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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC privitisation a big NO, NO


DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC

I rely on the ABC to get accurate news, good drama programmers, informative programmers like the excellent 4 Corners, Landline, Catalyst, Green and the documentaries, not to mention not having to suffer through commercial advertisements.

If I want commercial TV, I already have plenty from which to choose.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** THE ABC MUST REMAIN A PUBLIC BODY

The ABC belongs to us the people of Australia. It must remain well funded to report freely in the public interest. It is not a service that should rely on profit and sponsorship by commercial and other advertising. I loathe all the advertising on commercial TV and radio. Selling public assets off does not help us as a nation, it does not help the economy. The very best investigative journalism comes with the ABC, no others come near it. We need to keep this.

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

I don't want the ABC to be privatized. It cost relatively little and provides top level unbiased news. As well as that it fosters local content and talent most of which will have nowhere to go if there is no public broadcaster.

I will not support a party that pushes for privatizing the ABC

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


Commercial vested interests distort information in the public sphere for their own benefit, and often to the detriment of the public. Major private broadcasters depend on advertising revenue to make profit, and this allows large advertisers to influence the information broadcast by these groups, by threatening to pull funding.

The ABC is our only major news source that is not dependent on advertising revenue, and thus largely independent of corporate interests. Obviously it has a similar threat from government, but it is precisely this difference that makes it so valuable. If we lost our last major public broadcaster, we would \*only\* have access to commercial news sources, and thus would have one less method of ensuring that our news sources are diverse and relatively or balanced.

The ABC must not be sold. It is a vital component of functioning democracy in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

The only 2 stations that I listen to/watch are Radio National (radio) and either SBS or the AC.

The reason? Because I know the ABC is unbiased, unlike commercial channels where the presenters make no effort to disguise their personal opinions and vigorously try to persuade their viewers/listeners. As a Liberal Party voter I am disgusted at what this once great party now stands for.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** National broadcasting is just that, national, not private

Every time the government hands over services to the "Market", we Australians end up paying more, more for driving our cars on the road, (even while mining companies get to buy petrol without tax!), schools are more and more underfunded, along with medical care, especially for people in regional locations. So why on earth would we want "Marketeters" to have control over our national broadcaster?

Every time something is made to sell or buy, who gets more power? No brains needed for this answer... rich people. Yep, the rich get richer and tell the poor people where to go and how to suck it up!

So, hands off the ABC. Why should a bunch of right wing/nazi extremists get to tell us how to have a good country? I think if the hard-core-right/nazis had their way, women would be at home having babies, poor people would be waiting at tables and living in shacks...MMM sounds like the Handmaids Tale?

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The need to keep the ABC in public hands

I am an ABC watcher. I like the fact that the ABC searches for and presents facts. I also like the fact that the ABC does not shy away from difficult topics. And the fact that the ABC usually avoids the trivialities and superficiality that characterises commercial TV.

Having been frequently involved in programs on both commercial TV and the ABC, I am also most appreciative that the ABC does not need to avoid presenting hard facts just because they might upset some advertiser. I have personal experience of this problem with commercial TV programs. As someone who has worked in public health for over 50 years, I also appreciate that the ABC is prepared to discuss public health matters openly on radio or TV programs, without fear that it may upset advertisers. We need the ABC - it is our only independent voice for getting many messages to the public.

Dr [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Public health nutritionist

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

I have long been an ABC watcher and will be devastated if it is taken away from the public. We need it to be kept in the public's hands so that we get honest reporting and not one sided view.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Australia cannot afford to lose the 'Jewell in the Crown' of our Democracy

Most Australians feel very strongly about the important role of the ABC and its contribution to our community as a source of independent information and entertainment. We condemn its gradual defunding and are appalled by the concept of privatisation. Privatising the ABC would destroy its integrity. Furthermore, its sale is unlikely to attract high bids when existing commercial broadcasters are already struggling to make a profit.

Australians value the ABC as an alternative to commercial outlets for some or all of these reasons:

- It is the only broadcasting outlet that can be viewed and/or listened to without disruptive advertising.
- It is the only source available on radio and television of reliable, independent and unbiased news and information.
- It is the only source of analytical debate on current affairs in which many different views are canvassed from a variety of experts without the distorting influence of advertisers and /or sensationalism.
- It is the most consistent source of quality television drama (although recently this has been diminished by funding cuts).
- It is the only network that consistently provides in-depth information by experts on the arts, religion, history, science, technology, etc.
- It caters for a variety of interests which its commercial counterparts (dependent on advertising) cannot do.
- It is available in regional areas which other commercial communication outlets do not reach.

It is essential to our democracy that the ABC remains an independent and affective institution with generous government funding.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

Dear Sir/Madam.

I strongly oppose the privatisation of our ABC.

Handing control of such an enormously significant public icon to private interests would be to the benefit of those interests at the expense of the loss of the independence of the broadcaster. This would amount to a violation of the public interest and an offensive insult to the Australian public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:19 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC needs to be in public hands

I will keep this short....It is of critical importance that the ABC is kept in public hands. No other broadcaster offers the type of quality investigative journalism that the ABC is renowned for. The ABC is not after popular appeal but is about reach, understanding the complexity of the Australian community and giving each sector both a voice and an opportunity to see themselves on the screen. The ABC is our voice for public criticism for the policies of all parties. It is a treasure and any attempts to privatise the ABC will guarantee that the government will lose power - the public will not accept this.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Privatisation. NO! NO! NO! NO!

People in rural areas of Australia depend upon the ABC for programming and information that is not seen on ANY commercial channel.

Commercial stations produce mindless crap (like "reality" shows) and the news and current affairs are also becoming channels for advertising.

This is NOT what I want the ABC to become.

I watched a Government minister on Q&A recently complain about the lack of ABC coverage in country WA. Did she not realise that cuts to ABC funding cause cuts to ABC services?

Maybe the ABC is a little left leaning but I think it is necessary to balance the commercial rubbish and extreme right wing commentary on commercial radio and TV. (e.g. Alan Jones & Co)

Keep OUR ABC (not yours) in public hands and restore funding to allow the corporation to continue servicing the people of Australia ESPECIALLY the rural people

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:18 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is a vital part of Australia's culture. A public broadcaster is essential to hold politicians and business to account, as well as giving a voice to all types of Australian people and cultures. Non biased news reporting is our only safe guard against US style democracy and news broadcasting which is inherently biased and only reports on stories that back their interests. Privatisation of the ABC should NOT happen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands!

To whom it may concern.

I believe that the ABC should remain a public broadcaster and should not be privatised in any way shape or form. I believe that the country needs a trustworthy form of news media (now more than ever before, in my humble opinion) that is a source of news and current affairs not beholden to commercial interests of any sort. I believe that the ABC carries out this function admirably given that political parties of all persuasions over the years have questioned it's integrity and threatened its very existence.


The ABC has been a vital part of my life for 70 years now. I have valued the service it has provided via short wave radio when I worked overseas in my youth; and also in country Victoria where I lived and worked as a farmer. To me it has always been the most reliable source of news and market information on both radio and TV. It served as a vital role during emergencies such as bushfire situations; and also the country/farming orientated programs were always important as a valuable source of information as well . Even now in the digital age of the internet I continue to rely on the ABC services both at home and also during those times when I am travelling overseas. Objective and trustworthy news and current affairs programs are important to me (and as I have previously mentioned I believe strongly that I get from that from the ABC); and in addition I enjoy a the great range of podcasts that are available.

The ABC's 'free to air' TV is also an integral part of our family entertainment. I would hate to have that spoiled by the strident and crushing, mind numbingly crass advertisements that inhabit the commercial media.

For the record, I'm on Getup! but I'm not politically aligned.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatize ABC

Please do not privatize the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:17 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP THE ABC AS A PUBLIC ASSET

I am horrified at the thought that the ABC could be privatised. Don't do it!  
You are Public Servants and need to take my viewpoint into account.  
The ABC is on (whether it be RN or 774) all day. This gives me the best/only in-depth view of The Arts, Science, Religion, Social and Political commentary, without advertisements and if you proceed with this idea you have really lost your ethical way and you will have lost me as a voter .... many others too, I imagine.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

In the 80s & 90's I was an independent singer/songwriter. Without the support of jj & jjj , Rage and regional ABC radio while touring I would have not had a career. I ultimately signed to a major US record label released an album and toured there. I did not receive any support from commercial radio. The ABC have provided this support to many other musicians over the year, whom we may never have heard of . Please don't privatise the ABC , we will be a much poorer nation without it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands !

I migrated to this country 20 years ago and it was the ABC that I looked to to help me understand it, its passions and politics and where we fit on the world stage. It is still where I go to every day to get the news I trust and the stories that explain the events that shape our nation. I would never trust a private company to explain without prejudice or commercial interest the events that every Australian needs to understand..

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public hands

I do not want the ABC privatised for many reasons including:

- \* The fact that it serves regional and rural areas as well as the cities
- \* The fact that it leads the private broadcasters in doing hard hitting journalism - broadcasting stories that need to be told - not just sensationalist shlock
- \* The fact that the quality of the programs they broadcast - Australian and overseas is first rate
- \* Many of our best programs have their genesis at the ABC
- \* Compared to other news sources (print,radio, TV and internet), this is a source that can be trusted.

Privatising it would be a big mistake.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC is an important voice in Tasmania. Local news is important to me and my household and ABC is the voice of authority, particularly through breakfast and morning radio. ABC plays an important role in our regional communities. ABC needs to stay in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is for the people, not for this government to toy with

I tune in to the ABC every day as a balanced source of media across TV, radio, podcasts and written journalism. I strongly object it becoming privatised and toyed with by this liberal government. Do not touch our ABC! You will lose me as a voter and member.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC !!!!!!!

Having seen what has happened to our TelCo and, the fact that I, and so many others, love having an independant approach to news/current affairs, also without having to listen to stupid marketing, I strongly protest any attempt to privatise the ABC !!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

In the face of advertising led 'competition' for entertainment space, the ABC is the only major journalistic space where a rational, reasoned set of views are expounded with the counter arguments also set out. It is well researched and can be trusted. This is invaluable in our 'post truth' world. We cannot conceivably allow this to be sold off. Australia will lose face in the western world - a second rate country where they do not value logic and reason. Do not even vaguely entertain the idea of selling the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The advantage of having a publicly funded, independent ABC

The ABC fulfils an important role in Australian Society, making us a different nation than other world democracies. The ABC allows for the broadcast of views other than those of the wealthiest media owners. The lack of a commercial imperative allows the ABC to provide content to markets that would not normally have the critical mass to attract quality broadcasting and to represent views that are not driven by money.

Arguably, the ABC allows Australia to be the most democratic nation on Earth. We have the widest array of voters (thanks to compulsory voting) and we have the greatest diversity of media provided information largely through financial support for the ABC and formerly SBS/NITV combined with the greatest press and general public freedom to report the facts and express an idea or opinion.

There seem to be many politicians who are determined to attack the ABC and I can only guess at the reasons given that the tax burden of the ABC is not that great.

- It seems that some are incensed at the concept of equality of opportunity for all Australians.
- Some of them think that the ABC is competing with commercial channels.
- Others don't like the balance of views and issues that are aired on the ABC.

For every one of them there are thousands of Australians who hold an opposite opinion.

In particular the concept of the ABC competing with commercial channels is ridiculous. If the commercial channels are loosing viewers to the ABC (which ratings surveys do not support this), they should lift their game, not relegate the ABC to the same playing field.

The ABC does not spend its budget chasing sporting or other exclusive events or compete for advertisers dollars. They are the only station that would televise parliament. They do not chase the same advertising dollars. In short, the ABC does not have an undue advantage because it is not in the same commercial space as the commercial television networks.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands (Hands off!!)

The ABC is and always has been, a national treasure.

A place where intelligent and respectful debate is encouraged. A place where Australian drama can flourish, where arts and cultural diversity is embraced.


A place where investigative journalism is world class. A place where political parties of all persuasions are held to account.

I do not want to see the ABC privatised and commercialised. There is a good reason why many ABC audiences have moved away from the commercial stations, we love the ABC the way it is. Don't mess with something that is not broken.

We should be putting more funding into the ABC, not less. Leave it be!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Take the ABC back to where it was first envisioned by Menzies.

The ABC has always been an independent voice in our country's life. Menzies wanted that. Leave it alone!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** please keep the ABC a it is

I watch the ABC as the preferred station. I find it more truthful than the other stations. My kids and grandkids grew up watching ABC. It is not I don't like change, it is more reliable and of course no ads.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should remain a public institution

I write in strong support of the ABC remaining a public organization with public funding. I have 5 main reasons for holding this view:

1 I believe that a strong, well functioning democracy needs a free press that expresses a diversity of opinion. I do not think that we can have any confidence at all that private media organisations consistently act with the impartiality and rigour that is demonstrated by the ABC.

2 The ABC has demonstrated over several decades that it performs its statutory duties admirably. This is not to say that it never makes mistakes. All individuals and organisations make mistakes from time to time. The appropriate response is to identify the cause and ensure that it does not recur, not abolish or incapacitate the organization. Nor is it to say that I, or anyone else, always agrees with the ABC's actions - and nor should I. Differences of perspective and dissent are important elements of a sophisticated civil society and of democracy.

