done really well...medicare and the ABC. Whoever privatises the ABC will never have my vote. I would march in the streets to protect the ABC.

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NSW 2480



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is the only impartial major news service in Australia. It is the only station we listen to on the radio and watch on the TV and is our trusted form of information. We are outraged by the Coalition attacking our institution and our right to a balance to the blatant propaganda of the commercial stations. Keep our ABC as our ABC!

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NSW 2260



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

I was dismayed to see the push by several politicians and other corporate bodies to privatise the ABC. We are privileged in Australia to have such an unbiased and generally well researched public broadcaster giving the 'facts' on issues of local and global importance. Many countries do not have this freedom of information nor confidence in the information which is beamed into their homes. Hands off this incredibly valuable resource.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must stay public and independent

If the ABC is privatised, there will be a company profit-making agenda, there will be the opportunity for airtime to be 'bought' for the purpose of pushing certain ideas and agendas. The casualty would be the truth. We need to have a public broadcaster that remains impartial and is committed to balance and the communication of quality information. We must minimise any opportunity for private, political and organisational agendas to displace verifiable, quality information. Please keep the ABC public, independent, and strong.

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VIC 3820 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: On behalf of everyone I know: please keep the ABC public

The ABC is so important to my family, friends and to me. Indeed it was viewing Australian Story as a highschool student that inspired me to study law. It has shaped me in more ways than I know, and is such a valuable public resource. I am convinced that privatisation is a very bad idea. It will be a huge loss to our society and to Australia. Please don't let the Council's plan go ahead.

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SA 5033




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Please do not sell off the ABC
The ABC is one of the only decent news and program channels left on free to air.
I enjoy many of their programs such as four corners. The news Gardening Australia et cetera.
Keep it
Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

QLD 4163 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to urge you to keep the ABC from being privatised.

The ABC has been known for outstanding journalism, news and current affairs for decades. It is vital for the good of our nation that it continues to be an independent body able to report without fear or favour.

It also has many great Australian drama shows to its name (though less in recent years, since the lack of funding has cut the ability to commission new dramas). It is important for Australians to be able to enjoy stories about their own land, and see Australia on the television, not just American culture.

The ABC also has fantastic children's programming; far more than other channels, and once again including Australian shows.

Finally ABC radio is very important, especially in refusal/regional areas. It has local content and keeps communities together.

All of things are hugely important areas of tv/radio. Yet most of these would not be supported by commercial networks. As we have seen by the lack of telecommunications in rural areas once phone networks were privatised, rural areas are not high priority for advertisers who pay for the commercial networks' dollars. Nor are good quality children's programs, Australian drama or hard hitting journalism.

We have 3 commercial stations already, so there would be plenty of space for such shows if they wanted to do them. The fact that they're not shows that if the ABC were privatised, all of these shows would disappear from the cookie-cutter new channel too.

Some people claim that the fact that advertisers won't pay for these kinds of shows shows that we don't need them. Yet many people, who aren't high priority for advertisers of retail goods, do watch them. And their impact on the nation also is a lot higher than the numbers suggest; producing changes in policy, keeping local rural communities together and giving our kids a great start in life. These important nationwide impacts are the kind of thing that a Federal Government should pay for.

In conclusion, I once again urge you most strongly to keep the ABC the great quality, vital public network that it has always been.

[REDACTED]
VIC 3169



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC - Essential Government Service

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please refer closely to the following submission re the funding of the ABC, as an Australian taxpayer, concerned citizen, family member, community member and business owner.

The ABC is an excellent and essential service for the Australian taxpayer.

I listen to ABC radio every day, several times a day, which provides me with the following (amongst other things):

- A great news / current affairs service – objective, well researched and non-sensationalised in general.
- Regular weather information / forecasts that I rely on.
- Excellent local content - i.e. local regional radio where I live covering local issues.
- Sport – fantastic grandstand coverage of cricket and other sports.
- Music - Triple J and Radio National music programs.
- Excellent range of science, arts and other programs on radio national.
- Youth services through Triple J – very important for younger Australians.

I also use ABC Iview tv from time to time (along with SBS).

The ABC MUST STAY Government funded, and well-funded at that. That's a key part of where I'd like my tax dollars to go.

ABC connects Australians together in a way that is actually an essential part of the fabric of the country – for example local content radio / 'Sunday with Macca' and a host of other programs that connects the country, including the crucially important regional bush, which remains a key part of our identity.

ABC services are critical for regional areas, not least of which for Fire and Emergency services.

Privatisation of the ABC will slash regional input / content, as these are not typically high profit areas.

Commercial media interests do not cover issues in a bipartisan or independent manner. Privatisation of the ABC would see to a diminishment of the service, and the addition of another commercially driven, sensationally driven media outlet.

Furthermore, I predict that the Australian public will vote with their feet on this issue – privatisation of the ABC will be widely unpopular and would contribute significantly to the party favouring it failing to win Government.

Finally, incumbent Australian Governments have a mandate to continue funding the organisation.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
WA 6285




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands - with more funding, not less!

In a healthy democracy, independent publicly funded media like our ABC are essential to give voice to ordinary people and the issues we care about, hold our politicians to account and provide Australian content in the arts. I especially value the news content and programs like the ABC's Fact Checker (which was axed to my great disappointment), 4 Corners, 7:30 Report etc.

The Coalition attacks on the ABC seem to be increasing which, if they succeed, will be a step backwards for our country and our democracy. Corporations and other wealthy interests already have too much voice in our country through advertising, political donations, and private media ownership etc so it is very important that publicly funded, independent media like ABC and SBS stay public, independent and properly funded.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Public broadcasting such as the ABC plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. The sharpest point of difference when compared to commercial programming that mostly lacks pedagogy behind its children's content. All public broadcasters have a unique national responsibility to provide a public good to citizens, rather than the more easily measured aim of commercial broadcasters, to maximise return to their shareholders. Our ABC provides platforms for news, entertainment and education that foster a shared sense of national coherence. No other media organisation has a primary responsibility to citizens, as a nationally defined group. The ABC and SBS have the capacity to sustain citizenship and civil society, promote education and learning, stimulate creativity and cultural excellence across a range of geographic regions. As a public broadcaster, the ABC must deliver for audiences where they are, not just where the profitable markets are. We need the ABC for public good over private profit.

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SA 5082



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

It appears the Liberal Party Council has voted to privatise the ABC and I am writing to air my concerns about such a move.

I only ever watch ABC and SBS television regularly. Why? Because it seems to me, that in general, there is a level of trustworthy intelligence in the programming that is lacking in commercial channels. 4 Corners is by far my most trusted news source. It used to be Clarke and Dawe!


Apart from the quality of programming, I am also concerned about the level of editorial bias that can come with a commercial operation where corporate values and agendas can be presented as unbiased information. If we were to privatise the ABC and "leave it to the market" why would the new owners put public interests before their own? Who would it serve to have yet another source of consumer lifestyle conditioning replace the independent, thoughtful and intelligent ABC that we have now? That's a rhetorical question and the obvious answer is that it would serve the free market fundamentalists who worship the neoliberal agenda of deregulation (except for the mountains of regulation that favour the corporate world), privatisation (provided any losses are socialised) and the "trickle down effect" (which hasn't trickled down, thus being responsible for an alarming increase in social inequality in recent times).

Reliable sources of truthful, independent information are crucial to the proper functioning of a democracy. A well informed population can make well informed choices. Our information sources have become increasingly corporatised over the years and I think this goes a long way toward explaining the appalling state of politics in Australia. I think poorly informed voters have made some poorly informed choices at the polls. Independant sources of truthful information should be appreciated as essential to society and encouraged to proliferate, not be silenced.

Clearly, the ABC needs to stay in public hands and needs to remain scrupulously independant. It is a public service like hospitals, police forces, our system of law and our armed forces. The aforementioned fundamentalists would like to privatise all these public services too - leave it to the market.

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

With best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
TAS 7004 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC


I urge you to maintain the ABC as a public entity. Commercialisation will destroy the integrity and quality of our national broadcaster, and make it yet another vehicle for corporate bodies to push their agendas and control how we receive our information.

My children grew up watching the many quality Australian programs such as Bananas in Pyjamas, Play School, Dance Academy, etc, free from the control of insidious advertising.

I personally rarely ever watch anything but the ABC - news programs I can trust for independent reporting, quality documentaries and dramas. If this was to be privatised it would most likely deteriorate into yet another endless stream of mind-numbing reality TV, and news reports more fixated on the latest sporting scandal than actual real news of international and national importance. This CAN'T be allowed to happen.

Hands off our ABC!

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VIC 3160 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC

Healthy democracies need to have public broadcasters that are not funded by big business interests so that a diversity of views are represented in the media. Privatising the ABC would undermine our democracy. Please protect our precious democracy and keep the ABC in public hands.

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WA 6162 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

The ABC is a very successful broadcaster. In recent years it has been being dumbed down, now its news is little different to that of channels 9 or 7, what a tragedy. How dare you all now propose to privatise it. Hands off.

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NSW 2090 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I live ABC for presenting kids programs & investigative journalism without the 'hidden' profit motive of media moguls.

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WA 6155




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Governments are there to provide for its citizens.

For years the ABC has provided the perfect grounds for artists to take risks and add to Australia's cultural heritage. This will be lost if the ABC ends up in private hands. Australian governments should provide organisations that are there for the advancement of the country, not for private profit making. I urge this and future governments not to make the same mistake that has been made with companies like Telstra and the Commonwealth bank, who should be there to better this country, deliver a world class NBN rather than the out dated farce that we've ended up with, rather than focusing of returns for share holders. You are elected to govern for our future, not to push cheap vote getting stunts so please do your job and fund the ABC properly.

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WA 6050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia will vote to keep the ABC public by voting out the Liberal govt

I rely on the ABC to give me real news. Not only do I not trust the veracity of commercial stations, I don't like being fed the "information" that corporations want to drip feed the masses, merely to increase their profits. The ABC gains nothing by providing high quality journalism. It seems as plain as the nose on my face that this is not the case for commercial TV and radio. The Liberal party has a lot in common with Trump - but what do they have to fear from a public broadcaster who checks all of its facts thoroughly? are they criminals with something to hide? or do they seek to share in the profits they think will be made by commercial stations? We are not stupid. We vote. And we love the ABC.

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WA 6163 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in OUR Hands

The ABC is the only radio and the ABC and SBS the only digital media that I tune into. Indeed it is impossible to overstate the importance of the ABC to me and my family. We live in a rural town and rely on ABC radio and television for our international, national and local news, weather reports, and for so much information about the arts, sport, and our diverse society. It is extremely worrying to me that recent governments have lied about maintaining funding to the ABC and are now considering its worth in terms of funding. The ABC is a trusted source of news, and any suggestion of its leftist bias ignores its history of reporting and critiquing our governments, and the people we trust to do the right thing in public office. Good government is in understanding the essential importance of well funded journalism, both in maintaining a high standard of accountability in our own country and in keeping us informed of what is happening around the world. Journalists must be enabled to do their work without fear or favour from politicians. Similarly, SBS [and including NITV] has a very important role to play in connecting and educating the people of our diverse nation.

