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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC !

The ABC must remain as an independent media organisation to enable the Australian public to have access to the unbiased high quality news and entertainment that it has consistently delivered for the last nine decades.

Rather than remove money from it's budget, increase the ABC's funding. Rather than criticise the reporting of unpopular policies, fix the policies and praise the ABC for it's ability to report without fear or favour.

Australia needs the ABC now and for the foreseeable future, leave it to do it's job and fund it to do it well.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC. Nobody does 'Australia' better (music)

Good lordy Liberal party please get a grip. We need wise parties in our democracy but you're losing your mind.

Around a year ago I concluded: *Nothing makes me feel more Australian than the ABC.

I tested it. Watching the Wallabies, the national cricket team or the Kangaroos play, playing INXS, crossing the bridge, bushwalking, singing sea shanties, taking a long train ride etc - I feel more in touch with Australia watching Landline drink cups of tea with farming families discussing high tech farming, or some outback footage or aerial scene of some rugged South Australian coastline or fishing village. The quality and feel is without peer.

Ad-free news, political reporting, foreign affairs, long form interviews, Annabel Crab cooking dinner with very-human politicians, ABC Jazz, double & tripple J, Four Corners, LANDLINE, Aboriginal everything, or some church choir or historical 'something-or-other' doing something. This makes me feel amazing and Australian. I have two foreigners living in my home and random footage of Murray River steam boats the other night almost brought tears to my eyes (true). It was so beautiful, SO Australian, and so far from Sydney where I spend 97% of my life.

Nobody.

Nobody does 'Australia' better than the ABC. How ON EARTH could some private thing do that? BEING the public broadcaster IS WHAT MAKES the magic happen.

Anyway, I'm self employed and must get back to my working and earning!


BUT harming the ABC is like someone harming me OR my family. It makes me want to take to the streets and scream and fight. It's very very important.

Thanks for reading.

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NSW 2042 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC (OUR ABC) IN PUBLIC HANDS

The ABC offers a platform for intelligent discussion on matters of public interest. It is a reliable source of local and international news, It offers informative programs in contrast to some of the mindless offerings on commercial services.


Governmentants of both political persuasions do not like the ABC because its intelligent current affairs reporters ask searching questions about that government's policy. It is obvious that questions will be asked of the government of the day: that is government in power, not the Opposition!

The policy of stepwise cutting funding to the ABC in order to reduce its ability to critically examine government actions reveals the LNP (at present) intention to weaken democratic debate in Australian society.

The idea of having an inquiry to mollify Pauline Hanson's One Nation with such a short time available for submissions is obscene.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I value the ABC's ongoing commitment to a democratic nation, where people are presented with views from all walks of life and all sides of politics, and governments, who are elected to represent the people, are held to account for their proposals, decisions and actions through media exposure. If the ABC were privatized there would be a bias in favour of the private bodies who then managed the flow of information and programs delivered by the ABC, (or the sponsors who supported them), in relation to their own private agendas and political interests. This would leave the world of media in the hands of the commercial world with it's own agendas that are unlikely to continue to democratically represent the views and interests of the whole community and governments would more easily be able to force their own agendas on the community which would see the demise of democracy. It is of utmost importance to keep the ABC in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Certain politicians would like to curb the power and voice of the ABC... but the ABC is about so much more than political opinions. It's about creativity and entertainment and expressing the energy of our country and diverse communities. It keeps us educated, and connected. I genuinely feel love and a spiritual connection to the ABC, it is one of the many joys of my life. Both radio and TV. Classical music and news, documentaries, interviews, all age groups, all cultures. An important voice for Indigenous peoples. One of my favourite programmes teaches 3 Indigenous words each time. Where on earth could you find that on commercial radio. Another programme has Tweet of the Week to identify Australian bird calls. Who could not fall in love with that. I rely on the ABC for news, weather, intellectual satisfaction, and fun. The best quiz shows, the amazing Gardening Australia. Who but ABC would give a job to the wonderful Costa ??? So many isolated and lonely people rely on the wide outreach of the ABC. Please keep it safe, and well funded!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public hands

ABC has been a huge part of my TV life. I grew up watching Doctor Who on the ABC. ABC was the only channel my parents ever watched. We watched the News and then the current affair programs, the english programs etc. As an adult I have continued watching ABC, Catalyst and four corners are two of my favourite programs.

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

Please keep ABC in the the public hands.

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VIC 3012 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: no privatisation of the ABC!

Australia needs and deserves a properly funded public broadcaster. I grew up watching Playschool and Bananas in Pyjamas and then Gardening Australia and other local Australian content. I go to the ABC news site to read decent articles about real news. What we don't need is another news.com.au type broadcaster that isn't interested in real local, or world news and content and instead reports mostly on what is happening in the latest vacuous reality tv show. I live in a regional area and local content is important to me and my community. I want to see diversity and a range of opinions, not just sensationalism and advertising. commercial media has its place but it cannot replace our public broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I watch the ABC exclusively. I love the ABC and love having advertisement free TV time. The ABC contributes to our culture and keeps us up to date. It must not be privatised.

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SA 5051




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands...!!!

I cannot understand why a magnificent organisation like the ABC is being privatised and therefore becoming just another commercial TV station, filled with nonsense, reality shows and programming that no one with any intellect is interested in.

Please do the right thing by ALL Australians and increase funding to both the ABC and SBS and keep it in the public hands...

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NSW 2452 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Please keep the ABC as it has always been. Millions of Australians have the ABC to thank for their early childhood education. I and many more rely on the ABC for unhindered information everyday. Please keep it real.

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WA 6530 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise our ABC

I watch the ABC every day. I love our current affairs shows such as 7:30, the Drum, news and Australia and the world would be poorer for not having the amazing investigatory work done by 4 Corners. Some publicly owned organisations are better off privatised. The ABC is not one of them. It is a national treasure and needs to stay owned by the people of Australia.

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QLD 4573



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in community hands.

There are already enough commercial news and entertainment centres. We need to keep the ABC COMMERCIAL free. I never listen to the commercial channels because of the ads. [REDACTED]

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VIC 3133



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

As an senior Australian, I rely on the ABC for the most up to date and unbiased information. Please don't wreck the good work they do.

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QLD 4127



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

I believe the ABC is the only independent TV news source publicly available and I want to see it remain in the public hands. If it remains publicly funded then it will be held to account by the public, it will be responsible for presenting a balanced content, and it will be publicly accountable. The depth and breadth of content on the ABC as a publicly funded broadcaster is outstanding when compared to other media outlets. Under privatisation this can only be minimised and content will become biased towards the funding parties. Please understand not only the depth and breadth of the ABC's content, but the depth and breadth of the support for the ABC around this country. Please leave us with some shred of non-commercialised content in this ever increasingly horribly commercial world. We want a broadcaster we can trust - not one who's commercial interests are at the heart of ever decision.

Regards

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WA 6154



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT privatise the ABC or SBS

The privatisation of the ABC or SBS would simply mean that my two children would not have a guaranteed access to quality and particularly COMMERCIAL-FREE children's television. As any parent knows, ABC's children programming is not only educational, but helps to simply care for children in daily lives and routines. The lack of commercials is also fundamental to avoid the actual mis-education of advertising, especially when targeting children. Finally, the FREE broadcast of international sports and quality international films by SBS is irreplaceable, and is not offered and will not be offered by private channels.

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NSW 2040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC represents our objective views

Would you rather have The ABC serves only a certain view and not an objective view. It is the source of news given in an impartial objective way.

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NSW 2074 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the public, not politicians.

I wish to express my concern about the current attacks on OUR ABC and the push to have it privatised. I am a retired senior member of our society. I have the radio on all day and rarely listen to anything other than the ABC. I know I will get factual news about local, national and international issues. The ABC also provides in depth analysis plus the background and history of relevant news.

The ABC provides a broad coverage of social issues such as culture, philosophy, ethics, religion, law, arts, films, music, books, history, sport etc.

It provides reliable information and advice from professionals on issues effecting our everyday lives including, but not confined to, physical and mental health, medical issues, food and about dilemmas we all face at some time just navigating life.

They also provide expert information on technology, architecture and design. Personally I have learned a lot from sessions relating to the use of computers and the internet.

For those that way inclined there are also programmes covering business and finance.

I don't believe there is any commercial broadcaster that can provide the array and quality of information we get from the ABC.

As someone living in a regional area I don't have much choice in radio stations, and often our regional station has relays from a Sydney station which is just about egotistical, biased opinions and spin. Mind numbing! When my grandchildren are with me the only radio station they are interested in is Triple JJJ.

I also prefer ABC and SBS TV. I prefer the ABC News and 7.30 on week nights. My favourite night is Monday when Australian Story, 4 Corners and Q&A are on. Australian Story has uplifting stories about incredible Australians. There isn't any other broadcaster to match the investigative journalism of 4 Corners (they have uncovered so many issues that effect us as citizens that we would never know about without the skill of the this team. ABC & SBS also each have 3 other channels which cover every interest imaginable. I particularly applaud the ABC children's channel and the SBS indigenous channel.

I cannot emphasis too strongly the impotence that the ABC and SBS stay in public hands untainted by political interference. Also please keep the ABC ad free. It is the only means we have of getting news and information uncontaminated by the vested interests of advertisers. Also these channels give us intelligent shows, not dumb reality shows that we know are manipulated and edited to create scandal and/or outrage among viewers.

Thank you for allowing me to have my say. This is an issue very important to me.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is an Australian institution that is vital for the well being of regional Australians. It is not a commercial entity to be sold to the highest bidder. It is one of the institutions that must never be sold because once sold a living history will be decimated.

I look to the ABC for my news, for good investigative journalism and it is a trusted source to go to when I need updated information on what's happening.

The government should not be listening to those members who are also members of the IPA. I believe that this urge to sell off the ABC is an IPA initiative. And don't even think about selling off SBS.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

The only network that provides news and entertainment that I will listen to or watch.
News Breakfast
Local Dramas
British Entertainment

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VIC 3287



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is my most trusted news source whether on radio or TV. I love RN & RM & so many programs on TV channels. Monday night ABC (Channel 2) is a real treat with 4 Corners etc. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Leave it alone!!

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VIC 3147



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: An act of intelligent people?

Bar the ABC there is simply no other avenue within the Australian media for consumers to obtain news and current affairs which is unprejudiced by commercial interests. Why would intelligent people privatise such an enterprise? A major tenet of a well functioning democracy is its openness and ability to be scrutinised.

What are the pros for selling: short term financial gain and reduced independent political scrutiny. The short term financial gain is obvious and always a desire. Why do we want reduced political scrutiny? Again obvious from the political masters' perspective but not in the Australian population's interest.

What are the effects in not selling? Clearly there is ongoing public cost, although this has been clamped down very hard over time. Of course there's the very valuable independent scrutiny. There are also numerous other benefits from higher quality children's content to providing a platform for fresh home grown dramas, to better regional representation.

Some would argue that Play School, Four Corners, Q&A and Landline would continue to be aired. I would not argue with that. However they will be under new masters with entirely different agendas. Privatisation = for profit. For profit = maximise money. Maximise money = serve your customers as best you can. Therefore customers (advertisers) have strong influence over programming content.

We seem to have this same argument about the ABC a couple of times every decade. I just cannot see the intelligence in it except for the self interest of those pushing to sell it off.

Please do not privatise the ABC. And please put in place an embargo so the issue cannot be raised as frequently.