3 In my view, the ABC presents views from across political, religious, social, etc. spectrums. This is appropriate and necessary. The ABC is not systematically biased to any particular belief system. This is demonstrated by the criticisms it sometimes receives from across social divides.

4 In my view, the ABC and SBS consistently broadcast the highest quality and greatest range of content of all the television and radio channels available in Australia.

5 The ABC is a much respected and loved Australian institution because of the high quality of its services. There is no legitimate reason to abolish it or privatise it. Either would be to the severe detriment of Australia.

I am not suggesting that the ABC should never change. Organisations have to evolve as society evolves. The ABC is no exception to this and has demonstrated its ability to do this. But there is no reason to change its basic purpose or modus operandi.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Currently, there are no privately owned television or radio stations operating in Australian that offer fair and neutral reporting that I trust. I only trust the ABC and the SBS to deliver honest news that is not edited to further the power plays of whichever party is in government. If the ABC is privatised by the Turnbull government it will lose power for a very long time as it shall be seen to have scuppered the only news outlet in Australia that makes sure that local content is not only honest but also remains free of commercials. I cannot believe how shortsighted this push is to the far right wing. What has happened to the liberals in this country? Americanisation?

Please don't sell the public voices of Australia to the highest bidder!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

If the ABC does end up in private hands it could well turn out to be like SNL on NBC in America and it sure won't end up being controlled or supported by the arrogant, right (to take over) wingers. There must be some really good 'Trumble' impersonators out there.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC in public hands

The ABC has always been prepared to address topics that might be non-mainstream, not commercially viable or (sometimes) controversial. These voices all need a place in Australian society. There are many instances of the ABC pioneering a genre, with the private sector taking it up when proven to be popular. The quality of commercial media indicates what would happen to the ABC if privatised; it would be sanitised and appeal only to the lowest common denominator. I don't watch commercial TV; not on principal, but because it is just so endlessly mindless and dull. There's no innovation, nothing to appeal to the mind and nothing to inform us.

Please keep the ABC public, and ensure that it is adequately funded to provide services

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

For over 100 years the ABC has been providing high quality entertainment as well as news coverage that is not influenced by the political leanings of advertisers. I do not believe any government has the right to remove this asset from the Australian people, especially if they are doing it to silence criticism. I would never vote again for the Party responsible if this were to occur.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Submission

The ABC provides a wonderful service across all of Australia. It informs me and entertains me. It is also a news service I and my friends and family trust which is incredibly important in this time of fake news and aggressive sectional interests. No commercial organisation can or will provide such a service as they are bound to their shareholders. The ABC is as well but every person in Australia is a shareholder. For me the line in the sand has been reached. The ABC should not be privatised and it should be funded properly something that is not the case at the moment. This is a single issue that is important enough to direct my vote.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:12 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

It is essential that the ABC remains in Govt hands. This is the only way it can remain an independent commentator on the state of the nation. People who wish to privatise it can only want to use it to promote their own biased agenda. Its loss, if privatised, would be a devastating blow to free speech and independent journalism in this country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:11 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

All my life I have watched the ABC. It's MY ABC. It became my kids' ABC too, through Playschool and Sesame Street. I go to the ABC for honest straight news, for thought-provoking opinions, for intelligent commentary, great music, wonderful documentaries, terrific drama from home and abroad. Nothing else comes close. It is part of our lives. It must be kept in public hands, because it belongs to the people.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:11 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep out ABC out of Private hands!

We need a platform that isn't privatised within Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:11 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I think the young woman from the USA made the most powerful point I've heard yet when she said that because the US does not have a publicly funded broadcaster, it is virtually impossible for her divided nation to have consensus on any issue. There is no impartial forum in which to meet and discuss differences and commonalities. This is the single most important function of the ABC, and despite claims of left-wing bias on the part of the right, it has been shown again and again that equal airtime and respect are given to all Australian views. Because of the ABC's adherence to its charter, our nation has a repository of widely divergent ideas, insights into culture and world affairs and a truly unique Australian voice. There is no reason to privatise this organisation except to inflict bias upon it, and this must never occur. Finally, I would point out the obvious; that it is publicly owned and therefore, not for sale unless the majority of Australians with this to occur. I cannot see this ever being the case.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should NOT be privatised

I support Malcolm Turnbull's statement that there will be no privatisation of the ABC. Current attacks are highly objectionable. We need an INDEPENDENT broadcaster.  
Media companies and their owners have more than enough voice on policy and direction already - no more should be given.  
The ABC balances discussion so that both sides of an issue are presented for thought and comparison.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** privatisation of ABC

I am deeply concerned about the idea of privatisation of the ABC as I believe it is the only unbiased and independent source of news and current affairs and information available to us in Australia. The other sources of news are seriously affected by profit and owners personal political leanings. Also sensationalism guides the type of news presented. The truth is not always the guide to what is printed or presented on television. I believe the ABC does endeavour to present the facts in a truthful manner. Certainly not perfect but better than anything else available for general consumption. When one looks at other countries who do not allow independent news this usually involves dictatorships or hard right or extreme left ideologies. None of these are ideal and lead to citizens being controlled and fed only what self serving powers allow. Let us retain our independent voice and allow our citizens to be well informed thus ensuring a vibrant democracy that gives space for all opinions without fear or favour. To even be considering the privatisation is concerning. It suggests a political system afraid of intelligent thought. And it could be the first nail in the coffin of democracy and freedom. As it was in Hitlers Germany and todays China, Korea Philippines etc. It may sound alarmist but all degradation of political freedoms begin with limiting the press' freedoms and independence.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT PRIVATIZE THE ABC! REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH BANK?

I lived in the United States for 10 years. Watching PBS and listening to NPR was always such a conflicting experience: the endless appeals for funds! The on air acknowledgements of Mattress City, who helped present this show! I used to dream of an ad free ABC. The ABC is already a shadow of its former self (why do I have to get all my foreign news on ABC Radio these days from correspondents for the BBC, Bloomberg News et al? Do we have NOBODY stationed overseas )other than one in US that I can think of) reporting on the world, that we must use other services instead?

The Commonwealth Bank was privatised and we have seen how one of the strongest and most trusted brands in the country has been trashed. Qantas service is steadily deteriorating in comparison with Air New Zealand and other long-haul airline providers. I cannot understand why a service which has done such stellar duty is always under threat. I would remind you that previous Labor Governments have not liked the ABC either: it should be regarded as a plus that the government in power never much likes the ABC: it suggests that it is actually doing its job.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** do not privatise my ABC

I find it hard to believe that any government would want to privatise the ABC. I assume it is because the Liberal Party thinks they are biased. I seem to remember plenty of honest criticisms of the Labor Party when they were in power. The ABC is the only channel I trust for a fair assessment of political affairs. Also it is the only channel that can present a programme without constant repetitive commercials.

The only problem with the ABC is that it does not have sufficient funding for more Australian content. I will never vote again for any party that privatises my ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is an essential service. Keep it that way.

Like me, many new comers (migrants, refugees and others) got to understand and appreciate their new country while watching the ABC. The only radio-TV that gave an unbiased view of social, economic and political events in their new country. It has been so for as long as the National broadcast commission remained in the hands of the taxpayer. Yes I am happy to pay for this ABC. The informative and/or recreational programs have been always of high standard, their journalists are clever and articulate, the pictures matches the words...

I really don't care about The BUDGET to be brought backout of the red. The ABC is an essential service, like power, water, transport, education and health. In the hands of any private entreprise, the \$\$\$ will take priority over the quality of information. This is what privatisation does, it is their business. Quality information is the business of the government and helps us taxpayers to cast an informed vote when election time arrives. ... This is quite soon I believe...

Private ABC will not be the ABC, it will be "unaustralian". nt be fairand

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatization of ABC


The need for a public broadcaster has never been more necessary. The rise of social media as a news source is a major concern. There is no requirement for accuracy and veracity. This has led to the rise in claims of "false news" even when it is accurate and leaves us exposed to external electoral manipulation as recently occurred in the United States.

We must have a public broadcaster and this must be the ABC, it has stood the test of time in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Dear people doing this inquiry,

I grew up with the ABC through my mum who was a sole parent with four boys. We had no money but we had a radio. That, and the free public libraries, provided our entertainment and information. Of course, that was in the late 50s and early 60s, a different time with lower expectations and more gratitude.

When I married and was raising a family in a little town in rural Victoria, and again with little spare money, the ABC on the radio was my contact with the city and the world. In those days, it was my best friend. It went with me everywhere. It never let me down. It was always there when I needed it.

Again, that was the 80s and 90s. Different times again. As the world turns and becomes more complex, the ABC is expanding its ways of reaching Australians in all corners of the continent. The radio is just one of many media channels that the ABC provides. It still remains my favourite even if I use the app and iView more these days.

Please accept this submission as one Australian's lifelong appreciation of the ABC. It is as much the sound of Australia as a magpie's call. It belongs to us all. Keep this part of our national soul free to the public by public funding.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave ABC as is.

The ABC keeps us alert about the liberal corruption which is just out of control. If you privatise it I will get a private members bill passed to permanently have you Thugs removed from our parliamentary system

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I trust the ABC with my kids' minds. We don't watch a lot of TV in our house. But because both my husband and I work full time, sometimes letting the kids have "screen time" is the only way we hold things together - it allows my husband and I to do that extra bit of cleaning and cooking that keeps our house out of total chaos. When our kids do have screen time, it is only the ABC iview app that we use. I find that other sites available for kids have ulterior motives. I don't feel comfortable letting them watch ads or TV shows that are blatantly aimed at getting the kids to want more toys and junk food. With YouTube you never know what they will be prompted to watch next. It is too scary to leave them with it. With the ABC, I can trust that my kids won't be subjected to inappropriate content or advertising. I can trust that the content is chosen with kids' (and parents'!!!) well-being in mind, not commercial objectives. If this was taken away, the well-being of our family life would be impacted very negatively. I'd lose that little space of freedom I have occasionally to get things done around the house. As a family, we need the ABC to stay in public hands. This is a question of the well-being of our children. That is not something to be handed over to commercial interests. Thanks for reading.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

We NEED a media outlet that remains fair and impartial so that the community stays informed of what REALLY is going on in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Safeguarding Our ABC

We are in the midst of significant attacks on Australian democracy. Many of these attacks are based on a view that private enterprise and free markets are the preferred option. Yet it is also true that we live in an age when large corporations use their strength, political funding, and associated lobbyists to push the democratic process in the directions that best suit their needs. We are experiencing government that seeks to limit the publicity given to groups within Australia that do not agree with right wing political objectives. Currently it is possible that many community based organisations that represent wider societal views will be stifled by proposed legislation. In such an environment there needs to be a societal organisation that is not driven by the marketplace. There is a need for objective analysis of government policies and issues of importance in our community. The ABC fulfils an essential role in this context. Programmes, such as Four Corners, have been able to make public such issues as the perversion of water usage by private bodies; the international use of tax havens; the threats to the Barrier Reef : and the treatment of aboriginal youths in Northern Australian detention. Few of such issues would have been debated if the ABC became dominated by private enterprise goals. Q&A provides an outstanding analysis of issues that impact on Australia. Once again biased governments and self interested bodies have gone out of their way to silence such analysis and communication. We need an independent organisation that can speak out on issues that would otherwise be silenced in the eventuality of the privatisation of the ABC. It is ironic that the current Liberal government has made statements that the ABC will never be privatised but at the same time are quite happy to sell the idea that the ABC needs to be controlled and pushed along particular communication paths that suit the free market goals that our current government represents. The privatisation of the ABC would be a severe blow to Australian democracy and should be dismissed as a political gambit to serve political objectives irrespective of the rights and need of the wider community.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands and restore the \$83 million funding cut

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NSW 2291




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC out of private hands

Democracy dies without an independent public broadcaster. Viewing standards collapse without an independent public broadcaster. Debate is diminished without an independent public broadcaster. Regional areas are ignored without an independent public broadcaster. Commercial interests cannot, indeed will not supply all these necessary and important, indeed vital services to all Australians regardless of their political, economic or religious views. The ABC supplies vital independent quality news, views and programs that commercial outlets ignore. The ABC can have no 'undue advantage' over commercial outlets as they exist in different environments fulfilling different functions.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

Not all media needs to be or should be run from a profit motive. Indeed only that media which is NOT run from a profit motive can be free to experiment and innovate and to employ and otherwise engage content creators to do these things. A strong, publicly-owned ABC ensures a strong cultural base for Australia and is not beholden to commercial interests which can and will compromise quality and content for financial gain. A well-funded and publicly-owned ABC is also more likely to employ content creators with disabilities and those from diverse cultural backgrounds where commercial media has demonstrated no interest in employing such people. If the Government indeed cares about "jobs and growth" this should be a very important consideration and should warrant more rather than less funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** NO to privatising the ABC

The ABC is precious to discerning viewers, providing the most intelligent and newsworthy offering on free to air television. In sharp contrast, the commercial TV stations offer mainly 'bling' interspersed with infinitesimal ads ! Why would we want to bring down the quality of the one station that actually offers astute and relevant coverage of current affairs? And for the relaxing hours, an assortment of quality viewing that does not focus on trashy sensational topics which are designed to attract the attention of the mindless masses - leave that to the commercial stations!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to tax Payers not politicians

The ABC should never be privatised or even commercialised. It is one of a few organisations that asks difficult questions of politicians of any persuasion. In a time where the Murdoch media is unashamedly the PR arm of the current government offering spin, cherry-picked half truths and downright lies, it's in the national interest to not only maintain the ABC but reinstate correct funding For its national services. The ABC is a significant cultural institution more important than many people can imagine in these dour anti-democratic times. It is important that all, people equally have access to truthful news current affairs and quality entertainment. In these areas only SBS comes close, who incidentally will be next.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

No! No! No! It's our only station without without. It's the only station that's not the political arm of some vested interest. It's the only place where you don't get advertisements of ads for junk food and children at dinner time. There is a history and tradition which goes along beyond corporate greed. We need to keep Australian content. It's the only place where you get some decent TV, not just reality TV pulp and other junk. It's the only place where you can get a consistent local content, something that speaks to us that supports our local entertainment industry.