In my view, undermining the quality of the ABC in order to promote commercial interests will result in more and more low grade reporting that is now readily available on commercial television.

Finally, the very reason for this inquiry points to the greed of media companies, and the fear of those who are intent on corrupting the decency and progress of our nation as we negotiate these troubling times of extreme climate change and political upheaval. There has never been a more important time to properly fund and support the ABC and to maintain it in the hands of the people.

Stop meddling with this fine institution and start bringing some of the disreputable journalism that poisons the airways to account.

[REDACTED]
WA 6333



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Never any good reason to privatise the ABC, it's all been downhill since Mark Scott infiltrated the place, and now her, another leftie in control, and not what the public wants. You must be aware how many people HATE ads with a passion, that's why we have a mute button. Idiotic screaming, like a suicide bomber ready to attack !! I suggested the best place for "rough as guts" commercial radio and TV, is in emergency depts in Hospitals, in order to revive coma patients.

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NSW 2297 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC needs to stay clear from private hands!

Australia is one of the few countries in the world to have a government funded source of media that is non-biased or influenced by third parties. This is crucial to an effective democracy and we cannot lose it. The ABC is a valuable source of news, arts and entertainment and important to my lifestyle and those around me.

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NSW 2259



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands!!

We live in a regional area and the ABC is our most important source of news. 4 Corners is our most trusted news source!!!
Public Broadcasting place an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media. We are very concerned and worried about the Coalitions attacks on our most trusted ABC. Do NOT privatize or reduce funding for the ABC.
4 Corners, Landline , 7.30,ABC News, Back Roads are very important Programs for us living in a regional area.

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VIC 3953



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands!

The ABC is the most valuable media platform to maintain democracy in Australia. Do not privatise!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia needs a public broadcaster

It is imperative in a free and open democracy that there be a broadcaster that serves the public interest. Senator Abetz has pointed out that 'the market' could take care of the ABC. He has stated the problem elegantly and simply. A commercial broadcaster will be biased to the position of the corporate owners. There are already enough broadcasters serving self interested corporate owners. The move to privatise the ABC is a political gambit and does not serve the public interest. In fact, this kind of political deceit is a good example of why we need a public broadcaster.

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NSW 2204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

The ABC is an essential public broadcaster. The numerous attacks made on it by right wing commentators (and the claims of left wing bias which have been consistently proven wrong by actual analysis as opposed to shock jock hubris) undermines the integrity of our media. The right wing would do well to remember that on the last occasion they invoked the so-called silent majority (in opposition to same sex marriage) the Australian public told them loud and clear that they did not speak for us!

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VIC 3182 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC please

I am submitting my objections to the government privatising OUR ABC. I watch this station every time I turn on the TV and rarely watch commercial stations because of the COMMERCIALS which are not on the ABC stations. The content of the programs is AUSTRALIAN and usually presented much more unbiased than commercial stations. The Australian people have loved THEIR ABC since it began, this love is only going to be greater when it is challenged.

ABC Journalists are second to none and the programs are of a very high standard which we can't expect from others.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. If you want to make a change to the funding of ABC increase their funding.

Yours sincerely

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NSW 2850



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping our ABC unprivatised

I appreciate the programming on television of the ABC. I live in a rural area so they further inform me through local ABC radio of issues concerning this electorate area.
With privatisation of energy, infrastructure by the government we have just our ABC informing us of our local and national issues.

Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


NSW 2481 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

My wife and I have valued and listened to the ABC for all of our adult lives and even when we were children. I am appalled that the council of the Liberal Party wants to privatise this invaluable public asset. It seems that its only concern is political commentary, thinking that it is biased. Actually they are annoyed because it is not biased to the right as most of the media is. Certainly if it did become private it is much more likely to lose the balance that it now has. But of course the ABC offers much more than political commentary and I fear that the quality and variety of its programming would be lost if it operated purely for commercial gain.

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NSW 2035 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We do not need another privatised media outlet. We need to keep our ABC as an independent, reliable source of information and thinking about issues which affect us whether local, national or international. As I'm driving country roads, I want to listen to programs that are informative, properly evidenced and allow me to form my own opinion which is what the ABC provides. I can trust the information provided much more than the sensationalised, unevidenced opinions broadcast from talk-back radio which are often the only other options available when driving through the countryside. In fact, in some areas, the ABC is the only station you can pick up and so even more reason to keep it as public property. Hands off it!

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VIC 3350



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect our ABC

I would be greatly disappointed if the ABC is privatised. Commercial TV is already full of brainless rubbish which we would do well without. We need the ABC to provide quality media to the Australian public. Media should not be simply about excitement, thrills, horror and sex. We need media that uplifts our society and challenges our thinking, not media that degrades us further.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

VIC 3078



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in our public hands

Dear Commissioners,

It is with true concern, absolute outrage and a heavy heart that I write a submission to you concerning the privatisation of OUR ABC.

The ABC belongs to us all. It is not a tool of either political party to be kicked around , defunded and politically hijacked and held to ransom. It is the people's voice and educator . With out our independent , well funded and resourced ABC we will become a more partisan, divided and ill informed national community.


As a devoted listener and "watcher " of all thing ABC , i know it is impossible to replicate these services and program to commercial advantage . By their very nature they are a SERVICE to all , not a money making venture .

As one who grew up in rural and regional Australia I know these trusted services to be of vital importance to all living in those areas. No other body is as trusted and relied upon as OUR ABC. Every country kitchen , every ute, every farm office, every sheering/packing/diary shed in the country has ABC radio quietly humming away in the background keeping all informed , linked in and up to date about all regional, rural and national .

As a mother and parent , I know that my children have been, and are being safely , intelligently and genuinely educated and entertained by accessing OUR ABC television and streaming services. As a professional Musician who has been involved in 100's of programs broadcast and supported by OUR ABC , I know that no other service provider has been or will be interested in supporting the Arts community as the ABC Charter requires and the ABC staff cherish and enable. We will become a less creative and eventually poorer nation if we steadfastly refuse to acknowledge the role of the creative industries in the Importance of our nation's health. OUR ABC is fundamental both the support and dissemination of these ideas and visions.

The very premise of of the Enquiry misses the fundamental and most important point of the ABC. It is NOT here to be a commercial interest !! It plays an irreplaceable and vitally important role in our democracy . The comparison with commercial media is ideologically driven and intellectually unsound . We should be celebrating and supporting a strong , challenging and diverse ABC that reflects back to us our nation with all of it's strengths .

I implore you to not privatise OUR ABC but to strengthen , further fund a celebrate our ABC.It belongs to us all , it is a body to be cherished and revitalised, we are stronger as a nation because of it .


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NSW 2040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatisise the ABC

I am writing this submission expressing my concern about the Liberal Governments decision to privatise the ABC. The ABC is a respected and valued telecommunications broadcasting channel for all ages, cultures and a diverse range of topics. The ABC provides topics that are educational and informative for all ages as opposed to commercial channels providing a lot of overseas US repeats that often have no educational or informative nature. In regional areas the ABC provides a reliable source for news and children's educational programs. 4 Corners is another trusted news source provided by the ABC. Public broadcasting such as the ABC and SBS need to be kept public to keep their authenticity, public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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NSW 2250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is mine as well!

ABC needs to stay out of commercial hands!! We need a totally independent channel, independent of all influence included and specially independent from government

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VIC 3016



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep my ABC in Public Hands

A Public Broadcasting Facility is a benchmark in any functioning democracy. It is a fantastic product and also provided free public service during disasters etc with it's national coverage.
The Commonwealth Bank used to be in public hands and look what the free market did to that...

Political suicide to harass Aunty. Very bad.

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NSW 2291




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Do not privatise the ABC, it is the standard to which commercial channels should aspire. We don't want more rubbish in pursuit of the Dollar.

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NSW 2261 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is the right of all Australians

I have been an ABC listener since my early childhood, I am now 81, and to privatise the ABC would not be in keeping with it's original concept. Please reconsider your deplorable decision made recently. I am from the country originally, and it is a medium held in high regard by the people who are still work on the land. To compare the ABC with commercial stations is not something most listeners would agree with, and would certainly object to privatisation of it.

Yours in support of the ABC,

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NSW 2017



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Claws and boots off the ABC, si vous plait

Australia has a long and sad history of harbouring, in any era, peculiarly-large numbers of carpers, slanderers and destroyers. Tom Kenneally could tell us if this is part of the convict heritage. Malcontents who, when eight years old, pulled the wings off flies, are forever fulminating and urging the demolition of decent structures; it comes across as a national disease. Any critter who bellows to privatise or do away with the ABC is a sad sack who would kidney punch his grandmother if she dropped and broke a teacup in the kitchen. Odious creeps like this will always be in our midst. We can half understand why Young Liberals (do they ever wear white hoods and set huge crosses ablaze?) want to kill off a national asset. Their candidate as the new Saviour, Alan Jones screams at them to demand this alleged benefit. If born in Australia, Rodin would have had to move abroad to find a subject for his statue, Le Penseur.

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NSW 2203



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation is a political attack on the ABC, for self-serving purposes

The economic ideology of privatisation, as it follows a Neo-liberal agenda, is not for purposes of "efficient allocation of resources". This people are general in this game for wealth acquisition, ownership and power.

Privatisation allows for direct siphoning off public and resource wealth, or by control of media, all the better to enable bending of public opinion and silencing of opposition to their more direct investment wealth interests in Australian mining and income producing resources.

Privatisation of the ABC will lead to greater disparity of wealth and power in Australia.

Media reporting of Opposition to projects like the Adani Coal Mine will be stifled.

There is no current private commercial media organisation in Australia that covers the range of interests and quality of ABC radio, internet, TV and music. A lot of this will disappear, because it is not a Commercial Endeavour.

Many of these interests of those running our political parties, are already unduly influenced by foreign corporate controlled media in Australia, under the contro of foreign corporations and foreign shareholders.


Don't tell me News Limited, or mining interests, won't be able to buy control in the ABC if this bunch of traitors to Australia, a government that dares call themselves patriots, is allowed to "sell" the ABC.

Like the privatisation of the Commonwealth bank, privatisation of ABC takes away a last alternative in a field already divided and conquered by a cartel of plutocratic interests.

The movers behind the push to "privatise the ABC", also belong to the same climate-change denying , coal and mining lobby wealth rapists of Australia, wholly aligned with the Minerals Council of Australia, and IPA and other kinds of wealth purchased political power.

Those proposing the "Sale" of the Australian Broadcasting Commission ought to be charged with treason towards the people of Australia.

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NSW 2161 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

There seem to be three major points being made: first, a publicly funded broadcaster crowds out its private competitors: second, that technology driven media makes the ABC obsolete; third, the ABC has crept well beyond its mission statement.

The first two points seem to contradict each other. The commercial broadcast media have somehow not become obsolete through technological change, and yet the ABC is crowding them out. Surely commercialising the ABC would just add to the overcrowding and send ad revenues tumbling even more? The proposal praises online publishing, but ignores the fact that the ABC has a strong online presence as well as its broadcast function. As for the mission statement creep argument, no details are given. It seems to be code for the ABC has a left-wing bias?

Politicians are the last people to pass judgement on political bias. That must be left to the people. Our democracy needs the ABC, particularly when there is no independent corruption body at the federal level. Hands off!