Regards

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NSW 2449



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: don't ruin my ABC

if your gov sells the ABC it will ruin it as it has ruined all the other things it has sold of westen power , water corp , I have grown up waching the ABC plese don't ruin it for my famerly n kids

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WA 6225



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please safe ABC from privatisation!

To whom it may concern

I wish to express my great respect for and enjoyment of the ABC as it is currently provided, in it's publically owned state.

I appreciate the honest, genuine and unbiased nature of the ABS news broadcasts and have no confidence that this quality service would remain if the ABC were privatised.

Please prevent any further funding cuts or privatisation of the ABC.

Kind Regards

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TAS 7320



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

I feel very strongly about the need for the ABC to remain as a public asset belonging to the people of Australia.
Particularly with current attacks on media becoming more normal, and the truth surrounding "news" becoming more uncertain, it is critical that we remain able to retain trust and have confidence in the ABC. This would not be the case if it was subject to the vested interests implicit with private ownership. This is an issue I feel sufficiently strongly about that it would lead me to vote against the Government.

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NSW 2204




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

In a democracy it is essential that we have an independent ABC who is not beholden to shareholders, making a profit or the corporate philosophy of its owner. We don't want the ABC to turn into another Fox News or Rupert Murdoch mouthpiece. neither do we want a Pravda style media mouthpiece. We want independent, balanced, full coverage of everything (not just selected events), non fake news!!! The ABC also provides cultural programs which commercial media won't touch. We also want children's programs not influenced by commercial advertising flogging toys, fattening snacks, violent video games or sexist Barbie dolls. We also want media which programs for all segments of Australian society.... the old, the young, families, singles, rich and poor, city and rural, men, women, multicultural groups, Aboriginal Australians, gays, straights, transsexuals etc etc. Private media does not cater for everyone and never will. I love the ABC and I vote. And I will campaign to keep it. And I will donate to keep it And I will influence everyone I know to keep it. Don't tamper with the ABC!!! You have been warned (in a non threatening way via the ballot box)

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's our ABC, not the government's.

The ABC is owned by the people, not the government. Whether various governments have thought the ABC was biased against them, the fact is that the ABC works very hard at telling the truth and getting the facts right. It's not often they get it wrong unlike the commercial stations who just want a good story. I watch the ABC for the reasons above and because I hate TV advertising of masses of stuff I neither need or want. Keeping the ABC independent of government interference is essential.

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WA 6230 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My taxes happily pay for the ABC

A democratic nation like Australia needs to have public broadcaster. The ABC is my life-life to trusted news, intelligent television and radio programs and quality productions. In fact 99% of my television viewing and 100% of the radio listening is ABC.

We need this unbiased media outlet or we really will be a lost nation. I believe the ABC can be trusted and relied upon without self interest.

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VIC 3193 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: How to save the ABC

The government that privatised the ABC would loose the next election so the best way to get rid of LIBERALS is to let them try.

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VIC 3689




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a cornerstone of Australia's democracy. It is absolutely essential as a counterweight to the sometimes rabid ranting and misinformation we hear on the commercial radio stations. It provides quality and trustworthy journalism, both on radio and TV, as does SBS, which also offers a wider, less parochial picture of the world for those living in Australia. To privatise any part of it would be disastrous. In fact, some of us would be tempted to leave the country altogether.

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NSW 2037 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC protects out Democracy

The Government funding of a free to air communication service is vital to preserve our democratic voice. With services to the community such as Bush fire and disaster alerts and unbiased coverage of news we cannot afford not to keep this service in Public hands.

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WA 6101 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our Aunty!

The ABC is not a politician's to sell, it belongs in public hands. Independent journalism is required - editorial pieces rather than plain reportage. This makes news cerebral, intelligent, literary and often personal.

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NSW 2087 

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: how dare you privatise the abc

The ABC is owned by the public. It is vital for the citizens to be educated about things that matter, regardless of economic circumstance. It builds a stronger nation by being better informed. It is cowardly to restrict information by introducing a political perspective. Debate and free speech is important and a tool for wise discussion and decision making. How dare anyone be cowardly enough to try to avoid this by privatising the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I listen to the ABC daily. I enjoy the current affairs and programs such as Jon Faine's and Raff Epstein, who comment so well on social issues.

I believe if the ABC is privatised, vested and monetarised interests will influence the reporting and the ABC will become more like 3AW eg Neil Mitchell and Tom Elliott. I do not believe this would benefit our society.
Please keep the ABC in public hands - it belongs to the people and it's there for us.

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VIC 3021 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off the ABC - don't privatise


To whom it may concern

I am appalled as so many other Australians that you dare to speak about privatising our ABC. The ABC is a vital broadcaster to all Australians. I live in regional Australia and only listen to the ABC which I trust implicitly with its unbiased, thorough news presentation together with all the other interesting programs reaching a wide audience. My grandchildren love the Childrens Programs like Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig. No commercial station could match the high standard provided. I trust the ABC and am so worried about the Coalition's constant cuts and attacks on our ABC. The ABC is vital to the wellbeing of our society and must stay in public hands.

Public broadcasting plays a vital and irreplaceable role in our democracy and must NEVER be compared with commercial media.

Yours sincerely

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Narooma, NSW


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NSW 2546 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation is bad for Australians who are not wealthy enough to be shareholders

I do not care whether commercial media outlets make a big enough profit or not.
I do care that there is a media outlet in this country that gives a public voice to the average Australian who doesn't own shares in a commercial media outlet.

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NSW 2452 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is not yours to sell to your media mates

Having a public broadcaster is essential in these days of "fake news" and biased news algorithms. If you value democracy, please protect media that belongs to the people, not big business.

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NSW 2046



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

The ABC must not be privatised. The ABC's charter, which was strongly supported by Menzies and fellow politicians in a bipartisan nature, was formed to protect the organisation from sectional interest and commercial pressure. To enable the organisation to inform and present independent and unbiased programs and information to Australians throughout the country. The ABC is the only network that presents quality educational programs and valuable information in all areas of industry and communities where commercial networks will not go because its not commercially viable.

I have travelled and lived in many country and suburban areas of Australia and have found the local and national ABC network an essential support for information and entertainment, where I would not have received the same from commercial networks. A good example is the support my community receives each summer from local ABC in delivering up to date reports on fire alerts and warnings. So critical for local isolated communities.

ABC is part of our culture. I have grown up with it. My children have grown up with it. It is part of the gel that holds our community together through information and networking. If the ABC was to be sold off, the negative effects to our community would be tragic. If anything, funding should be increased to allow the organisation to carry out its charter to its fullest potential.

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WA 6111 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC

My wife and I prefer our news to come from an unbiased source, uninfluenced by advertisers and people peddling dubious stories; hence we rely on the ABC.
We also like the current affairs and entertainment that comes from the ABC.
To our minds there is no solid reason to privatize the ABC and the cuts in their budget are a blow to the quality of the ABC services.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.


The Australian Broadcasting Commission is essential to our Australian identity. It must remain a part of our lives. I have relied on it for 70 years.

Only public broadcasting can deliver a music experience like ABC Classic FM Radio.
Only the ABC does investigative reporting of the calibre of Four Corners.

We need both The Weekend Australian newspaper and the ABC if we are to have a wide-ranging view of our country and of the world. Most of us don't want to live in a closed ideological camp.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatisise the ABC

The ABC's value to the community is through its standing as an independent broadcaster, and not influenced by corporate/govt bodies. It's a national treasure, and must not be taken out of taxpayers hands. I'm more than happy to fund the \$0.10 and more to keep the ABC from being Privatised. A bargain compared to wasteful State Govt spending with the Light Rail fiasco and designing the track/carriages with a different gauge to that of the inner west light rail. Frankly - dumb & dumber decisions are being made by both the State and Federal (current) governments.

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NSW 1466




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise ABC!!!!

[REDACTED] loves ABC and SBS!
Hands off! No privatisation!
Look what has happened to power and transport 🐼 ☐

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NSW 2043 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep hands off ABC

I have always found the ABC to be unbiased and am so sick of the politicians pushing their own agenda. Its great if the ABC is checking on what is happening in politics and sometimes all parties have something to hide.

I love the Australian programs on the ABC

And even if things are a bit biased towards the ruling party it balances out when the opposition takes over. There are more important things the Liberals should be focusing on.

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NSW 2580



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep o

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VIC 3931



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands!!!!

The ABC is the ONLY broadcaster that I trust to deliver unbiased coverage of news and current affairs. I have NO trust whatsoever in the commercial broadcasters. Murdoch Press has too much involvement in the system already and we as a nation need a balanced view NOT right wing propaganda. Hands off the ABC!

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VIC 3749



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as it is

ABC has been a staple in recent Australia history. Why mess with something that has work for Australian public for so long. It makes no sense at all

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NSW 2150 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

The ABC is the channel I have been most supportive and appreciative of all my life.

I am a 58yr old woman, wife, mother. I brought my 4 children up on Play School, Sesame Street, Peter Coombe, just a few of the many valuable, enriching children's programs over the years. There is such an enormous abundance and variety of quality programs that the ABC provides, that commercial channels haven't had a hope of competing with. All this has been provided without advertisements, which is significantly defining for me. I

have always appreciated and watched the variety of news and commentary programs; Compass, Catalyst, Insiders, Landline, Four Corners, Foreign Correspondent, The Drum, Australian Story... Then we get to the documentaries. How much richer are we that brought our children up on David Attenborough..his original Life on Earth series. All this viewing, so rich and varied, without polluting advertising material into our minds and lives.

And I have only mentioned a fraction of what ABC provides for Australian viewers. There is an enormous list of programs which cover drama, comedy, entertainment, arts, music, sport, gardening and more.

If the ABC were to become privatised, I am pretty sure, I would stop watching TV all together, as I would anticipate a degenerative decline in material and delivery method that would make it distasteful for my viewing.

I appreciate the honesty, integrity, lack of sensationalism and attention to detail in their presentation of political, social, environmental and scientific information.


Do not take this away from our Australian society which stands for freedom of speech, and freedom from influence of private interests.

Stop feeling threatened by what the ABC has been able to deliver over so many decades, and start appreciating and supporting the value that they have been giving to so many families and individuals throughout Australia.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3550 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must NEVER be in Private hands.

I am against selling public assets, but I agree private ownership results in better cost management. I believe a strictly 50/50 ownership might have the benefit of both worlds. Strictly 50% held by Canberra so that all management decisions and planning have to be agreed.

No sale of a big public asset has ever been in the public's best interest. Short term dollars for long term high handed treatment!

The NBN is to be sold one day! NO NO NO! How can any true statesman allow the entire Telecommunication Network to be controlled by any Private group or Individual?

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QLD 4311 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Who is being blackmailed or bribed for the sale of the ABC?

To me, privatisation equals lack of free speech and free thought in our country. Private money promotes private interest. Private interest is just that. Overseas interests may be behind promotion of things that may not be in the best public interest. For example, Adani mining, with its track record of destruction and pollution; the American Health system, where the financially disadvantaged are denied health care, and school kids can pack guns, along with their lunch; China, very keen to destroy any environment if it suits their needs, and not so keen to embrace dissent.
Shut down this debate right now!

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NSW 2046 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Inquiry into ABC neutrality

I am a regular listener to ABC radio and TV programs. Like many Australians, I have a great deal of respect for this institution.

The rich range of programs allows the ABC to cater for people of all ages - from toddlers to the older generations. Some programs are just really entertaining, others are educational and others help me keep up to date on current affairs.