Hands off!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in the hands of the community!

The community want OUR ABC kept out of the control of ANY private corporation. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should NOT be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

We have lived in Tasmania for sixty years listening to and watching ABC programmes which we consider to be a vital asset to a vibrant democracy. ABC news and current affairs programmes, being owned by the public and subject to regulations to maintain fair reporting, are as unbiased as any service could be. Commercial stations on the other hand, are tainted by their private ownership and commercial and economic interests.

Over the years the ABC has given us local, national and international documentary programmes and uncovered issues of real concern to Australians. They have supported local actors, film and TV makers and technicians. Recently, no doubt due to cuts to the ABC budget there has been some deterioration in these areas. It seems shortsighted to cut the ABC budget while the Australian population is expanding and important issues need debated. The suggestion that the ABC should be sold commercially can only advantage commercial and wealthy interests and disadvantage most Australian.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Personal submission to the Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters

[REDACTED]  
NSW 2121  
2018-06-21

I have been a user of the services of the ABC for the whole of my three score and ten years, to the almost total exclusion of commercial broadcasters, and I am of late making increasing use of the SBS entertainment services. In the face of the uniformly conservative bias of the commercial media, it is not reasonable, and I do not expect, the ABC to be completely politically neutral. Add to that the inferior quality, one-sided and sensationalist nature of the news and current affairs offered by the commercial media, and the unending examples of inferior programming of the commercial broadcasters, the ABC provides an invaluable alternative for news and entertainment. The result of numerous opinion polls and surveys reveals I am among the vast majority of Australians who value and trust the ABC more than the vast majority of other institutions.

Those now attacking the ABC, ranging from politicians of all persuasions to commercial broadcasters to print media proprietors are invariably prompted by self-interest. They either want to silence any differing opinion or eliminate any competition to their services. The general public interest is never a consideration. This has always been the case, with the ABC initially being required to source the broadcasted news from the news papers. The pressure to restrict and confine the ABC has been unrelenting, and thankfully largely unsuccessful since then. Political criticism has waxed and waned, and has come from all sides, proof that the ABC is as even handed as humanly possible. No doubt there is occasional bias to the progressive side, but this is an essential counter balance to the unrelenting conservative rhetoric coming from most commercial media.

The ABC and SBS entertainment offerings are also far superior to the commercial TV broadcasters. Programs such as the foreign language news, Insight and Dateline on SBS, or The Weekly, Gruen and 4 Corners on the ABC would not be viable if the need to attract advertising was a consideration. There are many more examples. The same applies to ABC radio, where it is unlikely any of the thought provoking and informative programming on RN would survive commercial imperatives.

The purported reason for this enquiry – that the ABC and SBS enjoy an advantage over commercial media as they are publically funded – is spurious. The commercial media are also publically funded, by way of advertising, which must increase the cost of everything that is advertised. I do not use commercial media, yet I am obliged to pay the increased cost of everything that is advertised. If the commercial media were to disappear, our society would survive, and arguably be enhanced. Alternatively, public broadcasting plays an irreplaceable role in our democracy, a role that commercial media cannot, and would have no desire to fulfil. Certainly commercial broadcasters would not welcome competition for the already vastly reduced advertising funds if the ABC was forced to seek such sources, or the SBS was obliged to increase funding from advertising.


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep abc in public hands

ABC is unique, no ads, non commercial, the voice of the people and used to have far more quality programs before fund cuts. It is independent and looks into issues with lots of depth and intelligence. We badly need it in this superficial environment that has been created in our world now.

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NSW 2483 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

Dear Minister

All my life the ABC has been the only reliable source of news. It would be a sacrilege for it to be sold off. I remember what a role the ABC has played in all key points of our history and how it has always represented the highest standards of journalism.

When people disagree with your point of view it is very revealing when they resort to cries of "bias".

This proposition says more about the vested interests of MPs than anything else.

The ABC needs to be preserved as a beacon of democracy in a world which seems to be engaged in a race to the bottom of the barrel for selfishness, greed and feeble thinking.

Please do what you can to resist this move to sell off the ABC.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC

A source of “real” news in one of the foundations of democratic system of governments. The ABC is the only source of “real” news in Australia. Its survival is basic to the survival of our democratic system.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Hands off our ABC the people's much loved station

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC

The ABC is who I rely on for any intellegent news gathering and investigative journalism. When they were properly funded they made and still make great drama.

The ABC plays an important role in our democracy and gives of voice to many people. You cant compare them to commercial TV which in the main is rubbish. I beleive the ABC is like a role model to all the other stations. Please dont change it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public!

Please explain the rationale for privatising the ABC.

Please explain why the Federal Government is granting Fox Sports 30 million dollars to increase its relationship with the sporting sector and broadcast underrepresented sports, when Fox Sports is a commercial entity, and that money could be equally well utilised to enable ABC to do the same, with change left to support the actual sports themselves.

I do not want to watch commercial channels. I want the ABC. I want it to be a public entity that can keep me informed as to the activities of the world, Australia, the government and be a channel for excellent Australian content. I do not want advertising in the middle of shows that I watch. I do not want commercial vested interest to vet the news that I receive, and fill 'news' slots with useless infotainment and product spruiking by people engaged in mindless twitter.

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WA 6530 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC must be kept in public hands

I am a regular listener to a variety of ABC programs and have been all my life. The very idea of privatisation of this precious institution is utterly depressing and fills me with dread. The quality and variety of news , current affairs and documentary programs is greatly valued by me and are not available on commercial alternatives. I wish that proper funding be restored to further expand it's services and am sickened by hearing of continual budget cuts being imposed as well as the continuous criticism by those with vested interests in seeing it's demise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC matters. It must be a servant to the broad Australian public.

The ABC aims not to maximise its own profit, it aims to contribute to social capital, to the knowledge and understanding amongst members of our society, to social cohesion and democracy. It has these goals because it is a Public Broadcaster. Privatising it will kill a pillar of democracy. It will be detrimental to Australian society. We are after all more than just a greedy economy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our hands!

In a time where journalism is strongly influenced by Corporate Profit and Political Interest, the ABC becomes ever more important to report on what is actually happening without Corporate or Political Interest. Unfortunately, the LNP have made it clear, they will work to silence any voice that opposes their policies. The LNP and Corporate Interests have a lot in common with Fascism with their Punitive actions against any unwanted truth.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** OUR ABC

Dear Sir/Madam;

What further can be said re the suggested sale of the ABC other than, "I plead with the government to please keep the station in public hands".

The standard of programming from current affairs to children's TV is of the highest order.

Best regards;

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NSW 2320



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC privatisation

I find this idea appalling. It is a further major threat to democracy, which to be effective requires an informed electorate. It is a basic truism that balanced information can never be provided by vested interests based on financial profit. The evidence of this is manifest in the product of every single commercial media organisation.

Further, in addition to the sad fact that most voters in purported democracies are anyway abysmally uninformed, the increasingly desperate drive for profit, derivable only from advertising revenue, has rendered commercial free-to-air television channels simply unwatchable to an ever growing proportion of the population. In my case, and I am far from alone in this, despite a relatively attractive standard of programming, I find watching even SBS to have become an ordeal. I have not tuned into any other commercial channel at any time in over a decade.

The motivation of this government is apparent - it knows very well that any widespread understanding of the true social implications of its economic and social ideals will destroy its public support. In practical terms, while earnestly wishing, for very rational reasons, to hobble the ABC, bringing this aim to the forefront is a breathtakingly foolhardy political move. Quite apart from any ethical bases of the argument, the LNP will inevitably be flogged in the course of it. Its only sensible course is to bite the bullet and, however reluctantly, surrender to the public will to have a properly funded and independent ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Is this for real?! The ABC must remain in public hands.

The ABC and SBS are my primary sources of news and entertainment. I watch and listen to them because of their quality and trustworthiness. Public broadcasting plays an essential and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.  
It is time for the government to properly and publicly support and fund both the ABC and SBS.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands: Support the ABC

Over the last 50 years I have come to treasure the ABC in all its manifestations as one of the finest public broadcasters in the world, as good in many areas as the BBC.

Its huge diversity of programming addresses Australians from all walks of life on topics as wide as are the interests and concerns of Australians. Many of its presentations such as those on Radio National and TV presentations such as Australian Story, Four Corners, the Drum and many of its drama presentations are of the highest standard.

This is not a result of ongoing financial cutbacks but of the ability of the ABC to recruit and retain staff of the highest calibre in many cases led by people with a clear understanding of and commitment to the special contribution which the ABC makes.

Not the least of its achievements has been the advantage it has taken of the developing digital world. Not the least of its areas of special excellence is its coverage of foreign affairs and indeed political events everywhere.

How does this compare with the offerings of commercial media? As is evident every day there is hardly a comparison. Commercial media has no obligation to broadcast throughout the country on matters of special interest to people in regional and remote areas as well as cities, to children as well as older adults, to people from all walks of life. Commercial media's presentations do not include the variety of offerings and indeed has shown little interest in serious presentation of areas such as science, history, the arts, business, education.

The most recent evidence gathered over decades demonstrates that privatisation of government enterprises makes no positive contribution whatsoever to increasing quality or diversity. The assertions in support of privatisation are no more than a continuation of the attempts begun some decades ago to eliminate the ABC as a serious competitor.

Last, the assertions of political bias are complete nonsense. One or two breaches of the clear instructions to presenters does not alter that fact.

Keep the ABC in public hands and fund it properly: government must stop applying the destructive financial policies and almost daily political interference.

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NSW 2086




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't you dare! Hands off our ABC!!!

Get real! It's one of the few things left holding you accountable! The last thing we want is Gina Reinhardt getting her filthy mining magnate hands on the ABC!  
NO WAY!! Expect to lose the next election! As it is you barely scraped in last time!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands!

ABC IS OURS. Buy/ create another station if you need to.

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NSW 2117





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I take attacks on the ABC very personally! Don't privatise me!

I take attacks on the ABC very personally because I see MY LIFE and MY VALUES depicted there. The ABC made me what I am! From David Attenborough to Doctor Who; from Playschool to Monkey to Sweet and Sour to Time of Our Lives - I have had a chance to grow up absorbing stories and values without the distraction and intrusion of exposure to advertisements. I need MY children to absorb stories about Australia and the world without interruptions telling them which hamburgers to buy!

I demand the continued option of consuming entertainment and information without taking part in a commercial transaction.

The public purse pays for public need - and wants. I want entertainers and journalists who work for ME - and that is what I get on the ABC and SBS.

The ABC should not be privatised because:

- \* We have enough commercial channels already! Don't destroy the organisation that is different!
- \* Far from being a direct competitor, the ABC and SBS have a completely different purpose to that of the commercial channels;
- \* It is not a generator of content for sale, it is a provider of information;
- \* I trust the information I see and hear presented on the ABC and SBS;
- \* I do not trust the information I see and hear presented on commercial channels;
- \* Commercial channels don't present ANYTHING that interests me!

DON'T privatise the ABC! DON'T privatise me!

Thank you.

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VIC 3451



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC

Market forces do not drive "success" of organisations. People do. And the people want and believe in the ABC.

Instead of trying to discredit a very credible organisation use our time and funds to improve our very discredited political system.

Politions need to remember that you are in our employ and right now we see no reason to extend your term of employment.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

The abc must always be available to be operated from a public perspective.  
Our society is called a democracy that allows all to air their own opinion and this would necessarily be overtaken if owned by specific media groups.  
Losing the abc would be a tragedy.

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VIC 3840 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not even think of privatising the ABC

An independent public broadcaster is essential to a functioning democracy. The ABC is trusted and referred to by the majority of Australians . Privatising it is wrong for so many reasons !!!!

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TAS 7109 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A contradiction: privatising a public broadcaster


The ABC is essential and for me the most important reason is that when advertising becomes an element of news broadcasting there is always the risk of competing interest skewing the way things are reported.

In addition, what private broadcaster is going to pick up the many and diverse arts programs that both ABC TV and radio put to air?

Long Live Aunty !

Regards [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2042 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in private hands.

For many years the ABC has been to mainstay of our TV viewing. After sampling other TV stations News programs it was unanimously decided that the ABC News was the most comprehensive, unbiased and truthful of all those on offer, The issues covered were wide ranging and important areas for the general Australian population.


We admired Four Corners for its fearless and often daring exposure of wrongdoings and bad practices by organisations and individuals regardless of their status in Australian society. Its exposure of the big Banks and its reporting of sexual abuse by the churches were breathtaking and fearless. There has been nothing to compare with such exposes on any commercial channel.