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ACT 2611



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should remain a independant but Government funded broadcasting entity

To whom it concerns

I have a firm conviction that Australia needs to maintain an independent broadcasting entity. I believe it is imperative to have independent investigative reporting that cannot be biased by funding constraints.

In many ways, the current government, you, are shutting down openness and transparency of an incumbent government.

Privatization of the ABC means that its future is dependent and hence controlled by the dictates of the funding source. This does not support unbiased independent reporting, which means that voters do not have a source of information that has not influential ties.

Instead of funding big business tax cuts, perhaps the government should consider retaining and funding social services such as the ABC.

Kind regards

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[REDACTED]

WA 6149



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC would not be the ABC if it became privatised. I'm sure we would see the emergence of other independent stations if this were to occur. I value the ABC and wish it not to become privatised (in my opinion privatisation loses credibility).

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QLD 4101 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am very unhappy with continuing assaults on our ABC. The funding cuts have reduced programming and now privatisation is threatened. I fear if this were to take place our ABC's unique Australian focus would be lost. Programs I watch like Gardening Australia, Landline, Insiders to mention a few would suffer. Not to mention the wonderful children's programs like Playschool that echo our culture for our children and grandchildren. I want to see our ABC continue as a public broadcaster and not to be privatised.

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TAS 7310




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian public

The ABC is an institution which is intrinsic to the proper functioning of our democracy and should never fall into private hands it has the capacity through often excellent investigative reporting to raise public awareness about issues that we would otherwise be unaware

[REDACTED]


VIC 3767 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

Hands off - It is 'our' ABC. It is bad enough that funding keeps on getting cut from the 'National Broadcaster'. Would muzzling the ABC and turning it into another commercial TV station help us to become better informed?

[REDACTED]

VIC 3021 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's OUR ABC!!!


Frankly I would be completely devastated if the ABC is privatised. It's the only channel I watch for the news and I love the drum and the arts program. I don't bother watching the other channels mostly as the ABC has quality programs which make you think and opens your eyes to other cultures, views, and opinions. It will be a very sad day for Australia if we loose our public broadcaster and Australians will be the losers and worse off without it. Its part of our democratic right and a bloody travesty by the right to hijack our rights and promote their bias agenda. I'm not buying it.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NSW 2204 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

I live in regional NSW and the ABC is my best source of news with programs such as 4 Corners an important and trusted in depth analysis. Public broadcasting is fundamental in our democracy.

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[Redacted]
NSW 2540 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC Belongs To the Australian People

Australia is supposed to be a democracy.
A democracy must have a not for profit national broadcaster.
Commercialism can not be aloud to completely take over yet another aspect of Australian life.


This is Australia, we do not do live in a fake world like the 'Truman Show' and do NOT want TV showing only fake lives shown on commercial TV.

We can't all afford to pay for TV. Take the ABC and SBS away from public control and Australians will suffer and wither at the hands of commercial crap TV.

You /we have a duty to Australians to keep the ABC in public hands.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2026 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Selling off the ABC is pure madness and cruelty!

Dear LNP

No more 4 Corners? No more Media Watch,? no more Foreign Correspondent?, no more 7.30 Report?, no more home made Aussie drama?, no more The Business?, no more Shaun Micaloff? no more Q&A?, no more European drama series?, and the distinguished list goes on and on, and the LNP really does not want this for our country anymore???? Really?? Does the LNP really believe selling off the ABC is good for the country? Really? Does the LNP really want to disenfranchise and 'impoverish' the Australian people both physically and now intellectually as well? Do they really hate Australian citizens that much? The ABC is one of the few Australian organization that nurtures our 'civilized democratic country'! Does the LNP really want to destroy this ? Really? Really? Is this what the LNP calls good governance?

I am nearly 60 years of age, and for the first time in my life , I am genuinely terrified about where this country is going and how it is being governed! (can you imagine the British selling off the BBC? I cant) Stop this mad idea NOW! Shame LNP Shame Shame Shame Shame

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VIC 3134 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as it is, owned by the public

Since my earliest days I have benefited from the ABC.

Firstly through listening to local ABC radio, and later through ABC television. More recently, ABC online services have added an important ingredient to my media diet.

As a taxpayer, I am entirely happy with this arrangement. I want my taxes to be spent on the ABC (and things like it) which nurture our society and the public good, rather than on junkets for politicians, subsidising risky profit-making ventures into obsolete technology (coal mining), or fighting wars in countries where we should not be involved.

It was during my late teens and twenties that I first began to realise one of the most important aspects of what the ABC does for us. It offers a voice we can trust.

In a world where corporate spin merchants and advertising agencies set the agenda for most elements of our daily media experience, and where profit is the only measure of well-being - for some the only reason for existence - the ABC has a proud tradition of speaking what needs to be said, informing us of things we need to know without fear or favour, and of setting a benchmark for journalistic integrity that few others come near.

Of course, it also provides entertainment, alongside a healthy reflection of our diverse society – of things that we can all celebrate and of the things we need to understand in order to mature as individuals and as a nation. It helps us understand who we have been, who we are, and who we might become.

Those who claim that there is nothing to be valued in this world but “the market” are not to be trusted with decisions about our democracy, or about how our pooled resources (taxes) are to be spent. Those voices which argue that the ABC has passed its use-by date or relevance should be very carefully examined... what is their motive, what is the vision of society they are arguing for?

Why should we, the people who pay the taxes and elect the government, have our choices defined by cynics and short-term profiteers who believe in nothing but the dividends of their share portfolios?

The calls to privatise the ABC should be rejected out of hand.

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VIC 3123 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the abc in public hands

Please show me an example of a public asset that has been sold off and privatised and ALSO improved the service delivered to the community on a consistent basis in the years that followed. I can't think of one.

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VIC 3068



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off ABC

There are plenty of private corporations already in television/radio. And a useless bunch they are too. If you want quality, and an unbiased view, the ABC is your only real option .
The Liberal party will suffer a lot of damage privatizing the ABC . Is it worth it???? Besides the Liberal party is on public record saying they will not privatize (or cut funds to) the ABC. How blatant do you want your lying to be?? People will notice this. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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TAS 7277



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE THE ABC!

I believe that it is essential that the ABC should not be privatised for a number of reasons.

1. We need an unbiased broadcaster that is not beholden to commercial interests and / or relying on advertising revenue and thus able to only present programs that attract such revenue.
2. An independent ABC provides opportunities to nurture new local talent.
3. A tax payer funded ABC is able to operate in regional areas with populations too small to support commercial enterprises.
4. ABC children's programs allow parents to give their children access to television programs without having to expose them to constant advertising.
5. The ABC does contribute to its funding through the sale of its programs on DVD, etc and these funds are reinvested in the enterprise rather than channelled off to investors.

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VIC 3146




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC should remain in public hands, unbiased by private interests. I have worked in commercial TV and have friends in both commercial and public media and although many things have changed over the years and some things are similar to all media outlets, one fact remains - the Australian public deserves unbiased reporting of news. Other benefits of the ABC are as a training ground for young journalists, producers and creatives; reporting on areas other than headline grabbing stories; and productions of real depth and interest to our culture... rather than only ratings and advertising \$.

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NSW 2026 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need the ABC to be free

We need the ABC to be free from the marketing forces that rule the rest of TV. The 7.30 Report and Four Corners are the last of the honest news and current affairs programs we have left. Channel Nine Current Affairs is at least fifty percent advertising. Even the News Programs on the commercial channels are mainly ads for the big supermarkets. Once the ABC is privatised no where will be safe from the corporate dollar. You only need to look at the American News Broadcasters to see the hold they have over the truth. We don't want to see that amount of power in the hands of the Australian Press. Please leave our ABC free without the influence of the DOLLAR.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4207 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I trust what I hear on the ABC more than any other media outlet. It provides my family with a variety in programs that is extremely informative and educational and along with SBS are generally not available on commercial television. More I believe provides programs for all Australians with examples like Landline covering our rural areas and showing to all Australians how important that area is to our future. This is something a commercial channel would not see and is not part of their charter. Having the ABC funded via the government budgets gives it a unique remit and accountability and something that is key to our unique and open society that Australia has.

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NSW 2119 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!

As an ABC listener/ watcher all my life (I'm 72 and began my listening as an Argonaut at age 4) I was horrified at proposal to privatise. I value the broad range of reporting both in Australia and abroad of events not covered on commercial sites. Information produced is both thought provoking and enriching. I can not imagine life without the independent broadcaster!

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TAS 7005



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of the ABC

To members of the Inquiry.

Dear Sirs / Madams.

I am simply horrified at the very thought of losing the completely unbiased National Broadcaster, our ABC. This is where I can depend on acquiring balanced information on all the topics that interest me - politics & social justice issues in particular.

I appreciate the fact that these presenters always give equal opportunity for people with divergent views to state their case clearly - & we are left to make up our own minds about the arguments we hear.

There is no "favouritism" shown - except for the occasions when some representatives choose not to be available for comment.

I have noticed that whichever party is in power could tend to feel that it is being criticised. Obviously, the ones with the best opportunity to make change will obviously be in the spotlight during their tenure.

I am glad of our National Broadcaster, because it helps me to appreciate that I live in a democracy & not in a totalitarian country where all dissent is forbidden.


I also appreciate the wonderful investigative journalists who are able, in our current system, to uncover many unjust or fraudulent practices about which the public have a right to know.

Please, above all, keep & treasure our independent public broadcaster.

Yours sincerely'

[REDACTED] Noble Park Vic. 3174.

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VIC 3174 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC should be kept in public hands.

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VIC 3011 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC just as it is

All australians deserve the right to be able to watch commercial free and independant content in their own homes.
Media owners should not be able to influence public policy just because they have wealth.
We need unbiased coverage of news and current affairs.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2122




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

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

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VIC 3960 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

STOP [REDACTED] ABETZ IN HIS TRACKS.
HANDS OFF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTER ABC.
[REDACTED] TURNBULL ; PULL YOUR HEAD IN.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3020




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is a public legacy

THE ABC is a public legacy and essential to a functioning democracy. For once can the impulses of politics and capitalism not erode another national resource? I could talk about the need for investigative journalism and unique role of the ABC and SBS; I could talk about the essential need for the ABC in my rural area; for the important cultural contribution; about the memories we all have from childhood and adolescence; the cultural conversation and intelligent debate.... but really it's a public resource, owned by the public and not to be eroded through privatisation. Leave it alone at best, if you can't - fund it more.

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NSW 2577 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never Let the ABC be Privatised

I am now 82 and I have listened to the ABC since early childhood, then watched ABC since its first telecasts. The number and variety of programs has greatly increased over the years, but there has always been something on both radio and TV to inform and satisfy, and the news has always been delivered reliably and impartially.

By contrast, whenever I visit commercial radio or TV I am constantly annoyed by commercial interruptions to programs, and by blatant bias in current affairs discussions and news presentations.

Please never let the ABC be privatised.

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VIC 3206 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell our ABC !

The only independent and trustworthy source of news and political activities available to the population.
Must never be sold. Shame on those contemplating such a move.