Any regular viewer of Q & A can vouch for the fact that if the panel includes politicians, there will always be a representative from the Coalition and Labor and often from minority parties as well. Tony Jones is meticulous in ensuring that all sides of an argument are represented and that all people are treated respectfully. A perfect example was the last Q & A (Monday 18th June), when one of the questioners varied her question from the one she had submitted before the start of the show. On live television, she included the claim that Tony Abbott was a known racist. Tony Jones was very swift in repudiating that claim and pointing out that such wild statements were totally unacceptable.


Media Watch is another example where lack of bias and neutrality can be appreciated. There is always plenty of material to be reported on e.g. doctoring of separate photos to show two people "together as a couple" in a popular woman's magazine. The program shows no fear or favour and if the ABC gets something wrong, Media Watch is sure to report it too.

At a time when social media is contributing to confusion about what is fact and what is fiction, the integrity of the ABC is more important than ever.

I believe that it is vital for the wellbeing of the whole Australian community that the ABC remains a public institution that is well funded by the Federal government.

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NSW 2223 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep abc in public hands

The abc is the only media that is educational and has outed many corrupt institutions. It is a voice of reason when all else are simply political operatives as they proudly declare. 50 mill to fox to continue the shameful support for conservatives climate change deniers. Closing abc equals the natzi book burning of the late 30s.

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QLD 4670 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell the ABC into corporate profit making and money men control.

The Australian public needs to be able to trust the ABC for its neutrality, and balanced journalism. In this day of social (unsocial) media, fake news and ego-based personal comment, we need ethics and professionalism. A look at any newspaper or magazine highlights the need for clear thinking, first class reporting and fact checking. It can't be sold into private media and retain its neutrality - any high school kid could tell you that. Peoples in regional and remote areas particularly need at least one news outlet that can be trusted and one not hedged in by corporate concerns.
Thank you.

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QLD 4470 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Quality public television is rare and special - we must keep it

Dear Madam/Sir,

I've just been to New Zealand on holiday, and after trying and failing to find some television for our 6yo to enjoy in the afternoon, I really learnt to value our ABC. Maori television seems good but I can't understand it - the rest is mostly poor, nothing I could rely on for good quality children's viewing, and the same for adults.

Once lost I think public broadcasting is lost forever, like an endangered species, and I can't imagine growing up without the carefully balanced viewing choices I had as a child, and that my children now enjoy.

As an adult, like most of us, I don't have time to waste and ad-free television is important to me. The ABC presents a range of the best local and international drama and well-balanced news coverage and current affairs.

How can it be that the Liberal Party Council includes no-one who feels the same as me? I can't believe they voted with their hearts.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2121




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise our ABC

The ABC is the only channel I watch. It is quality, unbiased, informative entertainment as opposed to the commercial channels spewing out obnoxious vacuous drivel full of cheap kicks for high ratings that work solely to feed the greed of the corporate advertisers and not for the enrichment of the viewer. The ABC's freedom from the suffocating clutch of advertisers is what allows them to produce such quality entertainment, and in my eyes the only redeeming quality of Australian television. Programs like Q&A, Four Corners, ABC news, Media Watch, the documentaries, the comedy, Rage, the kids programs and more - they all leave me and my family inspired, happy, thoughtful, educated and engaged. In a commercially drenched society we need to hang on to this desperately, for balance and room to breathe away from hidden agendas. The ABC works to improve our society and activate our community through its educational and inspirational programming. This is so valuable. Privatise the ABC and I get rid of my TV.

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NSW 2042 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I have listened and watched the ABC over the past 70 years and could not imagine life without it. It's too important to this nation for it to be privatised.

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NSW 2137 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is just the best and without advertising is the only TV channel I watch and the only radio channel I listen to. We don't need private advertising killing this icon of Australian Broadcasting.

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WA 6008




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC free from Privatisation

I am 73 years old and don't know how many times I have had to stand by and watch politicians in the Liberal Party trying to tamper with the ABC
It is the only source of informed information
It is the only place children and adults can be sure to see Australian content that is actually not a reality show
It is unbiased no matter what the people who get their dodgy aspirations brought into the public forum would like us to believe
It is a major force in support for Australian drama and music
It is the preferred source of communication for the residents living in the country
If the Liberal Party tamper with the ABC the National Party should withdraw their support and as a result the Government will fall

Leave the ABC alone


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[REDACTED]
NSW 2500 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our news independent

We Australians need an impartial interpreter of current affairs. This need will only become more urgent in the future. I would NEVER trust a commercial news broadcaster. Without the ABC I would despair for the future of democracy in this country. I would despair for the future of my grandchildren in an increasingly divided and manipulated society. Our ABC is part of the glue that holds us together.

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VIC 3451 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I want the ABC to be kept as a public institution

I think the perception that the ABC has an unfair advantage over commercial networks is an erroneous one. Although I have not seen any recent surveys, the impression I have always had is that the commercial channels have far more viewers than the ABC. I think plenty of people still watch their programs . Their falling revenue is because advertisers choose other platforms - I don't see how the ABC can really compete with Stan, Netflix, Facebook and other large multinationals. I fear that this inquiry will lead to more calls for privatisation of the ABC and if that occurs, the ABC's impartiality and ideals of community service will be severely compromised by its having to dance to the advertiser's tune. Only profitable programs will be shown and we will miss important coverage of major issues which will lead to more ignorance and harm to our democracy.

[REDACTED]

WA 6155 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: WE NEED IMPATIALITY!!!


We seem to have come to a stage where media impartiality is becoming a thing of the past. Corporate interests seem to be able to manipulate media by dictating finance control to gain favourable press. “Cash for comment”, also seem to be more prevalent, thinly disguised as news. I had never thought much of the ABC and had taken it for granted that there information was bland, not sensationalist. In time I realised that if I wanted an impartial view of any information, ABC was by far the best source.

This is not to mention the fantastic variety of of information and entertainment, that is not about “Reality TV”, or other commercial TV “pap”.

They offer real alternatives, and seem to show the world with untinted bias, that other media corporations are unable to.

So please do not let these right wing fear mongers have there way. SAVE THE ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dinosaurs attempt to dump democracy

A broadcasting service that reflects a broad range of community perspectives and is not beholden to big bucks seems to to be integral to democracy. It is sad to see big bucks barbarians so intent on laying waste to the potential of our country. And we thought that doinosaur were extinct. Regards.

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NSW 2483 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: save the ABC

the ABC provides me with all my news and information

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NSW 2121




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands!

I find the ABC (and SBS) the best way to find unbiased, independent news and educational content, and fear that a broadcaster subject to market forces would become a carbon copy of the other commercial channels - toothless, vapid and actively participating in the dumbing down of our culture

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VIC 3072 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: we need our PUBLIC broadcaster to stay public

THE ABC-TV and radio- provide education, enjoyment and high quality programs unavailable elsewhere in the commercial zones. We never watch or listen to the trashy, banal rubbish offered by the advertising laden others.this is where we find out what is going on in the real world, not the celebrity junky stuff that is dumbing down our nation . Our public broadcaster, modelled I believe on the famous BBC, has evolved into a world class media outlet and although there may well need to be efficiencies enforced, NEVER let it become another mouthpiece for Murdoch ,Packer et al. PLEASE! What were your conference delegates thinking??? The bottom line is irrelevant when population information is vital and it isn't all 'left wing' it is progressive and so should the Liberal Party be, while it still has some relevance and integrity.

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NSW 2482 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a unique source of intellectual & cultural experience. It provides a platform for the stories & knowledge of real Australian lives. It lets it's viewers to connect with other real Australians across this vast landscape in a way that allows us to relate to one another as part of this country & as part of it's people. The ABC is the glue that keeps this country together as a family. If that message becomes sullied by commercial interests then our future generations will lose the choice, as I had growing up, of turning away from the commercial stations & their messages of inadequacy & unfulfillment. The loss of this choice will lead to the dumbing down of this once great nation and will be to the detriment of us all.

As I am sure that this is exactly what you intend with this plan I hereby add my voice in support of public broadcasting and it's ongoing status as a supporter, educator and entertainer of the Australian people.

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VIC 3056 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please save our SBS and ABC - a true voice for the people

I have lived in the bush and in the city, and the voices of the presenters on ABC RN give me a balanced hearing of world events and politics here at home in Australia. I need this balanced view so I can interpret news from other sources and make my own decisions when necessary. While in the bush, the friendly and informed presenters helped to keep me informed of the facts.

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VIC 3056




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell the ABC

The ABC is a light shining in the darkness created by commercial media in Australia. It helps to unify our nation by allowing all Australians to be able to view or listen to many great quality programs. It is an antidote to so much of commercial media that is dominated by conservative & sometimes extreme right-wing views. It helps to provide balance, not by being dominated by left views but by allowing a range of views to be presented. Australia would lose something that makes our nation distinctive.

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NSW 2570 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

ABC is important to me . I watch 4 corners ABC news which to me is the most trusted news source. There's not a lot we still own in Australia, please leave us the ABC. Public broadcasting plays an important role in our democracy . You can not compare it to commercial media.

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VIC 3163



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Coalition Government


I'm writing to remind you that the ABC is the only media organisation that provides a voice for all Australians and access to programs for all Australians. It is one of the best things about Australia and is fundamental to how we define ourselves in a globalised world. I grew up watching ABC TV and have been listening to Radio National for many years. Radio National is the best source of in-depth critical analysis of issues effecting all Australians, in health, politics, the arts, culture, design, sport and economics, amongst many others. It has also become a source of information Internationally and helps promote the best things about Australia to the world.

All Australians needs the ABC more than ever and it requires greater support and funding than ever before.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2048 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Our family values public media over all others, my children only watch ABC Kids because I know that they are safe from insidious marketing and promotions. I like that my 5 year old has no idea what useless toys are top of the 'Christmas list' and that I can leave him to watch a show without worrying about violent video game or movie commercials coming on. I love that I can talk to him about how I watched Bonita on Play School when I was a child and that we can sing along to familiar songs together. My husband is American and we regularly watch the PBS News Hour for quality journalism. I think it is political suicide to go after public media, Australians have a connection with the ABC that goes beyond party affiliations, people will rightly feel outraged, the Liberals would do well to reign in this right-wing crazy that is looking and sounding very like the Republican party in the US.

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Westbourne Park SA 5041

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NSW 2800



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hans off our ABC!

The ABC have been providing an invaluable service to the Australian public and this is distinct from that of the commercial stations. For example, our grand kids enjoy the children programmes tremendously. It is disturbing to see that the ABC is being attacked by Politicians for providing honest points of view. This is tantamounting to attacking our freedom of speech in a democratic society. Most importantly, privatising public assets for short term gains is pure short sightedness. Commercial businesses exist to make money for their shareholders and not for the good of the general public. Just look at the mess we are in with the privatisation of the electricity and water services. Please don't fall into the same traps again. Thank you.

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VIC 3103



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I was horrified to hear of the most recent moves to privatise the ABC. The Australian Broadcasting Commission provides high quality, independant news coverage, and most importantly reliable investigative reporting rarely seen on commercial channels. Privatising the ABC would seriously damage its independance. As well as TV, its radio broadcasts provide invaluable cultural and scientific programs not available on commercial radio. Our ABC is a national treasure. Please, give it more funding not less!