As a former school principal I also recognise the great value of educational programs provided for children at all levels of schooling. They greatly enhanced the learning opportunities for children in several important areas. My daughters still remember fondly "Behind the News" as well as the legendary Playschool.

We rely on The ABC not just for quality programs, uninfluenced by paid advertisers, but also for recognising that their reporting is unbiased and truthful.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep out abc

Keep out ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public control

Please maintain the ABC in the hands of the public. Every democracy needs an avenue of comment for the public - not influenced by an "owner".

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC from privatisation

I can see no reason why the ABC should be sold. It belongs to the people of Australia who pay taxes, it does not belong to the government of the day. It is the only independent news service in the country. Possibly we should privatise the parliament .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is essential service for our democracy

It is with great concern that I have been recently reading of de-funding and then proposals to privatise the ABC.

Not only is the ABC a proud icon in the Australian media landscape but it is also an essential independent voice to which many Australians turn and have great trust in.

I urge all members of government to categorically put any privatisation talks to bed, and further, to commit to proper ongoing funding of the ABC so it can continue to perform its vital democratic and informative function

Best regards

[REDACTED]

WA 6055



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC should not be privatised. it would be an extremely sad day for Australia if this occurred. I watch very few shows on television. But i do watch the ABC. I trust the news, I watch Tony Jones and I miss Late line. I am sick of the cuts to our public broadcaster, and I'm disgusted by this current attack.

The role of the ABC is very specific and it is a wonderful democratic tool that encourages debate and its role ivery different to commercial media.

If anything happens to RN or Triple J my family would be absolutely devastated.

The ABC is not allowed to fight for itself, but the public love the ABC and it shouldn't be cut. In fact, we should follow the example of more progressive countries like Germany who have a specific tax to keep the public broadcasters funded.

Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not sell the ABC

It is vital to the community to have a TV and radio provider that is not driven by commercial motives and is free from influence of political and wealthy parties in order to report on news in an independent manner.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC out of private control

I would hate to think of life in Australia without the ABC. I can't think of one friend, and I have many, who would not agree with that. I rarely ever turn the channel onto anything else and if I do its SBS. If we lose the ABC I will no longer have a TV because there will be almost nothing of interest to view. With the exception of tennis which is only once a year and the ads drive me mad. I would hate to think that our children of the future would grow up without the influence and information that the ABC gives. True representation of what is actually going on with quality investigative insights to situations big business and governments want to keep hidden from the public. These have to be aired. No commercial station is game to reveal what the ABC can and does reveal, and is in everybody's interest and right to know about. We have to have a public forum where both sides of important issues can be aired. Any government to votes to interfere with the ABC is a dead government. Anyone with any intelligence watches the ABC. What does that say for the members of a government that wants to privatise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** NO PRIVATISING OF OUR ABC ITS OWNED BY THE PEOPLE.

THE ABC IS AN UNBIASED ASSET OF ALL AUSTRALIANS AND SHOULD ALWAYS STAY THAT WAY. IF YOU WANT YOUR BRAIN TO BE BOMBARDED BY BIASED AND SOMETIMES LYING MEDIA YOU CAN WATCH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AT WORK. OUT THERE IN FAIRYLAND WHERE THE RIGHT WING NUT JOBS LIVE.THEY ARE WELCOME TO THEIR PATCH,IF THEY JUST KEEP THEIR CLAWS OFF OUR AUNTY.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC.

Democracy will be doomed in Australia if the Government takes the destructive move to privatise the ABC. The ABC is the only channel I trust for a balanced account of our troubled world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the Australian Broadcasting Commission publically funded

ABC radio, tv and internet programs are important to me as a free, reliable source of local and world news, science and arts programs and high-quality entertainment - where ever I happen to be. Though resident in a metro area, I travel in country and remote areas of Australia and occasionally overseas (where Australian news is very rarely/never mentioned). Indeed some investigative programs have even greater impact, raising issues that impact on the way I live and contribute to society.

I am very concerned about the Coalition's attacks on the ABC, and SBS, particularly when hearing or seeing the effects of misinformation has on peoples' attitudes and on our society in general. It's easier to generate mob reaction than to work for informed educated responses, but society degenerates. The ABC is becoming more valuable today as a counter-balance to instant uninformed commentary, 30 seconds grabs, or stories slanted for shock value - ratings rather than truth. Our society has not benefited from demonizing people like boat- people' or 'druggies' then hiding our inhumane incarceration of them. Nor from treating the vulnerable as 'welfare-cheats' with payments instantly cut-off by poorly programmed computer systems replacing staff who can think. It would be much easier to ignore the plight of these people, and our many, non-computer literate citizens without our/their tax-payer funded ABC. Commercial media operates for profits, not for social benefits.

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't Privatisise the ABC

I was appalled by the recent Liberal party motion to take the ABC out of taxpayers hands. I cannot support any party which would countenance such a proposal. Having a public broadcaster is vital to our democracy.

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NSW 2046



**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save The ABC. and SBS.

Organisations such as the Murdoch Press, I.P.A, and others, simply Do Not want the average Aussie to be aware of much of the Dodgy agenda of the "Right". Just look at what has been revealed by the Banking Royal Commission, and what is increasingly being shown about Wage Theft in the Hospitality sector, as broadcast on ABC radio Melbourne just this morning. There are so many more examples. Too many to mention here.

Selling Off of the ABC, only contributes to the Dumbing Down of the general public. Something I believe is at the top of the agenda of the "Right". Ordinary working people are being "Misled" or not directly "Lied" to by the Banks, Employers, Insurers, AND Gov't of ALL persuasions. With what we see, nearly every day, about the failure to CARE for workers, and the Public, even on Labor, state Gov't jobs, in hospitality, and this new approach in food delivery, ( Uber eats)?? is there any wonder why the "Right" want to sell it off to someone like Rupert and his cronies?

Just a couple of years short of 70, I admit to being a Union member for all of my working life. BUT, I am not a Militant.

I can however, understand why groups such as Getup are so prominent on Social Media, and in my e-mails, and given my experience, why Unions such as the CFMEU take the hard line approach we sometimes see. The ABC is the ONLY means of gathering information for so many in regional Australia. They are the only ones, that I know of who invite Pollies to come on, only to be refused, point blank, by a number of our so called leaders, because they don't want to answer the Hard Questions.

E.G. Jon Faine on 774 Melbourne mornings. AND, where is Emma Alberici.

On a different tack.... Where would our growing bunch of Soccer Fans be without SBS saving the broadcast of the World Cup.

Most of them are Voters !!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC!!!


Without the ABC democracy in Australia would suffer enormously. It is a trusted source of independent news and current affairs. Inquiry after inquiry has found that the ABC is NOT biased contrary to assertions of people from certain parties who right now have instigated another inquiry of dubious merit. It just shows where the bias really is, not with the ABC but with politicians who do not like fair and critical reporting.

Australians will defend their ABC to the end and anybody considering privatisation is committing political suicide.

Starving the ABC into submission by continuous budget cuts will not work either, so hand off!

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

We, the Australian public, MUST retain an organisation which is NOT influenced by commercial issues when reporting via television and radio - our tax payer dollars MUST continue to run the ABC!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I love our ABC, keep it publicly owned

I am a proud Australian near the end of serving a three-year posting in the US. I couldn't believe how different Australian culture is from America, and have realised just how valuable the ABC is to all walks of Australian life, for our culture, and for a trustworthy perspective for our national conversation. Although I value the freedom of our commercial media too, I am shocked that you would consider selling the ABC, and urge you to keep it entirely publicly owned, independent and well funded.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands


I have watched with dismay as inroads are made to remove high quality ABC long form current affairs interview programs like Nightline. What will be next? The commercial stations do not compete at this level of impartial probing journalism.

I love Monday night - a feast of intelligent, informative and lively content from 7.30 Report, 4 Corners and Q and A, where latterly I get a wide range of topics and viewpoints and can yell at the TV - on occasion! ABC drama and comedy is world class so please don't reduce or interfere with this content.

Please don't hand our public broadcaster over to commercial interests. It will be changed forever and we will never get it back. DON'T DO IT

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC.

I urge all participants in the upcoming government enquiry into the ABC to read a recent academic article in "The Conversation" 21/6, by Denis Muller entitled 'Constant attacks on the ABC will come back to haunt the Coalition government.'

Compare this with the arguments currently being postulated by our political lightweights.

Also as an insight into the general political strategies being developed at the moment by our political representatives the article by Mike Carlton in "The Saturday Paper" , March 31 - April 6 entitled 'The land of the fair gone'.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not sell off the ABC to the highest corporate bidder

All fascist governments begin their regimes with control of public media. Placing it in the hands of sources that support their agendas. This is the beginning of the end of true democracies. One has only to spend time in the Murdock press to see how little attention grass-root issues are given or the public-good is promoted.

Please do not sell off our democracy to the highest bidder. Your job as a government is to protect citizens from corporate-greed not to sell them out

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must stay in public hands

Public broadcasting is the voice of a nation and culture. It is not for any party or government to remove.

Only by being free of commercial concerns can it properly function as the outlet for an Australian view on the world.

This government - or any future government - had no mandate from the people of this country to sell it off.

Our news is already dominated by News Limited / Murdoch (an American, I may add). Only a independent ABC - free of commercial concerns, can offer a powerful alternate view from Murdoch's.

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

I love my country because it is Australia and Australian - it must not become a South Pacific version of the USA.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The Australian Broadcasting Commission is for all Australians. It is arguably the most valuable of available & remaining resources serving the people of Australia. It is incumbent upon all Australians to take full responsibility for what is in their interest to protect & preserve for all of us including our unborn. This wonderful & incredibly important resource must never fall into hands of any private operator. The Australian people sold themselves so short with privatisation of SBS, Telstra & NBN. Do not make same mistake again Australia. Wake up!!!

The only mechanism & motivation known & respected by a private owner is monetary profit. A private operator has no concern for the people of Australia. The only thing that matters to a private operator is the amount of money in a pocket.

A private operator does not care about the harm, waste & lunacy of advertising. Nor does a private operator care about cultural & artistic development of a Nation. Nor does a private operator care about public discourse, fair, open & honest debate or discussion of any matter concerning the people of Australia.

I use my ABC everyday because it is the only reliable media + cultural institution that consistently produces content & output that I can trust & rely upon. All alternatives from within Australia are compromised, corrupted, or produce outputs of no value or substance.

Our ABC deserves and requires more support from the Australian people than ever before (not less). I am proud of our ABC. Our ABC is part of what it means to be Australian. The ABC is an expression of who we are. The world & fellow Australians see who we are via our ABC. Long live public ownership of the ABC. I appeal to the people of Australia to wake up!!! The ABC requires your support. Do not turn a blind eye to pathetic, weak-minded politicians & greedy private operators.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am shocked and dismayed to hear that members of the Liberal Party wish to privatise our public broadcaster. This is an incredibly bad idea. Australia needs an independent public broadcaster capable of pursuing an objective approach in news gathering, investigative journalism and as a vital pillar of the 4th Estate - monitoring and bearing witness to the governance of those in power. We all know that power corrupts, we see it in upteen authoritarian and undemocratic states. None of them have independent public broadcasters. All privately owned media outlets have an editorial policy dictated by the owners and are generally ones which help increase their wealth and stake holding. We must maintain the independence, impartiality and objectivity of the ABC. This cannot be fine through private ownership.

Also rural communities depend on the ABC for much important news regarding their communities well being and safety. Would a privately owned broadcaster spend money on providing for these small communities. I doubt it.

It would be a terrible blow to a democratic Australia should privatisation be proposed. I am totally opposed to such a notion

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in public hands

If it ain't broke why change it ? Our culture is so driven , ( brainwashed ), by market forces that we need all the respite we can get from those forces . Unfortunately right wing people put money before what is good for our soul , hence the huge number of social problems we are experiencing. I could write a book about the negative impacts that this thinking has on our culture.  
when we realize that the largest number of sociopaths in our society are C.E.O.'s , & that there are probably quite a few in Hard Right politics , we wouldn't even consider letting these people make decisions on our part .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off MY ABC!

It's as simple as ABC!

A: Always good drama - even if some imported from UK.

B: Best news coverage an international news coverage. And this has been supported mant times through surveys.

C: Can always depend on interesting and timely stories, interviews, comedies, news.

So..Hands off MY ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC!!!

The ABC is an essential part of our democracy. Their investigative journalism, their fearlessness in following a story free from the constraints imposed by a privately owned, for-profit, media organization, is precisely why they should never, ever, be privatized. A key part of the ABC's function is to ensure that politicians can be held to account by an informed population supplied with FACTS by a broadcaster not controlled by media moguls. Do not privatize our ABC!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A strong. publically funded ABC, please.

I have been upset each time funding is cut and more repeats fill the 24 hours of each day or compilation programs of 'the best of the week'. There are some of us who listen to the radio all day and night long. Yes, we do sleep and we can forgive the odd reolay in the wee small hours, but when you wake t finf that you are listening to the same excellent program or excerpt from a program for the fourth time, tolerance is going out the window.