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NSW 2290 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC nationalized, please

I want the ABC to remain the beacon of governmental broadcasting on television, radio, online and mobile services. It seems every other broadcaster is dependent on powerful interests for funding, via advertising revenue. I see real value in the ABC's comparative independence. I want the ABC to continue talking truth to stupid, no matter what illogical, corporate-sponsored conspiracy theory, witch-hunt, or science-denial is. Please, do not compromise our ABC with privatization.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


TAS 7310 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a national treasure!

I am horrified at the thought that this government is contemplating privatising the ABC. Like many thoughtful Australians, ABC television and radio is where I go on a daily basis to obtain balanced and insightful analysis of current affairs, intelligent drama and comedy with Australian content, and to escape the banality of commercial TV. Our cultural heritage should not be put in the hands of people who see every aspect of human endeavour through an economic rationalist lens. Establishing a so-called level playing field for the broadcasting sector will really mean a race to the bottom in terms of content and will put sectional interests ahead of the broader value of supporting our world-class public broadcasting services. Please leave the ABC alone. It delivers value for money and is a national treasure available to all Australians.

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NSW 2627 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I believe it is essential that our public broadcaster remains just that and is never allowed to be sold off by any government. The ABC is Australia's most trusted broadcaster and its independence is essential in these times of 'fake news'. It has served the country well for 86 years across the nation's expanse and is responsible for a myriad of different services that Australians everywhere enjoy and appreciate. Many of the services that take place in country areas in particular would be unavailable under a commercial arrangement.

The ABC is innovative and diverse in content. It speaks for Australians and to Australia about ourselves. It tells our stories. Something that could well be lost under a commercial profit driven operator. We only have to look at our present commercial channels to know this, where we see a plethora of American TV shows which are cheaper to provide, don't employ our own and don't speak to our identity.

The ABC is a priceless asset. It is innovative, pioneering and an employer of some of our best and brightest. Deloitte estimates that it returns \$1 billion to the economy and this makes a nonsense of the concern about 'taxpayer funds' as if money is given and nothing is returned.

During the last liberal government we were promised 'no cuts to the ABC ' but instead there have ongoing cuts that have resulted in job losses and the end of production of fantastic shows like 'Australian Story'. This is one of those thoughtful wonderful shows that the ABC does so well and it tells our story. I miss it!

I reject the thinking that ABC content is biased. I instead see a broadcaster that takes care to present a balanced opinion. Q and A on Monday nights is a good example of this. I think this assertion about bias has been repeated so many times it's become accepted as a truth!

ABC viewers and listeners come from across the spectrum of our society . We love our ABC we don't want to lose it and we want funding restored so it can continue to do a great job!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2533



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

I am appalled by the recent view by some in the Liberal Party that the ABC should be privatised. I am a middle of the road voter and have over my 50+ years voted for various sides of politics based upon issues and circumstances.

I believe that worldwide our democratic institutions are being threatened by forces of ignorance and prejudice.

Australia is not immune to these threats.

The ABC is one of the institutions which stands as a bulwark against these forces. Immune from commercial and political pressures it is able to be a source of news, entertainment and culture. I may not agree with all of their programming but I absolutely agree that they should continue to exist as an independent taxpayer funded entity.

I would happily vote my 14 cents per day and more to keep it in public hands.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3193



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have enjoyed immensely for many years the ABC. I trust the news content and programs like the 7.30pm report. ABC drams have been just brilliant. I want my tax dollars spent on keeping ABC in public hands. Dramas such as Mystery Road, Redfern Now, East/West 101 etc are just brilliant. I very rarely watch any other station other than the ABC

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ACT 2903



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I have listened to the Commercial stations and even in their news it has a bias according to their 'owners and controllers interests. I have listened to the ABC and hear the 'real' news where it comes right from the reporters mouth as it happens and has not been 'doctored' in a way that is controlled even by which ever political party is in power . And the programs especially for children do not have adds making the kids beg their parents to spend money on products or on food that is not healthy for them. Leave the ABC alone especially for the country areas.

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NSW 2225




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must be public & independent

As a Senior Australian (64 years old), I have relied on the ABC for quality productions all of my life! It started with PlaySchool which always promoted healthy living compared to commercial alternatives which pushed sugary, salty & fatty foods & drinks. ABC radio and TV always gives you responsible news wherever you travel in Australia. I grew up with great Australian innovative comedy on ABC TV like Aunty Jack, Norman Gunston & Mad as Hell. There is also riveting drama like The Bill which I enjoyed for decades. Today, there is independent, insightful investigative journalism with 4 Corners & The 7.30 Report. Our Australian Society would be much poorer with a private, populist ABC not fearlessly investigating & presenting different sides of an argument, like Q & A!

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NSW 2763 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a necessity!

The ABC is the least politically biased of all the broadcasting media we have. It is also the most interested in providing information of public interest, without the influence financial gain, that commercial broadcasters have. PLEASE SAVE THE ABC.

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NSW 2546 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is important to me because it offers a well rounded balance of programs including documentaries and current affairs programs that provide unbiased information about issues affecting the modern World as well as being a vital platform for Australian and indigenous content particularly quality drama, comedy and the arts. It represents the Australian nation and it's people and preserves the integrity of our culture and our language

I am concerned about the Coalition's attacks because it is an attack on the freedom of speech and access to unbiased information about matters of significant national and international importance. It is also an attack on our way of life and the values that underpin us as a nation.

Without the ABC the Australian public will be denied access to unbiased information and content of cultural and linguistic relevance. Without the ABC we will be subject to a diet of content dictated by the commercial sector and the interests of the funding bodies. Without the ABC content will be limited to second rate game and reality TV shows and an over preponderance of main stream American drama and sit coms.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and cannot be compared with commercial media. Public broadcasting provides an independent voice on issues affecting each and every citizen in the modern word. Freedom of speech and access to information are fundamental rights of us all. An attack on the ABC is an attack on these rights, it is an attack on fairness, equity and transparency and it is an attack on out culture, our values and our language.

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SA 5152




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is an institution of enormous value; I listen to Radio National every day and it is far and away my preferred medium. The quality of the programs is amazingly high, and extremely good value for the tax dollars spent.

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NSW 2134 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We are very worried about the prospect of the sale of our wonderful ABC. It has been a treasured part of our lives from listening to programs as children to memories of Davis cup matches at Xmas to our own children enjoying Playschool to our grandchildren now avid viewers of the quality children's programs only on offer on the ABC. Countless quality & vital current affairs programs have been aired & we know they all impartially provide unbiased balanced information & opinions without the interference of stakeholders of a particular persuasion. It is our public broadcaster & loved by people throughout the whole of Australia of all political persuasions. Do not sell it

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VIC 3068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only source of news and information that I trust as it is not tainted by commercial and/or political interests and the need to make money for shareholders. Commercial broadcasting has a conservative bias and it is good and necessary to have a broadcaster which demonstrates all sides of an argument and is not afraid of sometimes being provocative.

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VIC 3931




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be retained as a public broadcaster

The ABC is the only channel that shows any integrity practices real journalism.
It must be kept in public hands and be properly funded.
Australia needs and wants the ABC to continue to make excellent television and to allow our stars of the future to shine.
Would any other channel have made Bananas in Pyjamas?

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VIC 3550 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Having suffered continual attacks by Conservative Politicians, and savage funding cuts by both Governments the ABC continues to air quality programmes and is vital for the work it does in the area of investigation journalism.

The thought that the only broadcasters would be the commercial channels is unthinkable and the ABC must be properly funded and free from Government interference to provide intelligent, thoughtful programmes as it has done for many years.

The ABC is also vital in providing communication in times of national disaster.

The ABC MUST NOT be privatised.

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VIC 3193




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be retained as a public broadcaster

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Would any other channel have made Bananas in Pyjamas?

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VIC 3550 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

The ABC is the only media organisation that I trust fully. To privatise it would jeopardise my trust because I would never again be able to trust that the ABC is the only UNBIASED media outlet. In my view, that is what the ABC is: unbiased. Therefore I am concerned that right-wing elements of the government are seeking to ensure that the ABC is no longer a trusted source of news and information and quality entertainment.

Therefore I am writing to ensure that biased agendas are not used to destroy the independence of the ABC, the one media outlet I trust.

Basically.... HANDS OFF THE ABC.

Start off talking about why the ABC is important to you. Do you live in a regional area and the ABC is your only source of news? Do your kids love Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig? Is 4 Corners your most trusted news source? The more personal you can make it, the better!

Explain why you're concerned. Tell them why you're worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what you think it means for our society.

Outline why the ABC needs to stay in public hands. You can tell them that the very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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VIC 3352



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

The ABC is the only media organisation that I trust fully. To privatise it would jeopardise my trust because I would never again be able to trust that the ABC is the only UNBIASED media outlet. In my view, that is what the ABC is: unbiased. Therefore I am concerned that right-wing elements of the government are seeking to ensure that the ABC is no longer a trusted source of news and information and quality entertainment.

Therefore I am writing to ensure that biased agendas are not used to destroy the independence of the ABC, the one media outlet I trust.

Basically.... HANDS OFF THE ABC.


Start off talking about why the ABC is important to you. Do you live in a regional area and the ABC is your only source of news? Do your kids love Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig? Is 4 Corners your most trusted news source? The more personal you can make it, the better!

Explain why you're concerned. Tell them why you're worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what you think it means for our society.

Outline why the ABC needs to stay in public hands. You can tell them that the very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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VIC 3352 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Reasons why've ABC needs to stay out of commercial interests

The ABC gives provides the population of Australia with independent journalism - one that is not owned by a corporation or that corporations political connections.

Deeper than that, the ABC is rural Australia's connection point and heartland where farmers, community groups and community centres are able to share, discuss and collaborate. No other media outlet throughout Australia provides this opportunity to its listeners.

It is important to have another point of view which balances out the predominant right philosophy of most media chains at the moment.

The ABC gives voice to the minority and issues that many Australians are concerned about.

I will not vote for a government that seeks to control and manipulate the population.

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VIC 3094 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is very important to me!

I know when I watch the ABC, I can expect quality programming! The ABC isn't tainted and inhibited by the need for ratings, sometimes through the most sensational means in an attempt to appeal to the lowest common denominator, and thus, make more money, but rather allowed to concentrate on the quality of it's product! It is the Broadcaster, along with SBS, where we can find an abundance of Australian content, where Australian creative artists are given the opportunity to strut their stuff! AND, even if it at fist they fail to rate 'well', are given time to mature and eventually, hit their straps!

I'm also am impressed with the quality or the overseas programs! Usually, again , of a very high standard! For example, the recently aired British series, 'Kiri", starring the, yet again, amazing Sarah Lancashire!

Being a performing Artist myself, I particularly appreciate being able to view programs that demonstrate high levels of craft and skill!

I'm worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what that may mean for all Australians!