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QLD 4285 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: In defence of a publicly owned ABC

My name is [REDACTED] and I am legally blind. The ABC has been an important part of my life for a few decades. Not only has it been an excellent source of diverse and innovative entertainment both with respect to TV and radio for most of my adult life, it has increasingly become a highly valuable educational and cultural resource for me as I gradually lose my eyesight. Added to that, to the extent it maintains the highest standards of journalism and news, I have come to rely on it for both a broad and deep analysis of what is going on in the world.

I have felt compelled to make this submission in order to preserve the integrity and quality of the ABC so that all Australians can continue to enjoy and be nourished by what it has to offer.

I am both a Science graduate and later in life, a student of the humanities. Despite recent and repeated attacks on it, I still find it to be the best resource for knowledge and analysis in both these fields.

Recent funding cuts have significantly eaten away at the Corporation and its ability to provide what it is required to under its charter. In fact, because of its charter, it is required to provide a broad based, diverse and balanced perspective to all Australians who consume its offerings. I would remind all who think about the media to recall that no such requirements are in place for any commercial media outlets in this country. There are some minimal thresholds for locally produced content, but even these are now less than effective. My life and the lives of many people I know would be significantly poorer without a fully funded, independent and publicly owned ABC. The nation would be so much the poorer and I am convinced that were the ABC to be sold to commercial interests that it would in time be the most regrettable decision made by any modern Australian government.

Numerous journalists who visit our country marvel at the fact that this publicly owned media outlet fearlessly reports the news even if it is critical of whatever inclination of government is in power at that time. This fact keeps our democracy strong and this is clearly more important than ever it has been. I urge this enquiry to recommend that the ABC be retained as a public corporation and to restore its funding to a level that will ensure it retains its important place in our society.

Regards

[REDACTED]

NSW 2045




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands!

I rely on the ABC as a source of impartial, trustworthy source of news and information. There is no equivalent in the private sector to programs such as Four Corners and the Insiders as well as radio programs such as Background Briefing, Life Matters and many other well researched documentaries. I am proud that we have the ABC as our national broadcaster and I believe that it deserves our continued support.

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WA 6213 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC belongs to the people - we pay for it...our tax dollars!
I have watched to ABC all my life whether I have been in the city or the country. I have relied on it in emergencies, for the local and overseas news, to further educate myself by listening to Radio National, and for entertainment.
I'm 79 and I love the ABC and have found it unbiased, not like many of the commercial stations.
Please leave the ABC alone and do not cut the funding or dismantle it.
Yours very sincerely,

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21/6/18

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VIC 3122 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC!

I rely on the ABC to keep me informed of what's happening in Australia and the world in an unbiased, undramatised, unsensationalised manner.

I also rely on the ABC for its comedy, drama and entertainment content, and the investment it makes in Australian talent. I don't want to see any of these program streams being dictated to by corporates looking only at the bottom line.

I want my content to be real, rational and free of interference from companies dictating content to suit their commercial needs.

It is imperative that the ABC is kept in public hands. Australia with a privatised ABC is an Australia I don't want to live in.

Regards

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NSW 2035



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC.

Our family are great fans of the ABC and SBS. We like to get our news at 7 pm or on Channel 24. We particularly enjoy 4 Corners, Media Watch and Q & A . 4 Corners has been groundbreaking in investigative journalism for as long as I can remember - way back to exposing the corrupt Bjelke-Petersen government and Utah mining. The reality is in our world that governments and corporations will try to get away with anything they can to save money or line their pockets and we need an independent broadcaster to hold all governments, organisations and corporations to account. We have left wing friends who won't watch the ABC because it is too right wing and right wing friends who won't because it is too left wing. They must be doing something right. Radio National has excellent news coverage and has both Philip Adams and Amanda Vanstone with their own programs so that is fair. The ABC regards its audience as intelligent and so journalists have intelligent guests who speak in an informed way about a range of topics. Richard Fidler's "Conversations" have given us insight into hundreds of people whose lives we would never have known about. Similarly Australian Story and Back Roads give us into the vast range of characters that constitute the Australian psyche. There are also quality comedies, dramas and documentaries. "Catalyst", "The Tunnel", 7:30 Report, "Insiders", "Offsiders" - all treat the viewer or listener with respect and regard for their intelligence. And there is Doctor Who for SciFi addicts. And when my wife feels like light entertainment such as Father Brown, Midsomer Murders and Grantchester. (Thankfully we have Shaun Micallef to satirise such shows. And Hard Quiz is fun and informative. The ABC is a vehicle for satirists such as Charlie Pickering and Kitty Flanagan. What about Utopia - excellent satire - apolitical but it pokes fun at institutions and committees. The ABC us quality television and radio - it does not allow any idiot to perpetuate racial slurs, sexist stereotHi [REDACTED] What are you doing Tuesday? Fancy coming up for lunch?yping and general ignorance. The ABC promotes the idea of a better Australia.

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SA 5051 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC needs to remain non commercialised

Having lived in many regional areas where the ABC was our only source of news, general info and especially children's programmes. They kept us sane over many years with our 5 children and continue to be the favourite channel for our 9 grandkids.

Regional areas do not always have a working internet and multiple choice TV channels.

But this is simply one of the reasons, I must admit I do not always agree with certain viewpoints BUT it does open up discussion and with free speech and democracy that is essential.

I do not believe that the ABC has any advantage over commercial station and many other democracies through the world have an independent broadcaster.

The constant depletion of their budget over many years has me wondering how they still continue making such great programmes as Landline, 4 Corners and Back Roads but make them they do and they are invaluable to all of us, including those that do not always agree.

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[REDACTED]

WA 6041




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public

It is vital that the ABC is kept as a non commercial and well funded source of information to the Australian people. It is my main source for unbiased news, programs and evidence-based current research. I will not vote for any party that jeopardises the ABC.

Dr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


ACT 2602 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Is it not the right of ALL Australians to be entertained informed and most of all, educated? All around the planet, society is moving forward. Don't we want to foster growth instead of privatisation, inequality and crap television?

[REDACTED]


WA 6027 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise any part of the ABC

A healthy, functioning democracy demands critical thinking and a public broadcaster such as our ABC. Privatising must put profits and shareholders first, not honest information. We know this. To privatise the ABC undermines our checks and balances, access to information and no doubt dumbing down information to please sponsors who pay for its existence. DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


VIC 3450 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I know of no other medium where me and my family can get an honest, balanced approach to news, international issues and current affairs. I don't trust commercial tv news and I don't believe they give an honest representation of the facts, nor are they free from commercial interests or cross promotional bias. I have only ever known the ABC to hold all politicians, irrespective of persuasion, to account. I see no bias...I only see a concise dissection of topical issues, here and abroad, and from there I can make up my own bloody mind.

[REDACTED]

SA 5016 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation

As I understand it, the ABC is the only independent broadcaster. It is also the only free channel I can watch without constantly being bombarded with adverts.

While I can appreciate, from a political point of view, why it would be beneficial to privatise, I am under the impression that we live in a democracy where all views can be heard - regardless of whether or not they agree with current Government policy. The right to free speech must be protected if we are to remain a civilised country.

Please, think again about privatisation - I for one will sell the TV if this happens.

Thank you for your attention,

(Rev) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TAS 7307



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Ensure the ABC continues to be publicly owned and independent


I am a 55year old woman living in country victoria. I have listened to and watched the ABC all my life and highly value the high quality journalism and independence of the ABC. I believe it is essential for democracy for community members to have access to fair, accurate and detailed information. The ABC is an essential public national institution that needs to remain independent of government and business interests and agendas.

Please continue to support the ABC as a publicly funded and independent entity.

Warm regards,

Dr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3226 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep ABC a public broadcaster


Please keep the ABC a public broadcasting organisation. Instead of privatising it, you should be directing more public funds to the ABC to make it better.

The ABC plays a vital role in Australian society, providing independent news at local, national and international levels. The ABC should be funded by the government (public funds) to maintain this crucial independent status so that all sectors (public, industry and the government) can be openly criticised and reported on. This is fundamental for freedom of speech and to expose dodgy practises of any kind. An independent news agent is part of a true democracy. If the ABC is privatised, it becomes just another mouthpiece for the highest bidder, which leads to many news stories being excluded and decent investigative journalism lost. News becomes entertainment full of half truths

Furthermore, the ABC Board should be made more independent; the people on the Board should have exceptional experience relating to the media/journalism industry and should have strong ethical backgrounds and standards. Recent choices in Board members are questionable.

Please keep and strengthen the ABC.

[REDACTED]

WA 6010 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC and SBS is vital to our society

The ABC and SBS networks provides a broad range of media services for communities across our nation, who love what it provides for our lives. These services range from entertainment, to news services and emergency services, but also entail intangible benefits for the health and wellbeing of Australians.

We are very lucky to have these services that are driven by values other than making profits. As commercial interests skew information, non-commercial voices are really important for Australians to make healthy choices (not just political ones).

To steadily defund and or sell these entities, because the news service is not pushing your agendas, is to discount the plethora of benefits we gain from having such a loved institution.

Please consider that value our nation receives from ABC and SBS, before a 'fight-all-enemies' mentality sees the killing and maiming the backbone of our nation.

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TAS 7009




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

As an educator I see the value of providing fair and balanced news and current affairs to our community. I also believe that culturally it is vital that Australians see a national broader-caster that makes and shares programs that reflect our diverse backgrounds. I fear that if the ABC is sold that we will be subject to more but narrower television and radio programs that reflects the financial interests of a limited group of media owners who may not operate in the best interests of Australians. I also worry that the ABC is being gradually starved of resources so that even if it is not sold off it will be an impotent voice for ordinary Australians. The ABC must stay in public hands for the sake of fairness, balance and national identity.

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QLD 4521 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must be publicly owned

I love the ABC and feel very strinly that the ABC is a valuable public good that must as a matter of principle be publicly owned. Corporate ownership would undermine the ABC's important role providing independent balanced information on issues of national importance. This would be eroded under corporate ownership where matters other than those relating to the best interests of Australia would be preferenced. It also has in important education role which would no longer be impartial and thus not meet Australia's best interests.

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VIC 3051



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

To the best of my knowledge, the ABC is Australia's only news source that is required to be unbiased. Privatising the ABC would remove that requirement. Australians deserve better. All news sources in Australia should be required to be unbiased, with a clear line of separation between news and opinion. Let us work towards that instead.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2050




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep The ABC In Public Hands

The ABC is an impartial and informative voice in a sea of corporate ratings based 'infotainment' that ignores the world at large and is as far as I'm concerned, unintelligent drivel for the most part. Privatising the ABC is bad for overall diversity of content, it's bad for journalism as it narrows the content covered in the media to whatever is already being covered on the other networks (ever notice how similar channel 7,9 and 10's content is?) and it's bad for education since educational and informative programming will be replaced by ratings driven rubbish, which seeks to entertain rather than inform. So please keep the ABC in public hands for the sake of decent and informative programming otherwise it will just become more noise and flashy presentation coming out of the idiot box

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WA 6168 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: An independent ABC is for all

I am a committed ABC listener and watcher. I have no desire to be bombarded with advertisements for products that I neither need nor want. Apart from my personal preference I am alarmed by the recommendation to privatise the ABC because I believe it would have a profound effect on the culture and democratic values of our country. At a time when the immediacy of news and debate is making it difficult for the print media to survive, the role of the independent broadcaster becomes even more important. We have become aware of "false news" and the damage it does to the public debate. Independent "Fact checking" has become a much needed part of our education. Unlike any of our existing commercial radio and television businesses, the ABC has been the sole voice seeking to test discourse in this way. What possible reason can there be to trust that a privatised ABC would be free from the commercial and ideological expectations of the owners?