And now we have talk, by Young Liberals, of privatizing the ABC. Yes, some say it won't happen. I would love to see some of the more sensible members of the Liberal Party take the time to explain to these members why this is a foolhardy idea. Explain to them what happens when there is no independent broadcaster. Explain to them the danger of media controlled by vested interests.

I recently had the misfortune of spending time with someone who walked out of the room when RN was on. She did have the courtesy to explain to us that while she could stand hearing the news, she only wanted the facts and that she could not abide analysis. It is like saying you want to vote but you don't want to know about what you are voting for.

The ABC, Radio National, in particular, gives us broad analysis of topics so far ranging that we are learning all the time. It is a scary world where people choose not to be informed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

The ABC is the only media outlet that can be trusted to provide unbiased news and current affairs. No private companies lurking in the background to push their own agendas, no shambolic interviews where people are paid to go public...just good old transparency, the way it should be...forever.

If the ABC is privatised it will end up in the same position as the other commercial media outlets whose existence is solely reliant on the advertising dollar.

Why not focus on how the commercial media outlets conduct their dodgy business instead of attacking Australia's most trusted media organisation...the ABC. After all, wasn't it the Murdoch press that violated our trust through illegal phone-tapping behaviour in the United Kingdom?

If the commercial media outlets find it tough competing, then maybe they need to take a long hard look at themselves and what they have to offer their viewers, eg, the endless broadcast of mind-numbing reality TV programs that focus on people back-stabbing each other, or movie premieres that contain five minutes of content to fifteen minutes of advertising.

The Australian people love and deserve the ABC in its current format...PUBLIC.

Keep it that way!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC!

Just don't do it - don't privatise our ABC. Without an adequately funded public broadcaster, our news and current affairs coverage is restricted to the vested interests and biases of the private, commercial broadcasters - which directly limits and impedes the flow of information about the government's policies and so undermines the democratic process. The ABC is needed as a political counterweight to the commercial media, so the public retains access to news that's balanced and objective. Take it away by continuing to cut its funding, and we're left with unbalanced news that's wholly subject to the private interests of commercial media organisations, to the exclusion of the public interest. Privatising the ABC is not in the Coalition government's own interests either. Voters of all persuasions - including Liberals, but especially National Party voters, would crucify them at the next election, and hand Labor an easy victory. Same goes for more serious cuts to ABC funding. Keep the ABC healthy and well-resourced to be a serious restraint on commercial media monopoly. Our more right wing conservative representatives will have to learn to accept the public funding of other media voices.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** These attacks on the ABC have gone too far. It is unbelievable that anyone would think to  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Keep your hands off the ABC. We need an independent, unbiased, shock jock free, information medium.  
Liberal = LIEberal. What is this mob worried about?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I worked for the ABC from 1977 to 1987, starting out in the Melbourne Radio News room and moving across to TV where I spent the bulk of my time. I worked in all departments, as a Producers Assistant, including sport, news and current affairs, documentaries, religious programmes, light entertainment and drama. It was a rich and extremely rewarding place to work and has stood me in good stead since. For most of my time with the ABC the funds were cut annually and I watched morale drop accordingly. But still this amazing organisation keeps doing what it does best; provides balanced coverage of events both at home and worldwide; good quality drama (although not nearly enough!!), documentaries and (unfortunately very little) sport. I am totally flabbergasted that successive governments have seen fit to demoralise and destroy this Institution. I don't understand why and that is the frustrating part. What on earth do they have to fear? I wish I knew. Surely it is not theirs to sell off. My next vote will count.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3226 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Accountability a Requirement for Democracy

I would like to submit that without a public broadcaster we could not expect to see government and private enterprise held to account. The commercial imperative of commercially owned media requires prioritising audience numbers and preserving the reputations of stakeholders. Challenging stories would not be pursued. To participate in a democracy, it is a requirement that we have unbiased reporting of local and global events available to the public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisise the ABC at your peril!

After watching the infotainment that passes for "news" on the privatised TV channels, I am convinced that the ABC must remain in the hands of the Australian people.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC not the corporates'

The reason a corporate/bottom line driven ABC would be an oxymoron of a statement is that ABCs' charter is to produce unbiased reportage and other material. Once corporatised and market driven, any semblance of neutrality in reporting is by both definition and by example of the current commercial media, impossible. How can a corporation that is dependent on retaining its sources of advertising or other large corporation donor income possibly be objective without risking loss of that income. It is clearly not possible. Hands off ABC and restore ABCs' funding now. Sincerely [REDACTED]

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NSW 2256






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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC must not be privatised. It must continue as owned by the public and for the public!! Commercial TV would never screen wonderfully open programs such as The Drum, 7.30pm. Such programs are essential in our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is an important community asset that should never be privatised. Unlike the commercial media whose news and current affairs focus on the individual and sensational aspects what takes socially and politically, the ABC provides a more intellectual, broad and critical approach in its coverage. The limited nature of the commercial media is quite concerning as it limits people's access to seriously important issues or frames them in a way that supports existing power structures. It is very clear why the Liberal party would want to privatise the ABC so that the only voices articulating social events are ones that support dominant interests. In the era of trump, critical news is more important than ever. Attempts at LIMITING CRITICAL POLITICAL ANALYSIS - are to be SERIOUSLY DISMISSED.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC!!!

We need a neutral, intelligent news source uninfluenced by commercial bias!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't even think of privatising the ABC

I am so happy to be able to support the ABC in this submission.

In Australia we have a number of commercial radio and media outlets and none of them provides the kind of comprehensive programming or issue coverage of the ABC. It seems to be taken for granted that commercial interests can run objective and analytic discussions of a broad range of topics, but, in my experience this doesn't happen. And of course it won't. Because commercial media outlets are only interested in meeting profit targets instead of providing reliable, factual and interesting material. I enjoy the regular science, social commentary, and political coverage on the ABC which is not tainted by incessant advertising and provides material which adds to my knowledge and tests my powers of analysis. I enjoy the talents of the presenters, for the most part experienced journalists who can prepare and present programmes which don't rely on repetition and innuendo. You may be astonished to know how many people in the rural areas appreciate solid, factual information and have the capacity to know what is false and what is reliable. The ABC and SBS reach and maintain audiences who are appreciative of the authenticity and broad examination of current issues.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that this nation comprises only loud ignorant bullies! Out here in the listening world we know there are many more people who appreciate the ABC than those who rant against it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatisation for the ABC

I almost exclusively watch the ABC or SBS for news and opinions. Programs like 4 Corners and Q and A help keep me up to date with differing points of view about hot topics. I think the presenters on the ABC are well informed, do their homework when they interview people and give both sides of the story. I would be gutted if the ABC was privatised and commercial interests only governed what they presented.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatize the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I consider it imperative to keep the ABC government owned - it ensures the highest standard of accountability, prevents the purchasing power of advertisers to influence content or opinion (whether consciously or unconsciously) and is the best way to ensure independent journalism reports the facts and conducts thorough investigations.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC from being privatized

I love watching the ABC for many reasons. The programs are mostly informative and not biased. The news information is reliable and the current affairs programs reflect reality. Also to be able to watch a good film or detective story WITHOUT interruptions from boring advertisements is a real plus. I would be VERY upset if ABC was to be privatized and would absolutely NOT vote for the government that would do such a thing.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Saving the ABC

The ABC has been a central part of my life, and a central part of the life of this nation since long before I was born. It would be criminal for any government to sell off a National Asset as significant as the ABC to appease the private Media lobby or unrepresentative pressure groups like the IPA. The vast majority of the citizens of this country agree with me and any party that considered selling the ABC is committing political suicide.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in the hands of the Australian People

For 10 Years I drove outback NSW as a director of public school. The only radio station I could receive clearly was the ABC. The only programs i could bear to listen to were on the ABC. I learnt so much listening to Radio National about health, science, good solid news and comment and everyday people's lives. There is nothing at all like this on commercial radio. I trust the ABC. I do not trust private companies. They do not care about me. They pretend to when they need my money but when they have the dollars, it's fight, fight fight if their product fails.

Commercial businesses have one aim and that is to make money.

The government is not a commercial enterprise,

It is there for the Australian people and to provide them with the basics of life from the money they pay in taxation.

The government is not there to pander to private companies.

To believe they can deliver better and cheaper products has never been proven.

Does the government want to turn us completely into America where poor public radio spend a lot of airtime begging for contributions.

If the ABC goes private there will be nowhere I can listen with trust and comfort.

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NSW 2540



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC


Dear Mr Turnbull

It is important to me that the ABC is not privatized because I rely on it for Australian news that is not biased or given an unnecessary spin to benefit one side of politics in favour of another. In fact, I would consider all ethics to have disappeared from Australian politics if it were privatized. I certainly could never respect a political party which allowed this to happen. Obviously, if it were allowed to happen, we would have no independent voice providing us with information on many issues, including political ones.

It appears to me that the question of whether the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by being publicly funded is an irrelevant question. Public broadcasting is an essential part of our democracy and seeks to educate and inform and entertain - and it keeps our culture alive. On the other hand, commercial media is governed by what will attract the people they seek to entertain and thus make money for those companies who advertise with them. There really is no comparison worth making.

Please keep public broadcasting for its irreplaceable role in our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's Better for the ABC

We Don't need it to become like the Government or it will become a Bigger Mess.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do NOT privatize the ABC

The ABC is our broadcaster, it is not the Liberal Party's play thing and is the only un-biased voice we Australians have.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep my ABC mine!

You have done your best, my worst, to take the Abc's energy away, but it wont just die for prejudice and ill-conceived money saving. It is blessed with caring, interesting, intelligent people and it would be a crime to waste them. You are so far right these days that anything they present will seem leftish. Grow up, widen your horizons,. look deep and listen to the people who love the Abc as it is and as it used to be.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep my ABC mine!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Never privatize the ABC

To privatize the ABC would be akin to the rape of our democratic freedom, national heritage, independent viewpoints, impartial news coverage, in favour of dodgy, greedy, vested interests of Big Media Moguls and Big Business. Since when has privatisation worked? Consider the failings of Commonwealth Bank, Telstra, Poles & Wires, Transport Infrastructure, and the sell-off of our national estate like Sydney's magnificent Post office and other landmark sandstone buildings and the complete annihilation of suburbs such as Haberfield in Sydney, and the intellectual wasteland that would ensue. The free to air offerings of the commercial channels and the dumbing-down of content is abysmal, and cringe-worthy. To lose the quality journalism that the ABC provides is paramount.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do Not Privatisise the ABC-keep it in public hands

I am profoundly concerned at the prospect that the Turnbull Government has intentions to privatise the ABC.

The root of our democracy lies in having media which are not influenced by large commercial entities, whether it be big public companies, trade unions, far left or far right political organisations. History has shown us that privately owned media magnates can have a huge say in what information the public gets fed and what spin is put on current issues, and it would be a massive step backwards and a continuation of dumming down the Australian people if we don't have a watch dog like the ABC, that can deliver intellectual assessment of issues in an unbiased way.

It is critical that we have a publicly funded organisation like the ABC which will continue to scrutinise current issues, irrespective of what party is in Government. I trust the ABC, and believe investigations conducted by programs like 4 Corners give Australian people important insights into what is happening behind the scenes in our country. I do not trust that a privately owned ABC would deliver the same unbiased information.

Aside from the current affairs scrutiny, the contribution that the ABC makes to screening and airing sport, humour, the arts and education would never be replicated in a privately owned media outlet whose obligation is to its shareholders and board of directors.

The other issue is that the ABC is wholly Australian owned - Australian media laws allow foreign ownership of a percentage of media organisations and this wholly owned public entity would no longer be that if it was to be privatised.

For my own personal media enjoyment, I watch or listen almost exclusively to the ABC, whether it be local radio ( I live in rural Queensland), RN, Grandstand, the Coodabeen Champions (podcast), and the various ABC TV stations and one of the attractions is the absence of slabs of advertisements which accompanies the broadcasting of privately owned commercial media outlets.

Please do not privatise the ABC - it would be an intellectual disaster for an already intellectually challenged Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I would be devastated if the ABC were to be privatised. I don't watch commercial TV, only ABC and SBS, and I don't listen to commercial radio. I think their coverage of news and current events is outstanding and overall balanced and fair. I particularly appreciate 'The Drum', 'Four Corners' and 'Q and A' for the diverse opinions they present. Commercial TV stations will present the opinions of their sponsors. Public broadcasters are essential to our democracy. As a teacher and educator, I am also concerned for the next generation. Please do not privatise this important public asset! DR [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

An independent, non-commercial, public broadcaster plays an important role in parliamentary democracy. I am very upset with, and deeply concerned by, attacks on the ABC by some politicians and groups, some even calling for it to be privatised. Music, the natural world, friendships and the ABC all play a role in helping to make life enjoyable. ABC TV channels, Radio National, ABC local radio, ABC-FM and ABC's on-line services all play an important role in both entertaining and informing the public. I am most disappointed that Australia's communications minister has failed to give strong support to the ABC. I would willingly forego planned tax cuts if this meant additional funding for the ABC. I am most disappointed with advertisements being allowed on SBS. Like bushland reserves and classical music, the ABC - and until ad breaks were introduced, SBS - gives one some respite from the commercialised society in which we live. At the next election, my votes will go to candidates/parties who support non-commercial, independent, public broadcasters.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED] 2731

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I want the ABC to remain uncommercial.