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

Most sincerely

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VIC 3124



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should be properly funded not privatised

The ABC is an important unifying force for Australia and Australian culture. It brings together a population that is spread over a large continent and ensures that everyone knows what is happening in other parts of the country. The ABC should be properly funded so Australian stories can be brought to Australian people and the world. It is crucial for Australian democracy that we have an organisation that is not influenced by commercial and business interests to provide information on what is happening in the economy, states and generally in the nation. Well funded public broadcasters shows a nation that is proud of itself and is prepared to have independent scrutiny of its institutions which can not be achieved by commercial broadcasters. The ABC should not be privatised but rather it should be provided with proper long term funding which is not subject to the whims of political parties

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NSW 2011 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC is OURS

As an older Australian the ABC is my constant companion and support, a constant in life. Privatisation generally is a failure as far as I can see for example the middle men in the power supply cause constant trouble as we Endeavor not to be ripped off. I am horrified by the narrow and ignorant behaviour of the far right. So alien to a fair and reasonable society and punitive to say the least. Where would I get a world view without LNL and other programs. Please leave this treasure to be treasured, in fact INCREASE the funding, you can have my tax deduction [REDACTED]

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VIC 3141 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NEVER Privatise Our ABC!

I am absolutely appalled that the Liberal Party wants to privatise the ABC. It is essential that a healthy democracy needs a public broadcaster, funded properly by the people, free from the influence of those with the most money or from bottom line commercial imperatives. This move by the Liberal Party is one of the most insidious and frightening things they have done while in office. They will certainly not get my vote at the next election.

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SA 5068



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands

Stop selling off all of our Australian culture taking the money and charging us for it, you are pigs

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SA 5162



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The Possible SALE OF THE ABC

I live south west of Darwin I listen to ABC Radio and ABC TV, I find the ABC professionalism and subjects covered is for more interesting at any time of the day or night than brain destroying Commercial Stations.

WE DONT ALL LIVE IN BIG CITIES.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

There are already enough media mouthpieces for vested corporate interests, setting out to destroy what they don't have a financial stake in. Our public broadcasters need to stay objective and Australian, and they need to be funded fairly so Aussie icons like cricket coverage and 7.30 remain strong.

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NSW 2016 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands!

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our national broadcaster, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), is world-class in its standard of journalism and trusted and relied upon by Australians for its thorough, fearless and unbiased reportage in a world increasingly filled with controlled media, unacceptable bias and fake or pointless news / entertainment. Australians trust and rely on the ABC to undertake groundbreaking investigative journalism and present comprehensive coverage, analysis and commentary on important issues (to name just a small handful): on the lack of probity and due process in relation to the financing and approval of the Adani mine, on the dying Murray-Darling, on the Banking Royal Commission, on the impact of AI on our society and workplace, on the rape consent law reforms in NSW, on foreign interference, on the Federal Budget and elections, on governmental, social and world events. It is a vital pillar of our press media which helps to maintain transparency and honesty in every aspect of our lives, our society and our systems and government.

People often say watching television dumbs down children. My various circles of friends, family, and colleagues, who have all been brought up with "Auntie", have always passionately argued against this view. We love the ABC because it does the reverse of dumbing down: it challenges, enlightens, and entertains, it broadens our minds and shows us what is out there and what is within. It has been, and continues to be, a rich education for any individual, child or adult, from any background.

When I was living and working abroad in London, I missed the shows and presenters of the ABC, even with the availability of the venerable BBC (and the annoying prevalence of the Murdoch press, like an annoying mosquito in the room). The ABC is something Australians love, trust and are proud of, as much as the New Yorker is loved and venerated. The ABC is part of our cultural heritage, a unique voice, and a worthy representation of our future. A government attempting to sabotage and take away this prized asset is the equivalent of a corporate board recklessly destroying value and brand - it is not something that is rewarded by stakeholders or the market.

Our household (and those of our friends) trust the ABC to keep us informed about the world, our current society, and the things which influence our collective futures. The ABC stands out strikingly in its quality of news coverage, originality and independence of thought and opinion, and exercise of intelligence in analysis (as opposed to prejudice or a party line), a stark contrast to the background noise of other commercial press offerings. It seems irrational to attack and try to get rid of something that continues to expand our horizons, whose loss would leave us with the drab, woefully inadequate, unreliable, and, frankly, boring alternatives of the Murdoch press.

There are so many examples of the quality ABC content we love: the series of articles on the AI Race and domestic violence in the church on ABC News Online, the annual Federal Budget coverage night, Ian Verrender's analyses of economics and finance, the 7.30 Report and Leigh Sales' interviews, the ground breaking Four Corners investigations, Media Watch, the discussions on The Drum, the stories on Catalyst and Compass and Australian Story, the thought-provoking debates on Q&A, the late and very much lamented Lateline, the Friday night and Sunday lineup of programmes, children's educational entertainment shows, and the list goes on.

In the television and broadcasting industry, there is a saying: "content is king". Despite cuts to its budget, the ABC is clearly and quite effortlessly ensconced upon the throne in this regard. Imagine the greatness that could be achieved if the government invested in the ABC instead of attacking it. (Imagine what the ABC

could achieve if it had the budget the Murdoch press plays with.) If any Australian media outlet were put forward to compete with the likes of Google and the other online giants in terms of original and quality content, the ABC would be the one well-placed to do so.

The mark of a free and robust society is the quality of its press - intelligent, responsive, fearless and rigorous, untethered to the leash of government / state or commercial masters. What does it say about our Australian society (and its politicians) when it aligns itself with countries like Russia in trying to get rid of independent, critical or dissenting voices?

In the corporate world, diversity is being championed within organisations as a programme for shaping the corporate cultures of the current and future generations, an instrument to foster a strong, resilient, competitive organisational ecosystem. It is a means to gain competitive advantage, to survive in an increasingly complex and competitive marketplace - it is something many organisations struggle to achieve. And yet, diversity - of experience, views, ideas - is what you find, on any given day, when you turn on the television to the ABC channels or ABC Online webpage.

Myopic or self-interested actions to damage or sell-off our national broadcaster, instead of supporting and investing in the ABC's healthy operation, will have a detrimental impact on our Australian community and leave us all the poorer for it.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

NSW 2204



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!!

The ABC has valiantly managed to remain a vital source of intelligent, incisive, inclusive news, current affairs and drama despite the unbelievable attacks, abuse and funding cuts of recent years. The variety of shows from Landline, Q&A, The Mix, The Drum, Think Tank, 7.30, Four Corners, Media Watch, Insiders, Offsiders, the Business, Back Roads etc provide a refuge from the glare, noise and shrillness of much of commercial television. In a stressful world it's a relief to turn on the ABC and be informed, inspired, amused and challenged in a mature and balanced manner. So much (not all) of commercial television is inane, time wasting, intrusive and the reality shows seem to become addictive for many people. It's essential for the sanity of many of us that a vibrant ABC that nurtures sound, investigative journalism remains fully funded and independent of owners and shareholders and available to all Australians. Please do not enable privatisation of an essential part of Australian culture and heritage.

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NSW 2485



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

we need a non commercial media body, ABC must not be privatised!

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VIC 3940



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: the ABC

The ABC is the ONLY media that is trustworthy and cannot be corrupted or "bought" by vested interests. Any civilised country must have an independant broadcaster with high standards and quality investigative priorities. The ABC has survived many assaults by those determined to 'silence the people'. It seems that the Liberals want to 'dumb down' the whole country.

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NSW 2795



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should remain the Public Broadcaster

Our commercial media are becoming increasingly partisan and sensational in the way they present news. The editorial policies are certainly not balanced in most cases with News Corp being strongly right wing in its presentation. News is often presented simplistically and the selection is made not on significance but on the sensationalism "shock horro" value.

By contrast the ABC is bound by charter to be unbiased and to give balance in its coverage. For the most part the way news and current affairs are presented is with depth and an emphasis on policy and issues of public import. Despite often intense political pressure, its presenters remain dogged in their attempts to obtain the truth in their investigations. In recent times. ABC investigations have led to important reviews and enquiries where injustice, or cruelty or failure to implement policy has been revealed. I know of no similar investigations prompted by the investigations of other media.

It is essential in this fractious media world that ABC remains publicly owned and fully funded by Government.

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NSW 2446 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

In a world of false news, it is now more important than at any other time that the ABC remain in public hands and that we retain our high quality, independent news broadcaster. Not only that, the ABC tells important stories about Australia, Australians and the important issues facing us that are rarely touched upon by commercial broadcasters. The ABC fills an important role in the Australian identity, and we would be the weaker without it.

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QLD 4075




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Please do not privatise ABC - the most obvious reason is that it is the only independent source of inflammation that we have available to us in Australia. My other reason is that it is the least Americanised media channel. My family watches ABC TV mostly and listens to the various ABC radio channel as well.

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VIC 3190 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC

The ABC belongs to the Australian people, for whom it is a priceless asset. Comparing it with commercial media is like comparing apples and oranges: its mission is cultural, from providing accurate, objective and balanced information to promoting music, art and literature, and to do so for all ages and sections of the Australian community; the mission of the commercial media is to provide income for their shareholders.

The ABC should be maintained in its present form, adequately funded and protected from self-serving sectional attack on its independence.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Take the ABC off the negotiating table - DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT IT

The ABC must never be privatised. I NEVER watch television but my radio is only ever on Radio National. If the ABC is privatised it may as well be closed down. Privatisation means Commercial Ads. I personally am not interested in commercial advertising and privatising of the ABC would mean that my listening experience would be ruined.

When I was growing up my parents only ever listened to ABC Radio (I am 74 years of age) and the tuning knob on the radio was glued on 4QG. Over the years I did listen to some commercial radio and watched some commercial TV. but ads always annoyed me and I never heeded them.

I will be devastated if Our ABC is privatised and would no longer want to listen to the radio.

For many years now I have not watched TV and only own an analogue TV set to watch DVD Movies.

LEAVE OUR ABC ALONE.

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NSW 2441



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise our ABC

Our ABC is relied upon in regional areas. As well it has the best content. Real.Australian drama comedy and especially real news!!! Do not privatise !!

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NSW 2486




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Impending sense of doom

I have always appreciated the ABC, both radio and TV as I don't have to be subjected to the mind numbingly prosaic commercials that are trotted out by private broadcasters. I also need an independent assessment of the state of the nation.

How long would "Insiders" last under the thumb of an influence like "News-corp?"

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VIC 3152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is at the core of what is most essentially Australian, those values that make us proud to be Australian - honesty, a “fair go”, fearless and heartfelt, insightful and unpretentious, genuine, tolerant and scrupulously fair, at home with the full range of Australian taste, ever generous with access to the best of literature, the finest of classical music, popular music, art and popular culture, ever honest- most essential to my own personal well- being, as an older Australian, whose access to such offerings is limited by disability.

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NSW 2300 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: privatisation of the ABC and SBS

Dear Mr. Turnbull

We are deeply concerned, that you could even consider privatizing the ABC and SBS.

The ABC and SBS do not belong to the Government, but to each citizen of this country.

They are the bodies, who can scrutinize every aspect of Government actions and plans and they are safeguarding us from having the wool pulled over our eyes.

The ABC and SBS are also delivering homemade movies and programs, without brainwashing us with advertisements.

Hands off the ABC and SBS Mr. Turnbull.

We have long memories and we will remember your attempts and actions in regards to the media representing us.

We are fed up with brainwashing and scare tactics employed in affecting our views.