Please no privatisation of the ABC!

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VIC 3000 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Our Hands. The Public. We are the owner NOT private corporations

Keep the ABC in OUR Hands - we the Public taxpayers are the owners NOT the private corporations !!

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VIC 3206 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone

How dare you even THINK of selling the ABC?? It is NOT yours to sell, it belongs to us, the people. Get your sticky little fingers off OUR ABC!!! It should have more funding not less. Have you seen the rubbish that is on commercial tv these days???

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QLD 4012 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep out ABC in Public Hands

I'm making a submission to the inquiry into competitive neutrality of the public broadcasters the ABC and SBS

I am a user of both services and like the majority of Australians I am fiercely protective of them for myself and my family and my community. In this email I will deal with the ABC.

The idea of privatising the National Broadcaster is back on agenda, thanks to this inquiry and the recent Liberal Party conference and the push from the more ideologically driven parts of the media. (Though why any government would pay attention to the Murdoch press defies logic. Successive English governments have courted Murdoch and looked what's happening there)

Conversations I have had with politicians of all stripes over the years would suggest that politicians often find themselves annoyed by the ABC's news and current affairs and this annoyance is their sum experience of the national broadcaster. Politicians have neither the time nor interest to know that the ABC is so much more to Australians than simply news and current affairs. The ABC is used Australians in cities, towns and rural areas across the country.

The latest example of political ignorance was on display on the ABC Q@A program on Monday 18th when Senator Linda Reynolds from WA suggested that people in rural and regional Australia were unhappy with the level of service from the ABC. I cannot speak to the specific feeling in her own constituency, but the ABC enjoys an overwhelming level of satisfaction in rural and regional electorates. Local radio is the life blood of many regional communities as are Radio National and Triple J, especially to remote and isolated workers and young people. There are up to 60 microphones open at any time around this vast country. Politicians seem to know their own local ABC stations because they get to talk on them but have a blindspot when considering the value of the whole organisation. Senator Reynolds went on to suggest that Q&A do a show in Port Hedland- clearly with no idea of the costs involved -yet the same senator is happy to be part of a government that continues to cut the ABC's budget.

The ABC is a national cultural institution not a simply a news and current affairs service. Australian drama, Australian science, Australian history, Australian voices young and old, children's programming and civics programming I grew up on these as have my children. The ABC is an incubator of musical talent both popular music and classical music. These are not commercial viable projects that are culturally important programs.

Conversely, should we privatise libraries because they have an unfair advantage over struggling book sellers- no, because libraries are more than simply a collection of books available for free- they are part of the fabric of our community. Should we privatise museums - the National War Memorial National, Maritime Museum and the National Gallery because they physically reside in the National Capital and Sydney. This is the sort of zero sum game that this enquiry is playing to.

I know that the commercial media sector in Australia feels the ABC has enjoyed an unfair advantage especially in the online space. But online is simply a platform as is radio, as is television. The commercial sector did not like the ABC going into television when that was a new technology. The fact that the ABC was an early adopter of new media is testament to the organisation's capacity for innovation. The ABC was discussing its digital future in the late 1990s while the print media was still enjoying the "rivers of gold" and had no sense of the shifting dynamics about to totally change the business model. It is unbelievable to suggest that a privatised ABC could provide what a public ABC provides. Its not a commercial proposition.

Moreover to suggest that the regional and rural offering could be disentangled from the rest is another fantasy that should be challenged for the nonsense it is. Does such a proposal believe that Radio National should only go to the bush and not the cities or is the suggestion that Radio National be cut from the bush and therefore services to the bush be reduced. I could make the same argument with Triple J and Classic FM and ABC television.

One of the great strengths of the ABC is that it brings the stories of rural and regional Australia across all platforms, networks and stations to city folk who have limited experience of the great extent of this county. One of the challenges to fostering Australian national identity is to maintain cohesion between the urban and rural regional experience. The ABC is an integral glue in this cohesion. To drive a wedge between those in rural and regional areas and those on the bigger cities is misguided and political dynamite

The ABC makes mistakes but its total offering across radio, TV and online is closely aligned with middle Australia. This is a fact that politicians fail to understand at their peril. If you believe in a strong liberal democracy and civil society and a strong Australia then the ABC should be supported rather than undermined.



NSW 2021



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


To whom it may concern,

I request that you keep your hands off our ABC. The onslaught of attacks by Mitch Fifield, who would have served as George Orwell's inspiration for the Inner Party if he were to write 1984 today, will no longer be tolerated. Four Corners is my most important news source, and that level of investigative journalism could never be mirrored by the Murdoch conglomerate.

Right wing political bias has completely infested the mainstream media and the Coalition is hell bent on ensuring that only sensationalist, racist, 'pun for a headline' garbage news is distributed to the masses. This country has enough of this garbage, and there has never been a more important time to ensure the ABC remains well funded by the public.

Stop trying to turn Australia into the Coalition's wet dream of a real life 1984.

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VIC 3121 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the integrity of the ABC

The abc is of fundamental importance to the Australian public as it does not serve corporate interests like almost every other news outlet. The abc holds politicians to principle and while it may not be 'comfortable' for the politicians, it is important to get to the core of these issues without a Murdoch based agenda. Privatising the ABC is the first step in privatising democracy.

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NSW 2640 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Every morning the first thing I do is turn on the radio to ABC Classic FM for the music. ABC is the only radio station we bother with in our home. As for television we watch mostly either ABC or SBS. We believe in public broadcasting, we believe in service. We do not believe that we should be forced to endure a state of affairs in which a government knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. Public service is the backbone of every modern state that has aspired to be in any way democratic. It should not be degraded and starved of funding. The ABC followed the noble, and pioneering example of the BBC, and it should continue as such. It's not perfect, and we can argue with it, but it guarantees our freedom to express what the powerful may not wish expressed. If therefore the Government is not trying to repress dissent, let it admit that public broadcasting in a democracy was never intended to be merely a government mouthpiece, and let it stay in public hands.

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SA 5118 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017

I am appalled by the bruited possibility of the ABC being privatised. I rarely watch or listen to the currently private channels/stations, having normally little interest in their programmes and being repelled by the advertisements with which they insult viewers. While the ABC remains independent of both commercial interests and the government it can (and does) play a crucial role in buttressing Australia's democracy — not the views expressed echo my own (often they don't) but because they are usually genuinely those of the persons who express them and are not, generally, influenced by prospects of monetary profit. My life would be significantly impoverished were this opportunity to be taken from me at the behest of right wing extremists.

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VIC 3054 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC Needs to Stay Public

Not being driven by corporate requirements (ie: money), the ABC is one of the few media outlets to produce good, quality programs, that don't come with a corporate spin attached.

Privatisation of an important resource like the ABC, that provides levels of information (and lets face it, class) that the commercial networks don't will only be a detriment.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

WA 6164 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off Our ABC!!

The ABC is the only channel that keeps us informed about so many issues that would not be brought to the public's attention. It is also the only channel interesting enough to spend time on. Privatised it and we will be subjected to more second rate American rubbish etc with very little intelligent input. Also all those great productions only shown on ABC a lot of them Australian. Please take your hands off ABC if anything give them back funds that have recently been cut as we are missing some of the programs that have been axed because of this. Maybe programs like 4 Corners and Q and A are too revealing for some.

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NSW 2680




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DON'T BREAK THE ABC!

Our household uses the ABC all the time, especially Classic FM and RN on he radio, and the TV channels. It is part of what makes Australia a great place to live. We understand that in these neo liberal times enterprises that are publicly owned are all under threat. But it is sad that the people who think this way know the price of everything but the value of nothing. the ABC delivers great value for the Australian people, especially at a time when the traditional media model is falling apart. We want good news and entertainment - this week's Q & A was brilliant, as is Mystery Road. The ABC should have a wide remit and better funding to provide more quality services like these to the Australian people.

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[REDACTED]

QLD 4007 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My ABC belongs to we, the people

The ABC is not there to be plundered by Murdoch interests, nor is it to be silenced. or brought to its knees with a thousand funding cuts, and never silenced by extreme right-wing interests to the detriment of us all.

[REDACTED]

ACT 2617



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Please keep the ABC in public hands, just like National Radio is in New Zealand. No good has ever come from private ownership of broadcasting. And stop reducing the funding of the ABC, that is appalling behaviour on your part.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3031



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

I find the ABC a fantastic resource and wonderful source of wide ranging entertainment. I have loved it all my life and as a new Mum have found a whole host of excellent resources for my little one too. A trusted independent friend who I know I can count on is how I view the ABC. It must be kept in public hands.

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NSW 2131



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

the ABC is a mighty media organisation with national coverage in many platforms. It is needed to ensure the people get a balance to the vested interests of for profit companies that have a high priority in expanding the client base and as a result have pressures to sensationalize and grandstand on issues rather than just putting the report into the public spaces.

Keep the ABC in public hands do not privatize it it is a national treasure and should be nurtured and protected as a vital cog in our democracy.

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VIC 3067 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC to be kept free

We need to keep the ABC IN our own hands, not to be hijacked into commercial hands. Already we have lost so much, Australian contents, take care.

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VIC 3765




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as it is, but also, reinstate the funds that have been stripped from it.

Essentially, i haven't seen one instance in this country where privatisation has improved the product for the people. Otherwise, if i have to see ads on the ABC i will simply stop watching television.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2430 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE OUR ABC!

Please leave the ABC alone and restore a proper level of funding. Why is this happening? More than ever, in this day and age of quick “infotainment” bites masquerading as news, we need the considered, mostly unbiased and in depth news and current affairs service provided by the ABC. Ten years ago, the idea of losing the ABC to commercial interests would have been a laughable idea. Now I am terrified that it will happen. How is it possible that sections of any part of our community other than perhaps terrorist or criminal groups would think that this is a good idea? Have they gone mad? At every level it is an appalling idea. They will lose votes (other than from a tiny group of business people). Even those who don't watch the ABC probably don't actively want it to go private. There are plenty of commercial stations already. We will have to look to overseas internet sources for accurate information. Why are we trying to emulate non democratic nations? I have paid taxes all my life and feel much happier paying them when I know that at least some of my tax pays for the ABC programs that I love and trust. I get so much pleasure from the programs on the ABC and am proud that when visitors from overseas come to my home, they can view an excellent news service. The thing I missed most living in Malaysia was the nightly news and current affairs. I love that I can see it on iview if I am out. I also watch commercial news stations and it is endlessly entertaining to see how the reporting differs. They have their place, but I would be horrified if I had no choice. I would feel seriously disadvantaged. It is essential that the ABC remains, especially as The Age newspaper is always under threat as well.

I also love the other programs on the ABC. They are often innovative eg The Checkout, Gruen and entertaining as well as informative. There is nothing better than sitting down to watch a BBC drama on the ABC uninterrupted by ads. Some things are special and the ABC is one of them. Why get rid of one of the good things going around? Privatisation has not worked in so many ways. Please don't ruin the ABC and condemn the next generation to ignorance and commercialisation of an essential service. I always try to vote based on the overall good of the country and this time, I will be voting entirely on the ABC issue as I think it is as vital as any other at present.