I don't listen to commercial media as their information is not always well founded - and for this reason alone funding to the ABC should be increased. Leave the ABC as a public broadcaster and raise it's funding to perform it's job even better.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off my ABC

I'm sure you will receive a plethora of detailed submissions explaining why our ABC must never be privatised, so I will simply make two points:

1) Trust - the ABC is not beholden to any commercial interests and I trust the competence of all involved with production of news and current affairs programming; and

2) Quality: Just a small sample of the "junk" sent to listeners and viewers of commercial radio and t.v. is more than enough to deter me from ever switching to channels 7, 9 or 10 again.

Please, please please don't even THINK about selling off our ABC to private commercial interests!

(I am a 77 year-old retiree, and I vote!)

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting is important way of making sure Australians are equipped with the truth and form an educated, informed society. The "market" has no incentive to safeguard this.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC away from Shareholders!

I am a 92 year old Veterans Pensioner. The ABC, IView and the various FM and AM give me so much pleasure. Privitisation would be the end. Look at the Commonwealth Bank. If it not been run by shareholders we may have escaped much of the recent Banking Financial problems. PS> The ABC is not left-wing.

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NSW 2518 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I am writing to implore you to leave the ABC alone , or fund it with more money. I only ever listen and watch the ABC and would be bereft if it were to be taken over by a private moneymaking entity. We are so lucky in this country to have the ABC, I can't believe you'd be so short sighted to want to change it. It needs more funding and I for one, would be glad to contribute to it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Power bases attempts to sell our ABC.

The ABC is the last bastion of decent, responsible journalism for decent, responsible and intelligent Australians. It must always be remembered that : Journalism should comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. And that is precisely what the ABC accomplishes, which is why both Liberal and Labor governments, plus their think tanks and the usual suspects hate it so much. The ABC belongs to us. Privatise this one at your peril.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in the public hands.

I only watch/ listen to the ABC and SBS for news and intelligent commentary on current affairs. The National broadcasters provide a balanced , truthful commentary, with out which we would be subject to the bias from other station with vested interest.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

. Society can only benefit from a government television and radio station because it is free of media moguls agendas and free of ratings agendas. The brief of the ABC is independence and excellence. They shine the spotlight on truths that politicians might find uncomfortable. Society is best served by the ABC for its cultural content, its more comprehensive news content; its science and history content and its celebrated overall picture of our country delivered by a highly educated staff. Please don't sacrifice all this for temporary political gain. The cost of the ABC to the nation is worth it. The nation not individuals will gain.

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NSW 2135



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in Public hands!

Continued public ownership of our national radio a must especially in regional and rural Australia!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands We need the balance

As an immigrants from SA I have valued having a balanced broadcaster with no influence from political factions. May it last

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WA 6281



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** the Public have a right to a public broadcaster

It is a hallmark of a mature, democratic and civilised government that they ensure that the people they serve have a robust and well funded public broadcaster. Only dictatorial and arrogant governments would seek to rob the nation of an independent voice against the self seeking interests of commercial media and their masters and vested political interests.

Why are the liberals so fearful of the public having access to quality investigative journalism, Australian content and critical analysis of issues.

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SA 5072 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Against Privatising the ABC

As someone who goes to the ABC for their primary source of news, its important to me that the ABC remains active in an unbiased capacity as mandated by the ABC Act (1983). A privatised ABC objectively will not be able to maintain the same level of independence that the ABC currently holds, as the interests of majority shareholders will influence the opinions and attitudes of editors and journalists alike. An independent media outlet is crucial to a functioning democracy and thus the ABC should hold a sacred position as a public organisation, and any action to privatise the ABC is direct dilution of the health of our democracy. The very premise of this inquiry misses the fundamental difference between commercial and public broadcasts and their role in society. Therefore, I strongly call upon any and all parties interested in preserving the Australia we love to provide the ABC with more funding, and definitely not consider privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is widely recognized as the most trusted news source in the Australian media space. I personally find the news and current affairs to be serious, informative and unbiased. They take to time to investigate and inform at a highly professional level.

Commercial media news and current affair focus on entertainment and at time promote the views of their advertisers and individual owners, it would be an immense injustice if this occurred at the ABC.

Keep the ABC as it is

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Support for the ABC as operating in line with competitive neutrality principles.

I listen constantly to the ABC, both Radio National and the Local Newcastle station. I find it the only source of balanced and truthful reporting of news on radio. One only has to listen to commercial radio talk-back shows to realise how biased they are compared to the ABC.


In this time of "fake news" I think it is fundamental to our democracy to maintain the ABC in public hands and that politicians should not interfere with the ABC and impose their own bias upon the ABC. As a regular listener I know that the ABC preserves neutrality. One only has to hear complaints after some programmes and one finds that both left and right leaning listeners find fault with the same content!

The ABC also provides important support for listeners in times of peril, such as bushfires, storms and floods, and not just in the country e.g., I remember the great support ABC 1233 (Newcastle) gave to their listeners during the "Pasha Bulka" storm when winds reached 190 km an hour and many homes were flooded. Their staff were magnificent.

I believe the ABC should be preserved as the public broadcaster and its neutrality be respected and admired as a democratic right for all Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

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

The ABC and SBS are unique and target cohorts of society that rely on these two public services. I am a migrant and my family relies on the SBS to inform of local and foreign news.

The ABC is the only trusted news service as far as I am concerned, and if government don't like the truth to be told about their performance, that's their bad luck!

Democracy in action not commercialism!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC is CRIME against the Australian CULTURE

The ABC Content is the BEST in Australia because its fully inderperdant and not corrupted and controlled by individuals such as Rupert Murdoch and his cronniees. Nobody can Put a Monetary Value on the Australian Culture - The ABC is a leader and primary DNA for proper and legitimate investigative journalism across the western world - No amount of MONEY can replace what we hold soo dearly to the Australian Spirit - We are NOT the USA - The ABC is the ONLY organisation stopping us from being another product of Rupert Murdoch - Ask why 911 was never properly reported to the people of the USA and you will uncover the power of the Media owners such as Rupert Murdoch covering up the truth of what really happened to the Twin Towers and in particular Building 7 - was never reported by Murdoch and his Cohorts. A true and Inderpendant ABC would never engage in such pure EVIL as what we have seen in the USA - which is controlled by Murdoch - He is the single reason why the Coalition supports the Privatisation of the ABC - Murdoch is completely threatened by the ABC privinging Australias ability to Think Freely and to independantly engage in uncovering the truth in the world. Murdoch plan will further support the Coalition in SPINNING is message and make fools out of Australians like he has soo successfully done to the culturally bankrupt Americans - Just ask 1 question - why was Building 7 never mentioned or investigated in the American mainstream Media and you will uncover who are the most powerful people in the Western World.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Submission to Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters

Submission to Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters,

I would like to express my wholehearted support for retaining the ABC as a public broadcaster. Recent events at the Liberal Federal Council reflect an intention to privatise the ABC, arguably the most trusted organisation in Australia. Comments attributed to Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party also indicate an intention to remove funding from the ABC.

The ABC offers the greatest media coverage of rural Australia, as well as a diverse and varied media content to all Australian communities. It is the most trusted media outlet in Australia, and stands in contrast to many of the commercial media outlets which do not have the same integrity requirements placed upon them. In the electorate of Murray, the ABC regional outlets provide a valuable service to the local communities by offering local news and information for both "townies" and primary producers. The service offered by the ABC in this region is a comprehensive and blended mix of local, regional and national information.

The ABC has suffered significantly since the election of the Coalition government in 2013, despite the broken promises of Mr. Abbott that there would be "... no cuts to the ABC..." Weasel words from various government ministers that the ABC will not be sold do not give me much comfort, given the broken promises, the frequent attacks on the ABC by the PM and by Minister Fifield, the savage budget cuts that now are of the order of \$300 million, and the facile justifications of "productivity improvements" put forward as reasons for privatisation. The effect of these cuts are evidenced by the gutting of news services like PM and The World Today, the axing of Lateline, the reduction in the scope of 7:30 Report, and the general downgrading of all of the ABC news content.

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In conclusion, the very basis of this inquiry overlooks the fact that public broadcasting is distinct from commercial broadcasting because it does not have to meet the conflicting commercial demands of returning value to investors, satisfying the interests of advertisers, and attracting a viewing audience with popular offerings. These demands inevitably lead to editorial bias, self censorship of controversial issues, a tendency towards the sensational in news and current affairs, and a dumbing down of content. Another consequence of these demands is that subject matter regarded as not marketable by the commercial media will not be offered. The ABC and SBS are required by their charters to cater for the many minorities that the commercial outlets avoid.

Public broadcasting needs government financial support to remain viable. The continuing cuts to the ABC threaten our democracy and freedoms.

Yours sincerely,

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Shepparton. Vic 3630

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PS. Please do not put my personal details on any database maintained by any political party for the purposes of political campaigning.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I am one of many who is not happy at all about the current talk taking place within government circles to sell off or privatise our National Broadcaster, the ABC.

As a taxpayer, I want my taxes to go towards supporting the ABC and SBS, who do great work in bringing us excellent quality programs such as '4 Corners', 'Foreign Correspondent', 'Dateline'; top quality discussion/debate programs such as 'Q&A' and 'Insight', comprehensive World news, (important to me as a migrant), quality documentaries and programs such as 'Compass', 'Back Roads', 'Gardening Australia', the likes of which will never be done or covered by commercial networks.

A crucial point in public broadcasting is that it plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media.

I, like many others, are sick and tired and fed up with mind-numbing inane, contrived so-called reality shows, and some of the 'rubbishy', in my opinion, stuff from the USA, which seem to dominate the commercial channels. Do we want more of this stuff on a privatised ABC? I don't think so.

It is a well-known fact that privatising public institutions/entities impacts adversely on the general public enormously. We've seen it happen with our utilities and transport systems.

As a migrant from a developing country, I have seen first-hand where government accountability is not tolerated, nor welcome. Investigative journalists who probe and dig too deep into scandals and corrupt machinations of the government of day, go missing and disappear off the face of the earth!


I, like many, chose to migrate to this country because of its open democracy and freedoms, and various human rights, one of many is to be able to articulate views without fear or favour, and not being beholden to the powers that be, if privatised.

Our public broadcasters, especially the ABC, are the envy of many Western democratic nations and should remain in the public domain.

So please, Prime Minister, stop trying to tear down our beloved ABC, and whittling away its funding. How is it supposed to continue its quality programming and service to the nation when every Liberal government continues to use a razor to it? It provides a huge and welcome service to many, particularly to those in rural Australia.

Kind regards,  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC

The ABC does not belong to the Liberal Party. It belongs to the people of Australia. It provides news free of advertiser pressure, it makes local content in a market that is seeing local content frozen out in favour of cheaper, overseas content. It was an essential when my kids were little because I knew we could watch good content without my kids being marketed to. ABC has led the way with online access and catch-up tv, it has innovated and proved exceptional value for tax payers' dollars and should not be penalised because the commercial stations were slow off the mark. It has impartial news services, without editorial interference (shall we compare it to the Murdoch press? Do you really want to go there?). Are the people of Australia to be held ransom to a small number of far rights who dislike being questioned? The ABC is OURS, all of OURS. It must stay in public hands, with proper public funding. Yet another commercial network is not needed, and is not desirable in a (supposedly) thriving democracy. What's next? No public schools? No public hospitals? Please do NOT allow the ABC to be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC out of private hands

Our family hugely values the ABC and have always done so. We value it's independent voice - untainted either overtly or inadvertent by owner interest. We value its support of local drama and talent. Although we are not wealthy we in no way resent government financial support of the ABC - we are proud of it and happy to contribute. It is part of the Australian culture and we would be devastated if it were to pass into private hands. We would NEVER support any government which allowed this to happen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

ABC is a pivotal to the fabric of our community. It's our last remaining resource of information that is not dumbed down as the commercial outlets do. It's a significant part of our day. Hands off.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I work in the industry and I know how pathetic, poorly researched and cheap tv is made when it's attached to profit - the abc is attached to intention and our national identity - it's too precious to put into the hands of some penny pinching company that creates bullshit content and drives the prices of freelancers down.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need the ABC as it is!

The ABC is the only fair and impartial broadcaster we have. All the commercial channels are right-wing. The ABC is NOT left-wing; it never quite satisfies left-wing people's views either. It really tries to be middle-of-the-road. We need at least one impartial channel. I understand that sometimes ruling parties have a lot to hide, and would like a public broadcaster prepared to hide things for them, and just spit out the party line -- like China and North Korea do -- but Australians deserve better than that. We need to be informed of BOTH sides of any news and opinion.

There are also intelligent people in Australia. Politicians seem to forget this, or maybe they are scared of these people because they are harder to manipulate. Intelligent people need at least SOME intelligent programs to watch! This rules out all the commercial channels (except when they repeat ABC shows...). The ABC has already been dumbed down because of drastic funding cuts and forced to endlessly repeat programs.

The ABC does not reflect "normal" Australian tastes. The Norms are already catered for by the rubbish on commercial channels. Please meet the needs of the minority who want balanced reporting and intelligent programs. Privatisation of the ABC would destroy any semblance of balance on FTA television.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC (first 3AR and 3 LO, and now for many years ABC Classic FM and our beloved television channels) has been the soundtrack to my entire life. I trust the documentaries and news services and have the greatest respect for the intelligent, witty and sometimes quirky announcers, who often sacrifice more luxurious conditions in commercial areas to work for a broadcasting corporation with integrity, where accuracy is not sacrificed to sensationalism.