We are aware that you are not representing the average worker, but mainly the big end of town.

yours sincerely

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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WA 6280 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please we need independent thinkers, people who question things that are happening around us and investigative journalism that is of good quality . Privatising the ABC means we have a powerful small group of people who are politically motivated telling us what to think/ do . A system very close to that of a dictatorship . Gone is democracy/ free thinking / free speech . If the ABC goes private many other aspects of our freedom will slowly slip away unnoticed . We allow others to spoon feed us information that has a personal or political motive
Please please preserve the people's voice , the public ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC. - remaining the same.

The ABC is my lifeline to interests new & old, to news, to people. When I say that my life would not be worth continuing with if the ABC was reduced / privatised, I mean it! It is an essential part of a democracy. It introduces the public to new ideas and old ideas. In my case It encourages me to investigate ideas, people, and history. I I love the ABC and I am not prepared to vote for any government that does not support the ABC. I am a conservative voter and now if this happens - NO MORE.

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QLD 4069 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

i live in a Regional area and rely on ABC providing a unbiased source of news. Public radio and tv provides a crucial part of our community and is seriously concerning to see the Coalition attack this .

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VIC 3222



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is the best thing that my tax dollars pay for

I don't watch commercial TV. I watch the ABC. My children watch the ABC. My wife watches the ABC. My entire extended family watch the ABC. The thought of privatising the ABC is absolute anathema. It also doesn't make any sense in our current media landscape. Please use common sense and keep the ABC in the taxpayer's hands.


[REDACTED]
WA 6014 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in PUBLIC Hands

It is with deep regret that I learnt of the proposal to privatise the ABC. We do not need another Commercial broadcaster in Australia. The ones that we have are struggling anyway and roll out the same crappy programming. ABC and SBS provide a higher level of reporting particularly on major domestic and world affairs. They balance out the programming for people in regional areas and those that do not watch reality TV shows. Look what has happened to local newspapers! The same will happen with regional programming and coverage if the ABC is privatised.

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NSW 2100 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Demolishing the broad church; right wing nut jobs and oligarchs destroying the fabric of our imperfect democracy for fun and profit

The ABC has a charter for the the same reasons that Australia has a constitution. Both artefacts are practical, considered, and functioning working documents which represent the combined weight of thousands upon thousands of hours of the thought, work and compromise of intelligent people whose earnest intent was and is to bolster a robust democracy with all of the dynamic tensions which that entails. Both documents achieve this in specific ways which are enunciated clearly by the documents themselves, primary among which are the provisions underpinning the independence and accountability of the institutions they define.

When it is understood that the arguments for privatisation of the ABC can equally be applied to the Commonwealth of Australia itself, it becomes clear that what proponents actually want is simply to harass, annoy and silence voices that question their own politics; to exchange the broad church and the dynamic tensions that buttress its roof for a single ruined wall build of the pure shinning stones of their unfettered dogma. Their shortsightedness is so crass and obvious that it can only uncover proponents (of privatisation) to be driven by the kind of blind political barracking and extremism that civil wars are founded on.

Once the ABC is in private hands, where will all the so-called well-heeled latte-sipping enemies of the right go for their cultural and current affairs? They will flock to entities like GetUp, The Guardian, Crikey and new entities which will fill the vacuum left by a meaningless ABC. The liberal left will self fund this with the baby boomer largess it is replete with. It will not be the sensible, polite, unbiased, accountable and controllable ABC that the right currently loves to hate and lord over. It will be a privately funded stream of liberal left broadcasting. If the Right honestly believe that the genuine fact-based journalism we currently have at the ABC represents the Left-on-the-march, they are as mistaken as they are bereft of understanding of the plight of the vast majority of Australians who don't have rich parents. These attacks lack the imagination of even rudimentary enlightened self interest, and threaten to bring about a tide of left wing propaganda to genuinely rival the right-spouting Rupert (Murdoch). As is so often the case with extremists, they ought to give more thought to what they wish for, and they need to understand that if they want the left to put their lattes down and get mobilised, then privatising the ABC is a terrific way to them started.

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SA 5072 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

I do not want our much loved ABC to be in the hands of and controlled by Murdoch and the like whose main objective is to promote and foster the interests of the big end of town at the expense of most of us who want an accurate and unbiased report of things of interest and relevance. Four corners on the ABC has over the years uncovered and exposed an enormous number of undesirable situations and this must continue so that the ratbags and greedy people in society can be bought into account.

Furthermore, I do not want to see our National Broadcaster being dominated by trashy style American programmes rather I want them to continue to televise programmes that appeal to viewers with something between their ears. Also reporting on and helping to keep our politicians accountable is essential in a DEMOCRACY !!!!

So please Opposition do all you can to let DECENCY prevail.

Sincerely

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NSW 2785



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I want to voice my concerns about any attempts to privatise our national public broadcaster!
The fundamental reason I have for preserving the 'public' broadcaster is purely that it is a voice for the people, and free of corporate advertising and the flow on effects of conflict of interest between politicians and corporate financial interests.
I see a marked difference in the commercial tv networks and the public one, and it is a fundamental foundation of a democratic society, which is what I want to live in, not a fascist regime.
Thank you.

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NSW 2429 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

The reasons are quite simple:

1. The public needs balanced reporting now more than ever as the hard right have so much influence; just look at the enemies lined up against the ABC.
2. Ad-free TV is a wonderful service compared to the hypo, strident, loud, superficial, predominately American offerings from the commercial stations.
3. A privatised ABC would just become a clone of the existing commercial stations, fighting for financial survival.

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VIC 3904



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must remain a public body to best reflect the varied opinions and cultural needs of the entire nation - not biased by commercial or private needs.

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NSW 2350



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abc must stay in public hands

Australians including us love the ABC. We have seen what privatisation does to our companies and our community. Look at Telstra!! It will be a sad day for the freedom of our press if it becomes privatised.

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VIC 3012




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Have you been to Europe? If so you will notice an extensive range of news and current affairs which we DONT GET from the current paid tv or commercial tv stations. We only get informed Australian news and current affairs from the ABC. We simply don't NEED the ABC to be commercialised. I haven't bothered to watch commercial stations for the last 10 years given their stupid reality shows and sanitized news and current affairs. Past sales of public owned assets has proven disastrous to our hip pockets. I call on you to not only keep the ABC from becoming privatised but to provide them with MORE public funds. The ABC is tax dollars well spent.

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WA 6713 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

The abc is my most trusted resource for news and current affairs. I do not want to see it privatized and become like other dumbed down free to air media or worse still like sky news.
I want the abc to be properly funded and I'm happy for my tax dollars to be used for this purpose.
Any government that seeks to diminish or shut down media that holds it to account should be considered to be no better than Russia's Putin.
If the libs continue this attack on the public broadcaster, I will make it my mission to campaign against them for restricting the public's access to impartial information.

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VIC 3356 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to our citizens

The ABC is an Australian legacy and a central point of a civilized democracy. Not only should it not be privatized; it should be given extra funding. I live in a regional area - I listen to Radio National daily - it informs my work and my personal life and connection to the Australian community. My second is ABC tv - for the same reasons. It is one of the last bastions of investigative journalism. The starving of the ABC for political reasons over the last few years is shameful. I call for an increase to a publically-owned ABC.

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NSW 2576 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC in public hands

To the Federal Government,

Many years ago I realised how vital the ABC is. It nurtures writers, musicians, artists, studio crews, local comedy and drama and was the place for innovators, scientists, whistle blowers and others with important stories to tell, to be seen and heard. It cannot be compromised by commercial interests or constant budget cuts and threats by vested interests.

We have lost so much already. Please restore fair funding, allow it to be independent so we benefit with the best of what's Australian and well researched programming from other countries.

Most Sincerely,

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VIC 3013



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australian Gov't - Do not privatise the ABC!

The current government has cut a stunning amount of budget from the ABC for many self-serving ideological reasons, but chiefly because it doesn't like to be questioned. Clearly, its political representatives spend more time on Sky pushing their political wheelbarrow, than on the ABC, because they prefer softball questions from their political allies who own the microphone and run the platform. They don't seem to have the ticker to deal with questions that challenge them in any way.

A democracy works on questioning, dissent, discussion, negotiation and consultation. We the electorate, are allowed to ask questions. We have a national broadcaster that we pay for to ask questions on our behalf. This is what they should and must do for us.

The ABC is probably more left wing than the Murdoch-owned, very right-wing SKY, but the ABC's coverage of the news is centrist. This government, like many governments the world over, assumes that any questioning of their policies is a bias against them. They appear to have a fundamental problem with how democracy works. Like many governments the world over, they are paranoid, entitled and elitist,

But setting aside the left/right divide for a moment, the ABC is a vast resource of archival radio and television material stretching back decades. Through a myriad of programs it gives us many points of view on our recent history. Because of its charter and reach it has done work in areas such as children's television (including early childhood) and regional broadcasting. Areas that commercial broadcasters have utterly no interest in because they can't see a dollar in it.

Many, many Australian producers, directors, writers, actors and television crew members have got their start on the ABC. Shows and ideas later popularised on commercial networks were grown at the ABC. Music outside of the mainstream of commercial pop has been find-able and listenable through the ABC. The move into digital platforms, like ABC i-view was way ahead of commercial networks. The organisation is hardly perfect, but the amount we have paid for the creation of content that focuses on our national character and psyche is a pittance. We need to own a record of our history and we, as a nation, need to represent our voices and lives with a myriad of different shows that have nothing to do with marketing and product placement.

No ABC means an easy run for authoritarian governments, but for us on the ground it means our cultural and political voice is silenced by our allegedly democratic leaders. Content becomes exclusively international and the local stuff gets no airing or hearing.

I am supporting this campaign because I am angry at this continued attack on something we all own. I don't want our popular culture to be only Love Island and Master Chef (and I really enjoy Master Chef). Airwaves and digital spaces cannot be run entirely for and by commercial interests.

Additionally, the ABC should not be the voice of the state. It should always question the government of the day and it needs to speak of life that goes further and broader than the daily political grind.

We need to fight this egregious, bullying campaign from a group of politicians who seems to have forgotten what a democracy is. This government is obsessed with power and can only see things in its own terms. This is actually about how our democracy works and how our culture is enriched.

So, in conclusion, Australian Government, your plan to privatise the ABC is fundamentally self-interested. You do not represent a vast number of us with this attempt to silence our questions and sell off a vital

Australian cultural resource. So get your flippin' mitts off the ABC and B1 and B2!



WA 6153




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands and well funded

We rely on the ABC to provide us with quality programming with more in depth analysis which we definitely do not see the equal of with any of the commercial stations. Please do not mess up a quality organisation for the sake of ideology that the majority of Austalians do not support.

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NSW 2800 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC

Its about time the Liberal Party got rid of the far right and became LIBERAL

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WA 6220 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands!

Hands off the ABC - it is our only reliable and unbiased television source of news and current affairs. Its investigative and analytical programs are first class and far surpass the corporate sponsored misinformation and advertising of the commercial channels which they present as fact. The present war against the ABC by conservative forces in the parliament is a reflection of the fact they cannot accept the reality of their antisocial and brutal policies. Funding needs to be restored to the ABC and the NewsCorp placements on its boards removed. The ABC as a public broadcaster is an irreplaceable essential of Australia's culture, society and life.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am very concerned about the possibility of the ABC being privatised. The ABC is very important to me and my family as it provides important programs that would not be available if commercial. Programs such as 4 Corners, Catalyst and Back Roads are some of these programs which are avidly watched. My grandchildren watch the ABC whenever they visit and talk about the programs that they love.