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[REDACTED]
VIC 3206




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public and democratic

I rely on the ABC to give me a balanced account of all levels of Government. I need Governments, of any persuasion, to be questioned and held to account for their decisions and actions. I don't believe the ABC is inherently biased. Rudd and Gillard were both 'grilled' at times when in government. The Right conveniently ignore or consider this appropriate, but look at any questioning of Liberal policy as ABC bias. Without shows such as Media Watch, 7.30 Report, Four Corners, etc. those who treasure investigative journalism and truthful reporting would be left empty. Media Watch in particular should be compulsory viewing for everyone. Removing or privatising the ABC and/or SBS, would absolutely diminish Australian democracy.

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NSW 2294 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC Public

Our ABC is important to my family and I, as we live in regional Victoria and the ABC is your only source of reliable news and emergency broadcasts. 4 Corners is our most trusted news source, as it has fearlessly exposed corruption. Standout examples have been the outing of the Bjelke-Petersen Queensland government corruption which brought on the Fitzgerald Inquiry, and the more recent Murray Darling Basin water corruption in the upper reaches of the Darling River, which should have incurred a similar inquiry. Transparency in a democracy is paramount and our Aunty has served us well in this regard. Vested interests opposing such transparency should be given a lesson in the essential part a public broadcaster plays in both transparency and democracy. Our family is particularly worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC, especially the overwhelmingly supported vote by the Liberal Party Council to privatise our public broadcaster. Shame on them! Our society needs more fearless probing journalism, not less. Privatisation would simply mean vested interests would control what needs to be kept transparent and unadulterated. Our family says emphatically that our ABC needs to stay in public hands. The very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. End of story. This inquiry was launched as part of a deal between the Turnbull Government and Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party. We are not stupid. We know this.

Media experts believe this inquiry is "suitably arcane camouflage for an inquiry whose real purpose is to put pressure on the ABC over its news service" and is "likely to provide the Turnbull Government with ammunition should it wish to mount an attack on the ABC's scope of operations". We are more aware than you give us credit for.

Do not take voters for granted, especially over such a fundamental issue to our democracy.

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VIC 3500 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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VIC 3805 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is vital to our connection to our Australian identity in terms of its broadcasting of dramas, important social and cultural issues and investigation of global and national concerns. It cannot be placed in the hands of vested commercial hands whose priority is profit alone. The swill that is being peddled currently on commercial networks is nauseating. I cannot believe these right wing conservatives want to add the ABC to this and impose the population to yet another medium of endless advertisements and vile narcissistic "un"reality programs. The ABC connects viewers to the people and locations of this land. What the opponents of the ABC fear is close scrutiny. If the politicians opposing the ABC cannot stand this type of review, they can give up their privileged, high salaried elected positions. They are representatives of the people, they are not there to impose their personal, and often spiteful agendas. And if they're concerned about the public purse, they can think about their roles in draining it. The ABC belongs to the Australian people and that's where it must stay for the Australian people who rely on its content that feeds the patriotic mind and heart. Shame on these power hungry so-called public SERVANTS who claim they represent us.

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NSW 2291




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: submissions

The ABC is one of only channels which has not succumbed to the dribble which is on commercial channels. It produces quality Australian drama, first rate investigative journalism, and intelligent entertainment. Not being hamstrung by commercial gain, it is free to take risks and invest in programs which commercial Channels deem too risky.
Please do not privatise our ABC

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NSW 2126 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is not for sale

Please do not consider the sale/privatisation of the ABC. ABC is one of the most respected sources of news in this country, This is the case across television, internet and radio. Surely the Australian constitution demands a (free) method of communication with every Australian. The failure of Telstra this week and the Commonwealth Bank's behaviour and disgrace at the Banking Royal commission highlight the disastrous consequences of selling off a public 'institution' and the shareholders control they now bow to. Please do not consider the sale of the ABC it is the only sanity in the media frenzy we are exposed to. Just note the tone of other media outlets, both radio and television, that includes judgement and impatience in their 'news' broadcasts. News should be factual without commentary! Surely the privatisation of the ABC would backfire on our political system and let down the Australian public.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the people of Australia

The ABC is a reliable source of news and when properly funded it produces excellent programs for children, country people and the population as a whole. Restore the funding, stop interfering with the peoples' ABC.

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VIC 3150 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Just stop this nonsense, fund the ABC properly. No open minded journalism and more defence spending, perfecting the worsening aspects of the world I see.

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VIC 3930




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need the ABC to remain a public broadcaster!

In the new age of the internet where competition for readers is much tougher, and the internet serves people with information catering to their biases, the role of an independent public broadcaster is even more critical than in the past. The ability to broadcast accurate information without concern about the popularity of that information is fundamental to a well-functioning democracy. Unfortunately, private media companies, who once assisted in the dissemination of accurate information, no longer encourage journalistic integrity and frequently do little to check the veracity of the information they present. Private media companies pushing a narrow agenda and susceptible to click-bait and other commercial drivers are no longer trustworthy sources of news and information – frequently intentionally or unintentionally misrepresenting even consensus scientific information. In this era the independence of a publicly funded broadcaster like the ABC is critical. Please ensure the ABC remains as a publicly funded independent broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

Dear Sir/Madam,

The ABC must remain in public hands. It is important for our democracy that everyone in Australia have a access to unbiased reporting, and investigative journalism. Journalism in the hands of a company or corporation is no longer unbiased: it is at the whim of the personal beliefs of the company directors. The ABC, by its very nature of being a public service is free to investigate and report fairly and without bias what is happening our society and government.

I grew up in rural NSW where the ABC was the lifeblood of the regional community. The radio kept us informed about our region and what was happening around us. Programs such as Play School were a staple part of my childhood (and have gone on to be staples for my children).

The ABC can't be compared to a commercial operation, and nor should it be: it provides the public with access to programs and reporting that they otherwise may not receive. It keeps our society informed, be that on a regional, state or national level. Commercial enterprises do not see the value of this - they merely look at the bottom line and serve the political and economic interests of their directors. If we truly value democracy and society the ABC must be left alone and allowed to operate as a public service to the Australian people.

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NSW 2779



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is so important that the ABC remains in public hands. This is a public broadcaster that services all Australians. I live in the regions and totally rely on the ABC for my news and information. I want to be informed by national and international events, as well as local information. NOT just what is happening in my region. As Australians it is our democratic right to have a neutral, and I say it is very neutral and informed, public broadcaster.

How dare the government think of selling the ABC. HANDS OFF!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands


Dear Sir/Madam,

The ABC must remain in public hands. It is outrageous that the Liberal Party of Australia is even contemplating the ABC's privatisation.

For the sake of a functioning democracy it is imperative that Australian citizens have access to information that is not subject to vested interests and financial gain.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is essential for a healthy democracy

I'm writing to you as a citizen about my concern regarding attacks on the ABC. Michelle Guthrie has made an economic case for keeping an independent ABC in public, rather than private hands. As a retired academic who taught finance and business ethics during my career, I agree with her arguments that the ABC is successful on economic grounds.

A note of caution is essential here. As a teacher of economic philosophy post retirement, I am aware that if we rely solely on economic criteria, we are in danger of showing that we know 'the price of everything and the value of nothing'. Having an independent and balanced voice that holds government, institutions, corporations and individuals to account is priceless, as it is essential for a healthy democracy. Attacks on the ABC by powerful vested interests merely demonstrate that the ABC is very good at defending democracy.

As a citizen, I am grateful that Four Corners and similar programs have the courage to shine a light where other media would fear to tread.

It's true that drastic funding cuts make it very difficult for the ABC to continue to deliver quality drama programs as in the past, but they are still able to produce gems like Mystery Road. Given appropriate funding, they could provide more programs with that uniquely Australian content. We need the ABC to keep us in touch with Australian stories.

My children and grandchildren have benefited from so many happy hours watching Playschool and so many other programs with no equivalent on other media outlets. What choices will their grandchildren have if cuts to ABC funding continue, or if it winds up in commercial hands?

If we need an argument that privatising the ABC would be a bad idea, we need only look to what has happened in the banking industry since the Commonwealth Bank was privatised. The argument that organisations are always managed better in private hands is not borne out by evidence. It's true that a competition and the profit motive have delivered amazing increases in our standard of living, but a civilised society requires a balanced economy with both private and public organisations.

Taxes are the price we pay for a civilised society. The fact that our tax burden is one of the lowest in the OECD suggests we are not paying enough. Tax cuts are a bad idea if they mean our elected representatives are unable to fund an organisation so essential to democracy as the ABC.

With thanks for the opportunity to provide an opinion on this matter.

(Dr) [REDACTED]
South Yarra, Victoria, 3141

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VIC 3141



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

The ABC is the only independent voice of Australia and to privatise it is undemocratic. My personal story is that it is the only broadcaster I watch or listen to and in a sea of corporate manipulation and greed the only voice of truth and public interest. An excellent example is the ABC documentary 'The War on Waste' that has been the catalyst for the change both in the community and corporate sector we are currently experiencing. Examples are the recent ban on single use plastic bags by the two major supermarkets and other changes such as the phasing out of plastic straws by MacDonalads, councils banning plastic balloons and non biodegradable food utensils. Changes such as these would not happen if the ABC was privatised because the corporate sector has only one objective - to make money at any cost, irrespective of the consequences.

Sincerely

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VIC 3041



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC!

Any proposal to privatize the ABC will bring my family and millions more Australians out onto the streets in protest!

How dare the Liberals accuse the ABC of left-wing (or other) bias: it criticizes governments of any persuasion when it sees them pursuing policies not in the interests of all Australians.

The thought of only having ad-laden commercial radio and television to hear and watch is appalling. Apart from no longer having any thought-provoking commentary on political, historical, social and artistic matters we would be assailed by constant, loud, glossy confections whose only objective is to sell some product or service we don't need.

My children and very many others grew up watching the ABC children's shows and being both entertained and educated without being cajoled into pestering mum to buy the latest toy or lolly. The ABC is part of their heritage and we must do everything possible to preserve it for future generations.

The ABC is a great Australian institution. It needs more government funding to maintain its independence, NOT privatization!

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NSW 2089



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping our ABC


It was with great anger then sadness that I heard about so many of our politicians voting to privatise our wonderful ABC. God forbid. Apparently they are not content with cutting the guts out of it by cutting its funding to the quick. I don't want to live in a country where we are only fed the news politicians want us to hear. That is not a working democracy. All of us need programmes like 7.30 and Four Corners to give us an unbiased view on our world.

It was a sad day when we lost Lateline. There have been major cutbacks in journalism already so to talk about privatisation is absolutely frightening. If our conservative politicians are worried about the stories presented on the ABC then what are they hiding? Without 4 Corners then how are they ever going to be made accountable? Who gave us the best coverage of what was really happening in our banking system recently? NOT the Commercial Channels that's for sure!! I find it excruciating watching anything on the commercial Channels so I rarely do. The advertisements advertise all sorts of products I'm not interested in like junk food at a time when a significant portion of our population is obese. And the sporting programmes actively advertise gambling now in a country which is known to have lots of social issues from problem gamblers. Fabulous!

An independent coverage of news is the sign of a functioning democracy, of a country that has free speech and expects people to voice their own opinions and not be penalised for doing so. Anything less is unacceptable. We are on the edge of an abyss. Without an independent ABC we are throwing ourselves over the edge. Nothing surer. Or sadder.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It is OUR ABC and must remain so.

Why would you privatise the ABC? We need an independent news outlet. The current government claims it is biased against them - I remember when the Labor party claimed it was biased against them! We deplore and deride other countries that have their news bodies just spouting the government line - we do not need that here. We must have a truly independent news outlet and do to do that we must keep the ABC in public hands.