- I love the idiosyncratic programming, with fabulous shows such as 4 Corners, Australian Story, Back Roads and the incomparable Annabel Crabb with Back in Time for Dinner.
- The ABC has the maturity to show it like it is, for example with the Puppetry of the Penis, which commercial channels were too squeamish to show.
- I truly believe the ABC is a national treasure, at least matching anything I have heard or seen in my many trips to the UK and Europe. Family n England cannot believe that we receive such treasure for our 11 or 12 or even 20 cents a day.
- I can scarcely bear to think of our beloved Auntie being
- subjected to even more cuts. I picture her hobbling gamely forward, hounded by politicians baying for yet more blood. Auntie needs to be able to remain in public hands to maintain its integrity. Are we to go down the path of commercialisation and reducing everything to the lowest common denominator?
- Our ABC is irreplaceable and needs our support. I ask you to recognise the crucial role of the ABC as our most trusted news source, entertainer and comforter.
- Gillian Bell, Auntie's devoted niece.


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must stay a public broadcaster!

I am almost 60 years old, I grew up with the ABC, it was part of our family culture. I didn't always agree with what commentators were saying but always felt we were getting a balanced and intelligent, researched view of what the issues were. News and current affairs on the ABC has always had ground breaking shows such as Q&A, 4 Corners, the 7.30 report. Science, Art and Culture and children's programmes are very well catered for. We just can't get the same high level of information and engaging productions in the private sector. I'm very concerned about the Coalition's attacks on the ABC. There is not just one view of our culture and society which the Coalition seems to think!! We need to keep our democracy strong. We say no to privatisation of the ABC. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why the ABC shouldn't be privatised

The federal governments of Australia has historically provided many of our essential services largely due to the demographics of our country. If left to private enterprise, the much smaller population densities of our regional areas would not be able to supply the same customer densities the companies require for viability. With a huge concentration of population along our coastlines, governments have always struggled to decentralise populations to our regional areas, and this will be exacerbated by climate change. Farmers rely heavily on the subsidised services that the ABC provides, such as the Rural Hour and Landline and more detailed weather forecasts. Vital information services in times of bushfires, floods and cyclones have also been well used. Iconic programs such as BTN and Playschool, Gardening Australia, Catalyst, 4Corners, the Drum, Media Watch have endured due to their accessibility and quality, along with many Australian and British drama productions. Innovative and original arts, comedy, consumer education and lifestyle programs have enriched our TV viewing.

While the ABC has been accused of leftwing political bias, privatising its services would greatly increase political bias in the opposite direction. Program content would be controlled by companies with their "big business" interests and mentalities. You only have to see, for example, how little coverage commercial media outlets have given to the effects of global warming, renewable energy projects and corporate corruption issues, such as the Royal Commission into our major banks.

A government subsidised ABC has allowed it to remain independent of such market pressures and has provided a balance nationally, rather than bias, when put alongside the content of much of our commercial media conglomerates. It would greatly reduce the quality and intellect of TV programming and deny our viewers any protection from the repetitive bombardment of commercials. Our commercial TV is already saturated with US programs and opportunity for producing our own quality programs would greatly diminish. This will result in more viewers going to streaming media outlets and our citizens' awareness of current affairs and their consequences will be greatly compromised.

We need our ABC in its current form. The current federal government seems intent on sacrificing our national intellect and our democratic transparency by handing it over to private enterprise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public.

As a child I listened to 2CA Canberra which was the only station available nearby. Even then I was infuriated with the advertising. 2CY later came on air and I have been an ABC follower ever since, despite being a rusted-on Liberal voter. I would suggest the ABC should take care to keep political balance and not infuriate the Hard Right like it often does. Privatisation requires advertisements, and advertisers in turn expect media presentation to be slanted in line with their wishes.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone

I am disgusted with the proposal to privatise the ABC. This Australian institution has been deliberately denied proper financing because of a few , white, males , of privilege who can't bear having their thoughts and opinions questioned and debated. The ABC is more trusted for its integrity than any politician. White, male, supremacy governs our lives and makes decisions to suit their own. Leave the ABC alone it is not yours to sell. I can't wait for the next election when hopefully we will gain some thoughtful, humane thinking politicians that have the well being of the Australian people at heart and rid ourselves of the self serving boys club that we are currently lumbered with.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our 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. This idea of public broadcaster as a voice of the people is understood universally as being 'part and parcel' of a free and fair democracy. For this reason it should be a 'given' that it remains publicly funded.

The ABC and SBS are the only stations which provide consistent thought-provoking and educational content - commercial stations only provide a smattering of this kind of content. A loss of the ABC would mean a loss to our intellectual and critical collective thought as a nation - why would this even be considered an option??

Please, please keep our ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Against privatising the ABC

I have watched the ABC for the whole of my 77 years. In that time, I have watched many attacks on the broadcaster, almost always from the party in power, whether Labor or Coalition. Labor in power attacks the ABC for right wing bias; the Coalition in power, as now, attacks it for left wing bias. In nearly all such attacks, the reality is that the ABC has drawn attention to something the party in power does not want revealed. What that tells me, as it must any independent commentator, is that the ABC performs an essential role in sustaining Australian democracy.

To privatise it would be to go down the same path as the Commonwealth Bank, the electricity distributors and other privatisation mistakes where the result has been higher prices, corruption and lack of service. Without an independent ABC there would be no media outlet without a financial incentive shaping its news and opinions, as can clearly be seen with the commercial news media and broadcasters operating today. One can only despair at the thought of Australian opinion being shaped only by the likes of the Murdoch Press. It is therefore vital that the Coalition keep to its stated promise not to privatise our greatest bulwark against a one-party state. It is equally vital that the Coalition stop destroying the ABC by stealth, as it is doing by its repeated cuts to the ABC budget.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Submission to Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters

Submission to Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters,

I would like to express my wholehearted support for retaining the ABC as a public broadcaster. Recent events at the Liberal Federal Council reflect an intention to privatise the ABC, arguably the most trusted organisation in Australia. Comments attributed to Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party also indicate an intention to remove funding from the ABC.

The ABC offers the greatest media coverage of rural Australia, as well as a diverse and varied media content to all Australian communities. It is the most trusted media outlet in Australia, and stands in contrast to many of the commercial media outlets which do not have the same integrity requirements placed upon them. In the electorate of Murray, the ABC regional outlets provide a valuable service to the local communities by offering local news and information for both "townies" and primary producers. The service offered by the ABC in this region is a comprehensive and blended mix of local, regional and national information.

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Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the public broadcaster the ABC in public hands

Over many years, in spite of the private media outlets complaining of the ABC's unfair advantage, whatever they mean by that, we need the ABC to represent balanced choices of news items and balanced opinion. Only the ABC can do it. It has a Public Charter for us to refer to. Tell me to whom the commercial channels are answerable except pressure groups, be they the hard Right of the Liberal Party, and /or cowered journalists and editors. We need our ear and voice tuned to a transparent and responsible Public Broadcaster! It's the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC

Recent attacks by Coalition members, plus the vote by the YLC to privatise it, have left me both furious and dismayed. ABC stands for AUSTRALIAN Broadcasting Commission, not the Murdoch Broadcasting Commission, or anyone else's. Living in Bowral as we do, my husband and I rely heavily on it for its Australian news content and its high-quality investigative reporting, particularly Four Corners, and we regularly watch Q&A, which gives all sides a chance to put their view, something you'll not find in the Murdoch press. It was on Q&A that a Liberal party member let slip your plans to sell-off the ABC - her fault, not the ABC's. The government's dubious enquiry into whether the ABC and SBS have a supposed advantage over the commercial stations is just a ham-fisted attempt to justify flogging our highly respected and INDEPENDENT national broadcaster, backed by the endless complaints of hard-right nutters who seem to possess an almost religious fervour against anyone or anything that criticises them. Plus my son and his wife, who live north of Gosford, love the ABC's children's shows for our little grand daughters because not only are the programs high quality but free of commercials, while the privately-owned channels are loaded with ads for health-harmful rubbish deliberately aimed at children. The ABC is ours, and must stay in our hands. We have more than enough of Murdoch et al, thanks to the government buckling in on media laws.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is an iconic Australian icon and needs to be kept in public ownership, to maintain its integrity and unique position of non bias. Any erosion of its independence will be a national disgrace and a travesty. Our ABC allow the Australian people to watch intelligent independent content, which is unstained by commercial and political considerations.

It is also an extremely valuable educational resource, which Australian families rely upon to provide education and wholesome content to their children without the relentless advertising present on the commercial stations.

Privatisation of the ABC will mean a huge loss of integrity, honesty, and usefulness. It will definitely not be of benefit to the vast majority of Australians who have no vested interest in eroding these very Australian values.

Leave the ABC as a public broadcaster and Australian institution.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is a public institution

Except for a year spent working in the UK, I have used the ABC every day of my life - 71 years. As a child, living with my Liberal-voting, English migrant grandparents I heard news and Blue Hills every day on the radio. It is how my parents and grandparents assimilated. It is how I, a city-dweller, stay aware of, and empathetic to the country. It's how my grandchildren have been able to access quality children's programs and learn about the world and it's news.

Robert Menzies established the ABC to serve the public good, to shape and reflect a civilised, mature and thinking country. I strongly object to any government contemplating removing this public institution. It is not a commodity to be treated as disposable. It is part of our democratic social and cultural fabric. It is belongs to we, the people and is integral to our way of life and values.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC.

I am opposed to any privatising of the ABC.  
Blind Freddie can see that if it was privatised ( whole or part ) there would be no more shows like THE CHECKOUT. No commercial station would produce such shows thereby risking advertiser withdrawal and loss of revenue. Certainly they would not even consider a show like MEDIAWATCH. But of course privatising would suit certain big vested interests who would very much like to only promote their spin.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

I am deeply concerned that the ABC could be privatised, it and SBS are the only TV stations we watch. This is due to the quality of the shows, the Australian content and the fact we are not bombarded with advertisements. The breadth of the programs is pleasing and the investigative journalism is critical for a democratic country. Can you imagine some of the programs going to air from a commercial station! It might affect the share holders and the bottom line!!

We need programs that ask the question of government, when Labor are in power they don't like the ABC and likewise the Liberal Party. It is their responsibility as OUR government to answer questions.

The fact that the ABC is inclusive of all sections of the population is essential, the racial mix is more representative of our society. From investigative journalism such as Four Corners, Foreign Correspondent , The War On Waste and entertainment to all the children's programs, we have amazing quality. I export Play School to my grand children in the USA, and it is so well received.

Having travelled around Australia we so value the ABC's coverage on TV and radio. What the regional services provide in the bush is outstanding. I could not survive without the ABC radio!!

Young, middle aged and old are catered for.

Please think of the provision of services for a large percentage of the population and not some profit making corporation mainly concerned with their shareholders.

I am always relieved to return to Australia after travelling overseas, knowing I can tune in to the ABC.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands


If you privatise the ABC you will be bringing down democracy and freedom of speech, the only station that tells the truth and provides intelligent, informed, quality news, programs and broadcasters. The ABC is the only radio program I listen to in my car and at home there is always something interesting to hear such as Conversations with Richard Fidler, great laughs with TGIF every Friday, Sunday Mornings with Macca (my goodness all the country people around Australia would be devastated to lose him) then all the wonderful and educational tv programs.

Whenever I hear the lightweight garbage on other programs I want to kill myself, stupid, ignorant commercial crap.

It seems that the conservative Liberal politicians cannot bear to hear the truth about their behaviour, the responsibilities of government and what is really going on in the world, they prefer to listen to the shock jock lies on commercial stations by broadcasters whose opinions can be swayed. I have heard them vocalising that the ABC is biased towards the left but the truth is they cannot bear to hear the truth and they want to be able to manipulate the media with one sided views their way, we might as well become communists or military rule if we can only hear what they want us to.

The ABC was launched in 1932 and played an important role during the 2nd World War bringing news to all Australian households about what was happening overseas and to our boys. It has become a much loved and highly respected part of Australian society and its cultural fabric a station that could be relied upon to tell the true story, not cover up the ugliness which seems to be the real reason the conservative liberals want to privatise it yet it was originally formed by the government as a way to regulate broadcast services and to ensure that audiences had reasonable access to a range and high standard of radio services. I do not want to listen to the lies and rubbish put out by commercial stations why are you so scared of the truth, the ABC is not left wing or biased as I have heard some liberal politicians spout it is the only honest broadcaster that exists.

If you privatise the ABC you will show the Australian public and the world your true colors, that you want to manipulate the truth and wish to destroy democracy in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC & possible privatisation

If the ABC were not publicly funded, there would be pressure from funders to maximise their (the funders) point of view.