I am concerned about the Coalition's constant attacks on the National Broadcaster and worry what this means for the country's future. The ABC should not be compared to commercial television as it plays a crucial and irreplaceable role in our democracy.

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NSW 2041




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the abc public!

I am writing to request respectfully that the ABC be kept a public organisation. The primary value of the ABC is that it is not controlled by private interests, and is the main reason that I listen and watch ABC programs. There are plenty of other commercial stations on both radio and television where content is bought and presented for various political reasons, and the ABC is the only neutral regulator left that still employs staunch impartial hard working journalists for the benefit of the general public. Please reconsider this new attempt at binding free speech.

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NSW 2084 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should remain in public hands

The ABC should be kept in public hands so that it remains an impartial reporter of all events that are relevant to the public good. This country now more than ever needs the ABC to continue its important UNBIASED reporting on current affairs. It is not in the Australian public's interest to allow a small minded political party to control the unbiased reporting to the public. It is in the interests of maintaining our democratic rights that I ask that the ABC be not only left in public hands BUT that funding is increased so that it can better monitor events that are shaping our future. The ABC is not an institution that should be given over to serve a minority in this country, it should remain a voice for truth and unbiased reporting.

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NSW 2077 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To me the ABC has always been my essential go-to for direct, ungarnished, no axe to grind news with essential critical analysis from a range of political sources. Their journalistic integrity is next to none and is attested to by the number of ABC journalists sought by the private sector. I have heard so many times from international guests on Q and A that nowhere in the world (including the BBC on which our “Auntie” was modelled) does such a programme exist whereby guests, including key stakeholders and politicians, including prime ministers are able to be grilled by members of the public. ABC correspondents bring us news untarnished by the need to sensationalise or distort for commercial gain. Dedicated coverage of regional and rural affairs in dedicated coverage and breadth is conveyed where the commercial sector would fail to see financial benefit from coverage. Radio stations such as RN attract the keenest academic minds to comment on issues of note. Other specialised radio programmes such as the Health Report presented by a doctor/journalist as well as The Law Report bring to listeners specific information on an in-depth scale that only a public broadcaster could provide, untainted by the need to commercialise through skewed and targeted advertising. The very ad/free environment ensures the ABC’s integrity and thus popularity with the whole Australian public, including the Indigenous sector which no commercial provider would touch, let alone devote whole programmes, covering this sector through a dedicated channel. Where else in the world would you see Media Watch who critiques the Australian media? From its excellent children’s programming to its drama and comedy which through its charter must include a high percentage of purely Australian product thereby ensuring Australian jobs in all production areas, you see why the ABC is essential in our media space, including its internet coverage. The ABC has been called an “icon”. Such an epithet would not apply if it wasn’t one.

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QLD 4305 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Inquiry

I reiterate the Charter of the ABC below.

These functions are essential to the Australian community and unable to be carried out by commercial enterprises. The ABC is not partisan, however many on the far edges of various political parties think so, their programs are balanced and varied and essential to the Australian community. This organisation should not be inquired into regarding public funding, it is an essential part of our community. Please consider the charter.

: (1) The functions of the Corporation are:

(a) to provide within Australia innovative and comprehensive broadcasting services of a high standard as part of the Australian broadcasting system consisting of national, commercial and community sectors and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to provide:

(i) broadcasting programs that contribute to a sense of national identity and inform and entertain, and reflect the cultural diversity of, the Australian community; and

(ii) broadcasting programs of an educational nature;

(b) to transmit to countries outside Australia broadcasting programs of news, current affairs, entertainment and cultural enrichment that will:

(i) encourage awareness of Australia and an international understanding of Australian attitudes on world affairs; and

(ii) enable Australian citizens living or travelling outside Australia to obtain information about Australian affairs and Australian attitudes on world affairs; and

(ba) to provide digital media services; and

(c) to encourage and promote the musical, dramatic and other performing arts in Australia.

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NSW 2095




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

I live in regional NSW and the ABC is crucial in creating and conserving community interaction. Our local ABC radio does a great job, even despite previous cuts, in airing local issues, educating listeners, and inviting participation. It is also vital in emergencies including the recent Tathra bushfire. Commercial stations do not serve the same public interest. (It is also silly to suggest regional services might be retained when urban services would be sold.) As for TV, retaining a balanced public voice for reporting current affairs is crucial. Commercial stations are beholden to their shareholders and offer the lowest common denominator in programming. Also, we cannot afford to lose the fearless investigative reporting provided by our public broadcaster. I was disgusted that no one at the recent Liberal Party conference rose to speak to defend public broadcasting.

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NSW 2550 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the publics hands

I am 65 years old & the ABC Radio & TV has always been a part of my life. I trust/respect the ABC, in a world where trust & respect for all institutions have withered. To the people who want to destroy the ABC because it shines a light where other organisations don't, challenges the status quo & brings the truth in an unbiased way, I feel you miss the point. The ABC is a public broadcaster funded with the blessings of most taxpayers, so to all who wish it harm why not ask all the taxpayers what their desire is in keeping the ABC as it is, not just listen to the people or organisations who have their own agenda & wish harm to the ABC!!

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WA 6006



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: If the Liberal Party privatise the ABC I will never vote for them again.

Any party that votes to privatise the ABC will lose my vote forever, and I know there are a lot of other voters with the same strength of feeling.

The LNP should immediately and unequivocally rule this out forever. Even the mere discussion of privatisation is enough to turn the Australian people against them.

A publicly owned and funded ABC is a fundamental part of what makes Australia great, and provides an essential balance to the commercial networks.

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NSW 2016 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC isn't a business it's a public service. Competitive neutrality isn't relevant to the ABC. The ABC's charter says its functions are 'to provide ... innovative and comprehensive broadcasting services of a high standard ... and ... to provide broadcasting programs that contribute to a sense of national identity and inform and entertain, and reflect the cultural diversity of, the Australian community; and broadcasting programs of an educational nature.'

It was established on an explicitly non-commercial basis because it was believed advertising would weaken its independence.

I rely on the ABC new and current affairs for an independent view of what's happening in the world. I know I will get information and view-points I will never read in the privately owned press. The ABC's independence from advertising revenue allows it to air and discuss views that advertisers may not like or support. Independence from government interference is important for the same reason. Successive heavy cuts to its funding over the last 4 years are undermining the ABC's capacity to fully meet its charter. This appears to be a punishment for raising issues that have caused the government embarrassment. I think the public has a right to know what is happening and to hear the government's explanation for it.

The ABC produces and presents innovative new Australian documentaries, films, games shows, comedy and other programs that are ground-breaking and would never get backing elsewhere otherwise, even if they are picked up by commercial channels once proved successful.

The ABC delivers services where a commercial operator would not broadcast – remote, regional Australia, and designs programs for the people who live in these areas.

The closure of Radio Australia's shortwave broadcasts has created a void in the outback, and for expats and others in the Asia-Pacific area. I understand the vacated frequencies have been filled by the Chinese. The loss of an Australian voice overseas may result in a loss of influence in the region and in terms of the national interest, seems very short-sighted to me.

I want an independent and vibrant ABC, with enough funding so we, the members of the Australian public, have variety, choice, quality and Australian content.

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
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

The ABC presents a non biased reporting of current affairs and world news. It is an important part of our culture, telling Australian stories, presenting film and media works from upcoming and well established journalists and film/media employees. ABC for kids is a part of every Australian household and I hope to be able to give my child the privilege to access fun, Australian educational programs instead of overseas produced cartoons.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Please stop selling off our culture and access to trusted media and enjoyable, educational, informative shows.

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SA 5153 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC from right wing authoritarians

In the age of Donald Trump's assault on the media, threatening the fabric of American democracy, I read with horror that the Liberal Party of Australia is intending to attack the most important media agency in Australian democracy - the ABC. This shows nothing but a callow fear to be accountable to the Australian public, and a deeply worrying strain of right wing authoritarianism entering our political culture. The ABC must be protected from this kind of blinkered, and socially hazardous, vandalism.

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NSW 2031 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to Inquiry into the ABC

I am making this submission because I am concerned by News I have read recently discussing the possibility of privatising the ABC.


The ABC was set up as a public broadcaster to serve the interests of the Australian, a mission it has done faithfully and well for many decades. The ABC belongs to the people of Australia, not to any political party. Whether it has some advantage over commercial interests does not matter to the people. What matters to us, and which we are happy to fund through our taxes, is that it is a trusted source of news, both local and global and that it offers to the people a source of information and culture not found on commercial broadcasters. It also provides blessed relief from commercials which, with the advent of the internet, barrage us constantly in whatever medium we choose to access, except the ABC.

I would like to share with you that my beloved cousin is in a nursing home. Her body is failing her but her mind is as sharp as ever. She was a teacher and has always had an enquiringly mind and a love of knowledge and culture. She suffers from macular degeneration and can no longer read or watch television. Her radio is her lifeline and through the ABC she is still able to access news and current affairs, information of local interest, information on books, movies, art and education and rich interviews such as those by Richard Fidler. I think this is exactly what the ABC was designed to do and why it is so universally loved.

My first memories of radio were Blue Hills, followed by the news. The ABC was the only Station my parents listened to, and with the advent of television, the ABC was the only station they watched. My grandchildren have grown up with ABC for Kids and many is the episode of The Octonauts, Bananas in Pyjamas and Sean the Sheep that I have sat through and been so grateful to be able to access without commercials targeting my grandchildren's vulnerable minds. If the ABC does have a commercial advantage, perhaps it's that that allows it to offer such superior programming.

I understand that there are politicians who loathe the ABC for many reasons such as ideology or investigative journalism. The ABC was not set up to please either politicians or commercial interests. It was set up for us, we love it and many of us are appalled at the funding cuts initiated by both the Abbott and Turnbull governments.

Thank you.

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WA 6160 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands!

I'm writing to let you know how disturbed I am by the extraordinary, and shocking, news that the Liberal Party Council's vote to privatise the ABC.

And to say how sick I am at the Coalition being dictated to by the Hard Right, such as Senator Abetz, and organisations such as the IPA and The Australian.

I grew up with the ABC in the country, listening to/watching the news, and loving serials such as Blue Hills, Bellbirds, Dr Who, The Argonauts, and the classical concerts, the cricket and football. And, at 66, I still listen to/watch the ABC every day for key programs such as AM and PM, the 7.30 Report, 4 Corners, Correspondents Report, Insiders.

The ABC actually means much more to me than any of the political parties. I don't say that the ABC is perfect, but it is the most trustworthy source of news, and the quality of the ABC's programs is generally way better than anything offered on commercial channels.

Given the increasing pressure on journalists, many in the commercial media are succumbing to providing poorly researched and inaccurate reportage, so the high standards set and followed by the ABC are crucial to me, to the Australian community.

The Liberal Hard Right, the IPA, and The Australian are not to be trusted as representing the interests of Australians or Australia. And it is time for the spate of ABC bashing over the past several years, led by these groups, and by parliamentarians in the Liberal/NP coalition, to stop.