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NSW 2095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

All around this country and the world the influence of media is apparent. Money buys media, money buys persuasive power.

The ABC belongs to the Australian People. It, more so than any other source, brings truth to the Australian people. It enhances and authenticates our lives with Australian content.

It should NOT be any political party's right to change this, unless expressly given the right to by the people. No party has gone to an election with a sale of the ABC as part of its campaign. They know it's an unpopular move.

This is not a submission. It's a statement of support to keep the ABC as it is.

The erosion of funding is an erosion of the ABC as I want it to be, independent, challenging, creative and serving the public of Australia. It deserves the best so we get the best.

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SA 5173



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC best TV

It provides great programs which could not happen if it were a "for profit" commercial organisation. ABC is the best because it is publicly funded, It uses those funds to provide some of my favourite programs like 4 corners, Q & A, Landline, Backroads, Foreign Correspondent and Australian Story. It is unthinkable that our elected representatives would have it any other way. Of course ABC has advantages over privately owned Commercial TV. It was never meant to compete! A good government would increase funding so that these great programs could continue!
Yours sincerely [REDACTED]
Berri, South Australia 5343

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The A B C

The A B C belongs to all Australians and no government has the right to privatize, sell or in any other way dispose of the A B C. This constant criticism of the A B C is an attack on free speech. There has to be at least one independent media source in Australia and the A B C is fulfilling that role admirably. If this coalition government is idiotic enough to privatize or sell the A B C will be subject to a political backlash.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The importance to me of a government-funded ABC

To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned about the proposal to privatise the ABC, whether it's now or at any time in the future. I am a father of a young child who has enjoyed many hours of ABC TV, including when he was very young. I always felt secure that I could let him watch ABC for Kids (as it was then) programs because I knew that there would be no intrusive or inappropriate advertising while he was watching the shows.

Secondly, it has been one of the absolutely best things about being Australian, that I know that we have investigative reporting on such programs as The 7:30 Report and Four Corners to hold governments and PMs of all persuasions to account, as well as unions, corporations and churches, without fear or favour. We would lose that in a privatised ABC, and hence it would be a huge blow to our democracy, which is of enormous importance to me.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

It is earnestly requested that the ABC stay as our public broadcaster.
To fill our air waves with adverts and biased commentary would be a crime against humanity (Australian).
The ABC does present all matters from both sides and always attempts to give a balanced point of view.
Yes they show heart & compassion for people from disadvantaged / refugee backgrounds. This is not a valid reason for privatisation.
Please don't ruin my listening life!!

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NSW 2044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Right Honorable Minister, Mr. Fifield,

I am writing to implore you and the Government not to proceed with the sale of the ABC. This Country does not need yet another Broadcaster in Commercial hands.

What we do need is a source of entertainment and information that captures the diversity and talent of this country. Not one beholden to shareholders and market fluctuations. One where new ideas are explored and nurtured, not just a copycat approach of "it rates well overseas, so let's implement our own copycat programming" - one only needs to look at the host of reality shows that propagate the Commercial Stations to witness this.

The ABC is more than just a TV Station. It covers so many diverse areas - Radio, for all ranges of listeners, JJJ through to ABC Classical, Radio National to 24hour News, and then there are the cultural activities supported by our National Broadcaster in the form of the myriad of Music events across all tastes.

The ABC has stood for broadcasting excellence ever since its inception, be it in Children's programming, Radio Journalism, supporting of Youth Culture, or outstanding breeding grounds for award winning television and must continue to do so. A tradition that Australia must continue. In a World full of broadcast fluff, and media drivel, it is so rewarding to have one constant in the ABC.

As a source of News, entertainment and credibility I continue to watch, listen and enjoy the ABC with great pride. As I know so many Constituents of this Country do.


Please, do not let the ABC be sold - because the void left will not be able to be filled by the Contestants on "The Block", "The Voice", or even the Celebrities who Want to get out of Here.

I thank you for your attention,

Yours Faithfully,

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NSW 2068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is the voice of the people. How dare you hand it over to the likes of Rupert Murdoch and others who support your conservative view only!!!

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NSW 2096



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please protect our ABC from privatisation

It is unthinkable that our ABC could be privatised! If the 'ABC' (how could it even be called that) were privatised, it would present programming which benefited its 'owners'. Who knows what agenda they may have and how they could slant the truth.

Australia needs good, fearless, truth-telling journalists to keep the public accurately informed of what is actually going on, not another network pushing the worldview of whatever media mogul owns it.

Furthermore, we deserve some respite from the bombardment of advertising as on the other networks. The cost to each individual of maintaining the ABC is very low considering the enormous comfort it provides to millions of Australians. Having those familiar faces on television provides great comfort to many, many people, especially those who are socially isolated in this rapidly changing world!

Please protect our ABC from privatisation!

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NSW 2153 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

I strongly object to the privatization of our ABC.

ABC is the only independent broadcaster of news and current affairs and other documentaries, therefore should be public.

At present ABC belongs to all of us, if sold it will belong only to few shareholders and will depend on their opinion

The attacks on ABC by the Coalition should stop

your sincerely,

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VIC 3550




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

I love the ABC. In fact the ABC is the only radio station I listen to and, along with SBS, is the only television channel I watch. The reason? Well, the ABC has the most in depth, least biased, most broad reaching reporting around. The commercial stations in both radio and television are very biased and, quite frankly, aim to push societal thinking toward the narrow perspective of big business. The ABC needs to stay in public hands as our popular and highly respected broadcaster. Which other broadcaster has the same level of trust as the ABC? The ABC stretches our thinking, our perspective and our vocabulary. What a gift! Those who favour the privatisation of the ABC have another agenda; to stultify the broader view, and that is against the very concept of the open and free media our democracy espouses.

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QLD 4074 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping OUR ABC fully funded and owned by the Australian People..

I CHOOSE to watch the ABC before all other channels. Its Australian content of our own voices, our own talented actors and producers of fine programs. I don't want to hear American voices and American content endlessly. This is NOT the USA. I don't want to watch adverts. I choose to think for myself and am interested to hear a diversity of opinions on politics, world news, the arts and land/agricultural matters... I do not watch the commercial channels for the inferior product they offer. Arts and historical programs are not to be seen. As a swinging voter I would vote accordingly against the Coalition for the rest of my life if my quality choice of free television viewing was removed. I won't just swap to watching the bland mindless commercial channels. ABC is the education channel and I choose to exercise my mind and my right to think for myself... This is a vote swinging issue to me and all I have spoken to.. take OUR ABC at your peril..

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SA 5203 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need an independent public broadcaster

An independent public broadcaster is an essential institution for a democracy. For me this crystalises my vote to be for labour and not the coalition, otherwise I might vote for the coalition.

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VIC 3055




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only independent broadcaster in Australia.
They are innovative and have consistently made good Australian programs.
Their delivery of news is fair & in-depth.
My question to the liberal party is why Murdoch is even allowed to own any news/broadcasting outlets when they don't live in the country.
Why is the liberal party raising this issue when they have been so inept at presenting policies that benefit the community.
The community needs to remember that when the liberal party lies it costs young lives; they commit our country to wars like Vietnam, Iraq etc.
Thanks for the opportunity.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public hands

I am writing to submit to the Inquiry on the privatisation of the ABC and SBS. These assaults on government funded broadcasting is fundamentally an attack on balanced broadcasting. There is already a significant body of privately funded broadcasting and media in Australia, and the ABC and SBS provide a balance to the range of issues and ideologies. Their reporting and analysis actually adds major value to the informed debate, discussion and decision-making on social, economic and political matters in this country. The ABC provides me with alternative views and as I live in a rural area it is my main source of information. I do not want this source to be contaminated by the liberal coalition's ideology and obfuscation on the environment, local issues, refugees and social justice matters. I am extremely worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and the impact on informed debate in our society. The role of public broadcasting is vitally important and irreplaceable in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. They serve different and valid purposes and public broadcasting is a key element to ensuring a robust democracy.

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NSW 2450 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands.

To Whom It May Concern,

The importance of the ABC to the Australian People can not be understated. It provides a News service based on facts, in a climate of fake news, propaganda and uncertainty, it provides a platform for nurturing and showcasing the Arts, it provides programs that allow people to gain insight and knowledge about a myriad of things from philosophy and psychology to business and religion. It provides a innovation in technology and broadcasting, brilliant programming the is offbeat because it is based on talent and appeal not profits. It also provides economically as much as it costs, as demonstrated by a recent study which found the ABC contributes 1 billion dollars to the annual Australian Economy. It has a value greater than money, nevertheless, it only costs the each Australian 4 cents per day (down from what was 8 cents a day a number of years ago) and for that we benefit so much. Moreover, these economic costs are negated by the 1 Billion dollars per year it adds to the economy. I believe that any government that sells of or diminishes the ABC is causing an injury to the Australian Public and to Democracy. There is not reason to support any injury to the ABC except for a Political Parties own gain. Even if this decision was based purely on economics, the economics do not stack up. Moreover, the ABC's value is far greater to this country and its people than money. As a little girl who grew up in the country, our only window into the world was the ABC. As a toddler I watched the moon landing on the ABC, was introduced to Play School way before I got to "real school", so the I had an understanding of learning and other kids, despite being isolated on an outback property until I was 5 years old. I also got to see other cultures via this window, which never would have happened in a tiny town in the Mallee. The value of the ABC is immeasurable, any reason for hobbling or selling it can only be self serving and biased of the government proposing this, and to diminish it is a major theft from the Australian People. It is the best 4 cents per day anyone could spend.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I love my ABC it's the only place I can go to see an unbiased view of what is going on in the world. Q&A is one of my favourites where complex issues are debated so well. I feel like my say is represented and allows me to broaden my view point. The ABC is something we should be proud of it should not be diluted or compromised in any way! Please don't privatise.

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VIC 3207 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public OWNERSHIP

Quite frankly, the ABC IS the glue of us in the bigger Australia, where ever we live in our great country. It's paramount it remains in OUR ownership. Thank You

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QLD 4740



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never never should Australia lose in an form the ABC

Please please never privatise the ABC. I love the ABC because I know that it isn't controlled by vested interests which means I can trust the news and current affairs shows to be true and fair. The kids also love the ABC with their kids programs. To privatise it would be a huge hit to the democratic rights of Australians. Why is it that coalition govs are always trying to do away with the ABC? My guess is that it holds them accountable and I feel that is very very important for a democracy to function as it should. Thank you [REDACTED]

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NSW 2481 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a fantastic media outlet in Australia. There has been much discussion about the ABC being impartial, fair and honest in its reporting and presentation of ideas and facts. The ABC is the only current media outlet that reports some left leaning ideas and is in opposition to NewsCorp right wing ideology. Privatizing the ABC will render it just another media outlet that cannot provide subject matter outside of usual and dominating ideas in society, this is dangerous for a society already dominated by discriminatory ideas and public social policy.

The lack of adverts on the station is great, the ABC alongside SBS, is the only media that i watch or listen to because it does not have ads and is not beholden to neo-liberal ideology. If the politicians can't handle the questions, then they should not be there. Having opposing ideas presented in a logical and coherent manner promotes a society that thinks rather than follows. Without an independent ABC, i fear that right wing social ideas will dominate even more than they do now, which reduces a society to sheep-mentality and a lack of reflection on other ways of thinking and being. The public need the ABC in public hands for these reasons, and especially rural people who have a lack of access to media sources in general. Thank you.

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VIC 3555 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave ABC alone

The ABC is a cultural MUST for Australians. Classic FM is the prime and ONLY place we can hear, nationally classical music.