To have a reasonably free from pressure source of information helps those who think to form their point of view. This in its turn stimulates debate, so hopefully better decisions can be made quite independently from what the particular government thinks.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

No privatisation of the ABC, thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** privatising oue ABC

Privatising our ABC would be an appalling act and must never be considered by any government. What facts would we know without the wonderful programs like 4 Corners, Aus Story and loads of others. Please give this idea no consideration at all.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why we need our ABC

Earlier this week there was a highly pertinent example of why we need independent investigative journalism; the 7.30 report into the dog food industry has now led to a call for a senate review. I can't believe an industry such as this has no independent regulatory authority and our ABC has brought this, and countless other examples of corporate greed, to our attention. It is unlikely the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse would have occurred without the ABC's commitment to investigating the scandal. Australia will be a less empathetic and well-informed country without our ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC in public hands

The ABC performs a very useful and indeed necessary job of supporting our national identity. It is also really necessary to provide adequate coverage out in the countryside which has very poor support from commercial media now..

We need the ABC's investigative reporters[7.30 and 4 corners] giving coverage of such things as the theft of water, aided and abetted by the NSW government departments.

I like the range of intellegent radio programs and PODcasts that are unavailable elsewhere.

General reporting on all subjects including climate change that the commercial media don't cover

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a vital Australian institution

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the inquiry.

I believe the ABC is vital to Australian life. A big statement, but please allow me to explain.


For over 50 years I have visited the ABC daily for news and current affairs. Despite much grizzling to the contrary, I have never detected bias nor unfairness, only a commitment to examine news, issues and themes that affect everyday life. A not-for-profit organisation is the ONLY way to ensure unbiased scrutiny of all aspects of life, from abuse of minors by the Church to abuse of locals by the military on the other side of the world. In other words, the ABC provides the most uncoloured window into important events and issues both locally and worldwide.

To suggest that it costs money and is therefore a burden is either sophistry or idiocy. Any good service costs money, but where the service is geared to making a profit, or is controlled by a particular person/group, the chances of clarity and transparency are drastically reduced. I want ALL policies examined, ALL elected representatives held to account, ALL decisions tested in public... by a public broadcaster.

This latest attack on a vital and much loved institution is deeply worrying and is certainly an issue that will stir this voter out of his customary passive position to one of active campaigning against any move to privatise one of our key agents of democracy.

Thanks for your time.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The worth of the ABC should never be underestimated as a value in our society. We all agree that democracy is a gift we have been given here in Australia. The ABC is closely associated with this democracy and if it is handed to the wealthy our democracy is under threat. We must all stand by our ABC and keep it in the peoples hands for the sake of our democracy. It is as simple and as important as that.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Regional & older Australians need the ABC to remain private & NOT be another failure by the neo liberals. Who can justify the public broadcaster going the way of Telstra & Commonwealth bank---what appalling failures, whatever way you measure it. Public broadcasting such as ABC & SBS, helps to keep our most precious asset...democracy...ALIVE. The ABC is one of the BEST things in my life-- From 4 corners to ABC Classical to ABC Jazz & Triple J

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** MY Vote-ABC Public. NO PRIVATISATION

Please keep our ABC public. The ABC not only provides news and current affairs without hype and over sensationalism it provides excellent quality drama and entertainment. These programmes stimulate and engage our brains. There are enough dumming down programmes on already numerous commercial channels, for example how can you compare Grand Designs to House Rules!

We need to keep up to date and involved with programmes such as Four Corners, Q&A, 7.30, Gruen. What about Gardening Australia, it would be a sad world without these programmes. Currently the fabulous, Back in Time for Dinner, provides us with our social, technical and political history while entertaining us, the commercial channels are unable to provide top quality programmes, how many more 'reality', games and cooking shows do we need. Some of the ABC programmes might be confronting to you as a politician, but we the general public need to have independent and quality reporting to maintain our right for democracy and freedom of speech and to stay in touch with current events and political changes.

No to privatisation of the ABC, I want to be part of an alert and knowledgeable nation and keep our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC has the highest journalistic standards which matters to me when I'm reading the news. ABC Kids is an important part of the ABC's offering to small children. It's investigative journalism has seen corruption exposed in the banking sector culminating in a Royal Commission. The ABC has a role to play in today's Australia providing services to the community that it would not be able to do if it was privatised. As we have seen with the privatisation of other assets, in the search for profits the quality of the services offered will dramatically decrease.

Do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Fuck privatising the ABC

Isn't it all said in the subject line? Keep your fucking corporate hands off the ABC, and fuck you for even thinking about it

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in private hands

We do not want the ABC privatised where it will be used for profits. The ABC is a fantastic FREE avenue of entertainment & we want it left that way. How bout the government start managing our money better instead of selling off everything because they have run out of money. Rediculous idea.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise ABC

There needs to be a non corporate & non private ABC to keep pollies honest

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:26 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is non-negotiable

Don't dare to privatise the ABC. We own it. It's a public service. Strengthen it! Don't strip it! It's not for sale!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:25 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC for everyone

Please desist talk of privatising the ABC. Cuts have already had a significant effect. I have started showing my kids BTN. This show is astonishing. It shows 2 or more sides of each story and encourages enquiry. Just one small example of something with no money making, just providing real information. This would be enough to stop me voting Liberal at the next election. Regards, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

Do not privatise the ABC or you will be doing a great disservice to most Australians. The ABC is the most unbiased broadcaster unlike The Telegraph's daily rubbish. The Liberal Party has done itself a lot of damage and should try better to live up to its name.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Hi, I'm a concerned voter in this democracy. Public broadcasting is a vital brick in providing a strong democracy that all people can access in our broad society from the city to regional Australia. Read the other thousands of emails you will get outlining the importance of not allowing private agendas to dismantle trusted news sources and beloved cultural institutions in our country.

Just No.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:24 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is too valuable

The ABC is my lifeline. From the news to the outback radio shows, it's been a vital part of my life for 50+ years. If it is privatised and turned into a commercial operation like Fox or 7,9 & 10 it will lose all its integrity.

The value of the ABC is that it doesn't have to pander to market whims and oligarch corruption. It has for many years produced QUALITY dramas, comedy, kids and current affairs shows. Our families don't get subjected to continuous Betting ads which are single-handedly destroying communities.

Leave the ABC alone!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatisation or diminution of the ABC's funding and historical and statutory roles serving all Australians

The ABC is a national treasure that has been under attack and whittled away at by the right-wing of conservative politics from inside and outside government, with the support and encouragement of avaricious commercial interests. Culturally, where would we be without the ABC on radio, TV and the internet? How much poorer would we be without Playschool, ABC Kids, Radio National, ABC iview, the Health Report, the Science Show, Triple J, ABC Sport coverage (John Howard's beloved cricket!), current affairs, 4 Corners etc etc - the list is endless. In this age of manipulated politics, Trumpian fake news and attacks on the institutions that underpin democracy, the need for an independent and well funded ABC (plus SBS and NITV) has never been more desperately needed.

ABC is the institution and platform that supports and encourages our multi-ethnic and multi-cultural Australian culture and allows all Australian voices to be heard in (non or semi profitable) drama and documentary production and music. These voices would inevitably be lost in the commercial push for so-called efficiencies and profit in a partially or completely privatised ABC.

Australians have seen the demise in service, increase of prices and running-down of the infrastructure in the electricity generation and distribution sector as a result of this ideologically driven privatisation agenda. We have also seen the same in telecommunications , where privatisation has delivered laughable service and world-beating high prices.

Clearly we already have the evidence that privatisation of key strategic and national-interest organisations and sectors such as these does not end up serving the national interest. We do not need to conduct this Faustian experiment with the ABC because we know what will happen to service delivery and more importantly to a key guardian of a fair, respectful and ultimately democratic Australia .


This push for ABC privatisation is the perverse play-thing of the predominantly 40+, white male part of the political class who control the Liberal Party Council and they do not represent me or the majority of Australians. Hopefully this attack will jolt the sleeping majority into political activism.

Please do not consider partial or complete privatisation of the ABC, and know that this is a game changer for many voters. Certainly I will defend the ABC with my vote and am more than willing to contribute financially to the fight to support and defend the ABC.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:23 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am 73 and have watched the ABC all my adult life. It is one of my main sources of news, information and entertainment. The privately owned tv channels offer nothing but poor quality news, rubbishy entertainment and biased commentary. If the ABC is privatised it will slowly but surely descend to their level. Democracy cannot survive without a free and unbiased media, and the ABC is an important part of that.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Sell the Liberal Party not the ABC

Though you would be hard pressed to get a buyer for the Liberal party it would be a kind thing to do for decent Australians. We need the ABC when there are false news stories in the Murdoch press every day. The ABC may be a conservative organ but it is our conservative organ.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

To privatise the ABC is to takeaway another publicly-owned organisation and hand it over to the big corporations for them to make a profit. Marketing and advertising will be the focus and not quality and diverse viewing for the Australian people.

I find it deplorable that it is being considered at all!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE

I have raised my family to believe in the freedoms this country has provided, to believe in the objectivity and democratic mediums available to receive information and be able to express publicly the same way. It is very clear to many of us that Australia is candidly moving towards a controlled and anti democratic society due to changes to laws and policies allowing the powers that be to sell to the public their subjective views and interests. Not only I as an individual but many in our social groups specially youth can see through these tactics and will vote accordingly in the next election.


We want a free Australia and for this we need protection of the mediums by which our kids can access information, information and education that is for improvement of our society not just for profits of big corporations and fat bank accounts.

Our government is quick to criticise other countries for blinding their citizens yet are moving towards the same direction and selling the idea as money savings.

Hands off the ABC please..!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Save the ABC and stop it being another privatised Tv Station

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

Our family cannot imagine our day without the ABC. It is a trusted voice in the wilderness of the behemoths of advertising and crude sensationalised news reporting. This ABC is a democratic right of the people of Australia. This is part of our culture and we will lose something stable and precious if this is privatised. I will reject all liberal party if this goes ahead. Liberal party members and other incompetents are threatened by honest reportage. Don't let this happen-it will be unforgivable.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:21 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of ABC

As a long-time viewer and listener of the ABC, I was dismayed by the recent vote of the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC. While I realise this is not a binding policy on the government, it points to a systemic antipathy within the Liberal Party to our precious state-owned media. In these days of fake news, relentless and targeted marketing and the troubling rise of far right and conservative views in our society we are in more need than ever for an unbiased, free and trusted source of news and entertainment. Recent cuts to ABC and SBS funding have already weakened our public broadcaster and it is obviously the government's intention to continue along this path. We should be strengthening and supporting this unique service, not attacking it at every opportunity. Surely our strong democracy means that government and opposition can survive some criticism and analytical thinking without destroying the messenger. As a retired journalist and editor, I know that commercial media has its place but will always be subject to the vested interests of owners. The ABC is a truly independent and trusted source of news and current affairs, SBS even more so. Opening the ABC up to "advertising" or selling it to a commercial enterprise will only further drain and already shallow pool of advertising money by providing another alternative. Also, if, as the government claims, the ABC is so inefficient and expensive, why would any commercial operator be interested in buying it if not to push their own interests?

Please do not further impoverish the cultural and intellectual life of our country by considering such a retrograde step. It would certainly mean the loss of my vote for the Coalition at the next election.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC for the benefit of all Australians

Start with the Charter of the ABC (s. 6): it must broadcast programs that contribute to a sense of national identity and inform and entertain and reflect the cultural diversity of the Australian community, to broadcast programs of an educational nature and - vitally important - develop and maintain an independent service for the broadcasting of news and information (s. 27). And as important, the ABC is annually accountable to Parliament and- through Parliament - the Australian people. Privatising the ABC and its first duty will NOT be to the Australian people - it will be to shareholders and its duty to those shareholders - maximise profits. So out will go programs that won't make money - the independent news, the education, the cultural diversity. In short, privatising the ABC will be nothing short of a massive betrayal to the Australian people in the name of profit. We, the ultimate beneficiaries of an independent, vibrant ABC, deeply protest.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The Future of the ABC

I was horrified to hear that the Liberal Party Council had voted to privatise the ABC. I am retired & live on the south coast of NSW & listening to & watching the ABC is an integral part of my daily life. Programmes like 4 Corners are my most trusted news source & I appreciate the wide range of offerings the ABC provides. I firmly believe that every democracy needs a public broadcaster & to suggest that that commercial channels can provide a similar coverage is seriously misguided. The future should not be about privatising the ABC but in restoring some of the funding that has been taken away.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

Yes the ABC costs a lot of public money but in my opinion, this is what public money is for. I regard the ABC as the only media that provides a trusted and timely report of local and international news. Furthermore, it performs a special role in local communities - both rural and urban. A perfect example was here in Canberra when we had a fire storm approaching the city in 2003, it was the ABC local radio that we relied upon for vital safety information. Yes commercial radio could have done it - but they did not! Increasingly it seems that commercial stations do not have a local base - they seem to feed out of Sydney. I am in my 70's, I have grown up with the ABC and not only for news - the drama, the music and the broad interest programs on TV (4 Corners, Foreign Correspondent etc) and radio (LNL, Religion Report etc) are fiercely independent - this is unlikely to be maintained if the service was to be commercialised. If we are to keep a society that is informed, cultured, sophisticated, we need a public broadcaster. If we are to have politicians, governments and corporate that have some elements of accountability, we need a public broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC for Australians...

I would like to make a submission to strongly state my view that the ABC should stay in public hands. It is a world respected organisation that has very high trust levels around the world. Unlike the Australian government. It is also the only station that many Australians now watch on TV as it is not riddled with adverts and can still be trusted.  
thank-you.

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