It is also time to stop using the ABC as a political football, and to stop cutting the funding of the ABC. Indeed, the level of funding for the ABC should be raised again, so we can be assured the ABC can continue to engage top-notch journalists, administrative personnel, and to developing quality services and programs.

And no way should the ABC be privatised! It is of the intrinsic nature of commercial organisations to be motivated primarily by profit. This is clear in the way the commercial media operate where the quality of programs and services, and the quality and accuracy of journalism are of much lower priority than returning a profit to shareholders. The ABC, in being public, and through the high standards it sets for quality and accuracy, represents a challenge to commercial media, and this is how it should be, and must remain!

Yours sincerely

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WA 6162




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Defend the neutrality of our publicly funded ABC!

For me a public broadcaster is the very cornerstone of our democracy and should be vehemently and steadfastly defended for that very reason. I am alarmed at the insidious growth in attempted influence by the many privately funded forms of media, think tanks, institutes etc.

Any government which tries to take away our publicly funded broadcaster will suffer a huge and deserved backlash from the ballot box.

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NSW 2350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC and privatisation

The ABC is one of the cornerstones of our democracy. Unlike the corporate broadcasters and other privately owned media, it has a brief to remain as neutral as possible and to provide unbiased and fact-checked opinion. While there will always be dispute about its success and accuracy in this endeavour, it continues to maintain this precept with vigorous intent. It also attempts to maintain a high standard of journalism, in spite of ongoing attack from the hard right, that sets a standard to which the corporate broadcasters aspire. The ABC should never be sold. Instead, it should remain in the public domain and keenly monitored by us all to ensure that its stated goals are scrupulously upheld.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC in the bush

Commercial radio will not play the test matches on my radio when I'm working in the shed on the farm. I don't trust businesses to provide emergency fire advice which is properly the role of government via the ABC.

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VIC 3122 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My government - MY ABC.

The ABC allows me to connect with the world and my local community. Four corners is pivotal to my understanding of deeper issues. The Russian interference in the American elections is an issue we should seek to understand. Gardening Australia is local, helpful and positive.

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VIC 3204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

Australia is the lucky country. And its not just our fabulous beaches, harbours, wealth and lifestyle. Its also having an amazing National broadcaster like the ABC. We travel extensively around the world so we know how lucky we are in this respect. ABC radio is SO educational and informative as well as entertaining. And ABC TV is an integral part of our every day. Life without the ABC in its current form would be much the poorer. I have not marched in the streets over an issue since the Franklin Dam, but this issue will bring me out with passion, vigour and money. It would be narrow and misguided to underestimate the depth of feeling on this issue. LEAVE THE ABC IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND FUND IT PROPERLY!

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NSW 2104




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I and my family have relied on the ABC broadcasting for years, both radio and TV. I listen to Radio National every day including a wide range of their programs from science to law to religion to ethics. They provide an amazingly diverse and dependable service. We don't find the range of information, opinion through any other broadcaster - their role in a democracy is critical. They should not even be compared with commercial outlets. Both the ABC and SBS are such important broadcasters in our country. Please keep the ABC in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is one of the great glories of Australia as a civilisation, greatly honoured around the world. The ABC in private hands would be a mockery as is demonstrated by the general quality and narrow reach of the privatised TV media For me personally, as an intelligent citizen. it would be an unmitigated disaster.

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NSW 2576 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not publicise the ABC.

There has never been a more important time to ensure the future of our National Broadcaster. Amidst claims and counter claims of "fake news", we need the good quality investigative journalism of the ABC. Maintain and increase ABC funding now! Hands off our ABC.

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WA 6061




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

We need the ABC as an unbiased alternative to commercial private enterprise channels. Hands off!

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NSW 2204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands - no privatisation

I believe it is extremely important to have a trusted news source that is free from commercial influences - privatised media will always have a bias governed by the owners personal agendas or bias, cover trivial issues and populist agendas. As a country we must have access to unbiased media who are fearless in getting to the truth of issues. This is borne out in the ABC with their fact-check service, 4 corners, 7.30, Q&A etc. Many of the issues that successive governments of all flavours have had to deal with have come about as a direct result of the issues raised by these programs - which would never feature on commercial media because of vested interests and lobby groups. The calls for privatisation of the ABC often come about from groups who are being scrutinised by these programs, but that does not negate the very great need this country has in dealing with these issues and bringing them to light. Indeed it should be the very reason that the ABC is retained in the public sphere to ensure that wherever corruption exists it is brought to light. Political parties should never fear proper scrutiny if they are indeed dealing honestly with the populace at large.

For these reasons public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

In addition to this the ABC provides, by charter, vital news and entertainment services to regional and rural areas of the country that would otherwise be left without a news/entertainment service - or at least it would not be without very great cost to those communities, because of the remoteness of vast tracts of this wide brown land. All Australians should have access to this type of service which for very reasonable cost to the public is currently being provided. If anything, funding to the ABC should be increased to ensure that these services can continue.

Too often, the current mantra is cost, but to have a viable vibrant society, we must ensure that services such as the ABC are retained and enhanced.

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NSW 2224 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

I think the ABC does a decent job of providing balanced news coverage. It should be kept in public hands with no advertising allowed. The alternative is getting news from the likes of Rupert Murdoch. You only need to look at what is happening in America to see what the media landscape may look like in a free for all. Biased outlets like Fox news supporting the election of a mentally ill buffoon and showman (Trump) regardless of the facts.

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VIC 3078 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Take the ABC off the negotiating table

its ours not yours

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VIC 3414




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC sustains me in believing I live in a democratic state.

It is essential, in a democracy, that there be at least one publicly accessible source of reporting fairly on all matters, that may or do affect the operation of the democratic state, free of any pressure from within or outside that state to bias its reporting. This can only happen if that source is funded adequately by the state according to laws that guarantee that funding and ensure freedom from political bias. Our ABC has been this sole source in Australia since it was established. Additionally, it provides entertainment and broad information services to many groups here that are not adequately served by all other media outlets, for example, people in rural and regional Australia, those who enjoy classical music, or intelligent and well-informed commentary on internal or external events. It also recognises that our young creative artists in all fields need opportunity to develop their talents and offers this to many. Finally, it underpins the ceaseless democratic task of keeping the bastards honest.

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NSW 2070 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Content of ABC is far superior to other channels with SBS

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Red Herring

when ever the coalition is short of answers or short of constructive ideas, they drag this stupid plan out purely to distract us, knowing full well how popular the ABC is with the people of this country.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE THE ABC

IF YOU SELL OFF THE ABC WE WILL GET RID OF YOU ALL.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is the public broadcaster and should remain so

The ABC is the only communications content body in this country that reaches the whole of the country. While successive governments of both persuasions have trimmed the so-called fat out of it, somehow our Auntie still manages to produce quality content in both television and radio. When I see the sort of drivel that is dished up as entertainment on the multi-channel platforms of commercial television in this country, I am grateful that the ABC is still there giving us intellectually stimulating programming, and showcasing the true talent of this country. Most recent is their offering of *Mystery Road*. It is sublime. I don't know who is the real star - the landscape or Aaron Pedersen/Judy Davis - but it has me hooked. We need this sort of programming to make up for the shortfall in what fodder is served up on the commercial networks. Do not privatise the ABC. We need Auntie. Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our public broadcaster in public hands

The ABC is the only truly independent media in Australia, the only reliable source of news, the only organisation which will weed out corruption and fearlessly challenge any wrongdoing by public figures or private corporations. How dare you even contemplate such a move as to privatise out great source of intellectual stimulation, culture and news. I am sick of all these attacks on one of Australia's most notable and respected institutions.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

In a modern democracy, free and publicly funded media remain the few reliable sources of information unfettered by commercial interests. The ABC is my trusted source of information and pretty much the only serious investigative journalism on Australian TV.

It seems like every few years the conservatives start attacking the ABC - can't these politicians find some real visionary policies to defend ? Each time, such moves against public broadcasters results in huge public backlash. Australians love their ABC and will defend it!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatize our ABC

I have been watching ABC TV for 50 years, as well as SBS and various radio stations and believe the content would be less varied, less interesting and less Australian if it was privatized. We would have missed shows like Countdown, news and current affairs we could rely on and SBS multicultural (and world soccer) shows. Our ABC is necessary for an informed Australia without interference by private corporations. Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I live in regional NSW. Our ABC is the go to network through radio and T.V where we get all our news, This is a huge threat to our democracy, when a small party like the Nationals can rattle the cage and demand privatisation to silence anyone who has the audacity to criticise their agenda. Fed up with these extreme politicians, who want to silence and control the media, weaken any accountability. They are hell bent on holding us all to ransom.

We need to stand up to protect the ABC our most valued institution and national treasure. Its a pillar of our democracy. I,ll march in the streets to protect it form the wheeling and dealing that goes on in the Senate. Our ABC is not up for grabs. Hands off Pauline Hanson. Hands off the right wing Nationals.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I have been an ABC listener and watcher for almost all my 75 years. Though I now live in Maitland, I was brought up near Condobolin and the ABC played a very important part in getting important information to "bushies" like us as well as providing sports coverage and entertainment first with radio and then with television. Now my radio is permanently tuned to the ABC and I watch only ABC television. ABC radio was a godsend during the two huge weather events in the Hunter with bulletins being issued regularly over the crucial hours.

I am extremely concerned by the attacks by members of the coalition who seem to be pursuing a vendetta against the ABC based on ideology only. I find the news bulletins are a trusted source of what is happening in the world and as science forms the basis of most reports I cannot see where the charge of bias comes in. Some members of the government are truth nay-sayers and would only accept ideas that adhere to their own beliefs, no matter how unscientific those are proved to be. The public broadcasters are irreplaceable and unique in our country and should never be compared to commercial media. Australia would be a far poorer country without the expertise in providing information, quality entertainment and enhancing cultural experiences. I for one, would gladly increase public funding for such a wonderful organisation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my outrage at the Liberal government once again trying to attack, sabotage and sell off our ABC.

I am a child of the ABC and so are my children.

We enjoy the truthful journalism, the hilarious comedy and of course family favourites which instill great morals in our children.

We need more ABC not more private rubbish dumped in our laps, contributing to a disinterested and ill informed public.

The ABC is the last clear voice of truthful reporting and watchdogging.

Guaranteed if the Liberal Government goes ahead with the sale, they will lose their future voters also, as my 3 children have pledged to never vote Liberal if they privatize the ABC.

Yours,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We own the ABC not you the Lie-beral Party

Dear Liberal Party you do not own the ABC, we do. You have no right to keep selling my assets, it is theft. Do not think you will do this without there being consequences.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the ONLY broadcaster that disallows its journalists and presenters from giving their own views. It is the only independent broadcaster, which means journalists cannot be coerced by the likes of Murdoch, and as a result brings us excellent, independent journalism. Over the past, this has resulted in various enquiries and Royal Commissions, such as Dondale, the Fitzgerald Enquiry, the greyhound racing scandal, the Royal Commission into sexual abuse, and many others. I believe without the ABC, these issues would never have received the publicity they did, and would have gone uninvestigated. Apart from the quality drama (less so since the massive cuts by the government), the journalism is second to none, and I believe is one of the reasons we have a much stronger democracy than other countries.

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