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WA 6154



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP ABC IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

I have grown up with the ABC - Blue Hills days onwards. On average I would listen to the ABC around 2 hours per day and much of the rest of the day it's "on" as background either at work or at home. I'm also a regular pod cast listener catching up on such programs as The Health Report, Conversations And Off Track. I will strenuously oppose any attempt to privatise this very social broadcaster.

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NSW 2538




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC for all Australia

As a young student interested in the world it was the ABC that provided the rich tapestry of the broader world and exposed me to news and current affairs across the nation and the world. It gave me the FrostReport, the Goons but it also revealed australia through Landline I became interested and in touch with farmers and our regions and Countdown was a must!
I lived in the country for a while and the ABC was a lifeline. I never realised how much a reliable news source meant. But I soon saw what an important asset a national broadcaster was to a nation. Frankly I don't see the ABC as biased and it's integrity is outstanding against the comparison with some broadcasters where advertorial and paid opinions are well known, heavily biased and opinionated. I have read young liberal commentators lately making their case for privatisation of the ABC. As political beings intent in a career in representing our nation I was sad to see that in their rhetoric there was no interest in the best interest of our country. They certainly showed little regard or understanding of what it's like for those in remote areas, or for thinking people who want access to more!
I would have thought all people interested in governing a nation would think a national broadcaster was an asset that could inform and educate and entertain the whole community.
Thus an independent and well funded national broadcaster is in my mind indispensable.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

I am forwarding this submission to emphasise the importance of democracy for the Australian people. We are all aware of the monopoly of the media in the hands of the few. The few who wish to control and dull the senses of the masses so that creative thought is no longer evidenced in our day to day lives. It is of paramount importance that our local artists in theatre, our journalists in media and our Australian way of life such as Landline is not swallowed up in the trivia and mind numbing of privately owned reality TV. Australians demand that this privatisation doesn't occur. Does our Government take responsibility for anything Australian? They behave like children wanting to off load all their responsibilities.

Hands Off
Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


VIC 3717 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation

The ABC has been part of my life since childhood. It has always been able to provide entertainment/information relevant to every stage of my life so far(60 this year). I would be horrified to see it privatized and would never forgive the Liberals if this comes to pass. Being an important part of Australian culture and democracy, there is no way it can be compared to commercial media. Furious!

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VIC 3777 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our abc independent and rejoice at the quality of their standards.

I am 84 years old and am surprised at the hostility our government has to this fine institution. the abc and sbs have kept me well informed and amused since 1957 when i arrived as a ten pound pom. they keep our society grounded in the fair values we all cherish and admire. they are even handed in their approach to both major parties however the government runs the country and does not always get the best or right solutions. the abc should have its funding returned to its previous level. they need and deserve all our support.

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VIC 3806 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

I would like to strongly protest against any proposal to privatise the ABC. I believe that independent unbiased content for the media is essential for our Australian society. I value the way that the ABC has contributed to all aspects of my life. I enjoy listening to the ABC radio throughout my day, particularly the classical FM station, but also am aware of the rich content that local AM radio provides in relation to current and local affairs. This is particularly important during times of bushfire and serious life threatening events.

The ABC provides my only source of Television. I enjoy and value programs such as the News and all current affairs programs such as 7;30 Report, Four Corners, Q and A, Australian Story etc. I am also very pleased to have the regular inspiration from the Gardening Australia program. Whilst my children were growing up, I was always pleased to trust the content of the ABC childrens' programs, such as PlaySchool. Nowadays I enjoy the comedy and satirical humour content such as CHARlie Pickerings Weekly, and Utopia and Hard Quiz.

In fact, I cannot list all of the wonderful and important shows that have enriched my life! I really do not want to lose this. Moreover, I will not vote for a political party that chooses to privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3078



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC and SBS are competitively neutral

Sir, Mesdames,

ABC and SBS must remain in public hands because they provide a service that is not available elsewhere in the marketplace.

I spent the day yesterday in my car listening the ABC radio shows about medicine and artificial intelligence. At home, I watched SBS news commentary and a repeat broadcast about refugees. This content is world-class, fascinating and completely absent from the commercial stations. The national broadcasters are competitively neutral because they cover material that is of no interest to the commercial stations. It is harmful to the intellectual life of the nation if news broadcasts are reduced to the lost parrot stories and incendiary commentators attractive to commercial interests.

Let the commercial stations follow their commercial interests, but please, please allow ABC and SBS to continue to program quality content.

Thank you for your consideration of my remarks.

[REDACTED]

ACT 2602



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The reason I and all my friends watch the ABC is simply due to good quality viewing along with the great boon of watching something without being blasted by continual advertising. Don't degrade the ABC to cheap commercialism; it's a rare option to sit and be entertained without being hammered by commercial interests continually trying to sell tripe.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2089



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

As a long term viewer and listener of the ABC, I am incensed by the Government's decision to privatise this most fundamental instrument of impartiality and fairness.

In my retirement and subsequent removal from the social aspect of work and its attendant connection to community, my reliance on the ABC for unbiased and fair commentary on social issues affecting me, my family and friends has been paramount. I rely on the ABC to bring me comments and reporting that is focussed, fair and supportive e.g. the rural reporting of Landline and The Country Hour on T.V. and radio. Without this commentary I would be ignorant of issues surrounding farmers and cattle station owners. Without the contentious issues raised by 4 Corners I would be totally unaware and, again, ignorant to the facts of homelessness; breeches of conservation and environmental laws; big business rorts; and a raft of other issues that affect ordinary Australians in their ordinary pursuit of an ordinary life. Without Australian Story I would not realise the extent of how people in everyday life experience extraordinary feats of courage, valour and fearlessness to live among us. Without BBC serials like Endeavour, Death in Paradise, Waking the Dead and other wonderfully produced and directed productions, I would be subject to the violence and wanton destruction that is part of the everyday viewing on commercial TV. Without the balanced and fair viewpoints of the radio announcers on Radio National and Local ABC stations I would be subject to the inane and banal commentary and talkback programming of the "shock Jocks".


My concerns about the Coalitions attack on our ABC is largely to do with inciting that element of our society that is uninformed, militant and largely ignorant of compassion and what it means to be an Australian in today's society. The Coalition is giving this element of our society "carte blanche" to exercise and demonstrate their ignorance and racial discrimination whenever and wherever they please. Until the 90's Australia was recognised as a fair and compassionate country with a racially polyglot society, then everything changed and now we are a frightened, ignorant, closed society/country who believes in "not enough to go around".

The privatisation of our ABC will not net any real advantage financially and will lose a whole lot more than it gains. We CANNOT lose valuable infrastructure like this in an attempt to save face or miniscule amounts of money, because this instrument cannot ever be regained, it has to be re-established and to do that would and will require buckets of money, money that successive governments may not be willing to commit. We need this very vital and important instrument to stay in public hands!

Yours with kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ACT 2617 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in private hands.

The ABC is our national broadcaster and should never be privatised. It will become another Channel 7,9 and 10. Why having a fourth one of those?

[REDACTED]

NSW 2257



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SELLING OFF OUR ABC

To whom it may concern. I cannot think of anything worse in our hard and fast daily life in Australia, than to consider privatising our ABC. This corporation is ours - all of it, and we rely upon it for its information, education, entertainment and communication between each other in this huge land of ours. Our ABC is precious!

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VIC 3182




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

A public broadcaster is vital for a democratic country, if it is privatised all media in this country will be untrustworthy! And also ABC kids is amazing for our toddler, educational and fun without constant advertising. Please keep the ABC as it is, it's value is more than can be realised in budgets.

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NSW 2870 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC in public hands

Murdoch and co do not represent the public's interests.
Handing the ABC over to the private sector removes an independent view that should be truly free from owner manipulation

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NSW 2044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC.

The ABC is not just a national media broadcaster. It is our national voice telling Australian stories to Australians and giving new arrivals to this country an understanding of what Australia is about. The alternative is the constant US rubbish we see on the commercial stations. The government that sells the ABC can look forward to being out of power for ever!

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NSW 2031




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is an invaluable public service providing not just rural service, but some of the best investigative reporting in Australia, education programs (eg BTN which just celebrated its 50th anniversary) and children's programming.

The US has a different model with NPR working off a revenue of about US\$200M raised from a individuals, business donations, universities and government in about equal proportions (and produces not surprisingly a much less significant quantity and diversity of content). This is in a country with a population of approx. 15 times that of Australia. If Australia took a similar model we would probably be looking at annual funding in the order of A\$15M assuming a similar per capita contribution (vs the current approx. A\$1000M). It is not hard to imagine what this would result in. I am sure there is still plenty of reform available to ensure the public money delivers good value in all areas of public expenditure, but privatisation and blindly slashing funding instead of justifiable and targeted reforms are clearly not sensible.

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WA 6052 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I consider the ABC to be the only place where I can get reasonably unbiased reportage and analysis of current events , where I can watch entertainment other than people cooking or renovating houses . If I wish to watch this kind of show I can turn to the so called commercial stations . I think it is vital that an independent , non privatised , broadcasting player be maintained . I do not wish any part of the ABC to be privatised .

[REDACTED]

NSW 2754 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC


[REDACTED] and I live in Glass House Mountains and undertake many of our voluntary activities in the regional areas of the Sunshine Coast. The communities out there thrive on the news, children's programmes and investigative journalism that is missing from commercial channels. In fact we only watch the ABC and SBS. We watch programmes like Foreign Correspondent and 4 Corners every week because we trust the information obtained from these programmes.

It is our belief that the Coalition attacks on the ABC are political in nature because they don't want any arguments presented about anything that is contrary to their political ethos. This is a democratic society and the only differing opinion to economic rationalism and profit no matter its impact on the environment or those from a lower socio economic background is found on the ABC.

In conclusion the premise of the inquiry which is to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets because they are publicly funded misses the point. Public broadcasting plays a crucial role in our democratic society because it offers an alternative opinion and thus should not be compared with commercial media.

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QLD 4518 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not sell of the ABC

I love the ABC from Triple J radio through to the ABC kids programmes. Please do not hand this national asset over to private hands where it can be perverted by the necessity to make money. I don't want commercial ads being shown to my children whilst they are watching play-school and I don't want free journalism to be restricted if it makes corporate Australia look unfavourable.

Please I beg of you, don't sell of out national treasure the ABC.

[REDACTED]
WA 6010 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must never be privatised

Sir / Ma'am

The idea that the ABC has any advantage over commercial outlets seems risible. It defies logic that a publicly owned non profit organisation can have an unfair advantage over private commercial companies. As a tax payer who has supported the ABC for thirty five years by paying taxes it is also objectionable that there has been no broader public consultation prior to the announcement of this enquiry.

Given that the enquiry has been called for by some of those who have felt unfairly treated by the ABC it also smells like those calling for the enquiry protesteth too much.

It is essential that the ABC remains in public hands so that the powerful will continue to be subject to scrutiny and trust in institutions is not eroded.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2204



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our Treasured ABC icon, No Privatisation.

I have been watching "Mystery Road" on ABC. It's set in the Kimberley with real Aussi characters. Should be a winner for export, good to see Aussi actors working too. Sure beats another rerun of Friends. We only watch the ABC and SBS, less often SBS as the ads become more intrusive. This is a real vote changer for us, an over 70 couple in a liberal electorate. Please give back ABC funding so they can produce more of our favourite shows. Privatisation will turn it into another Channel 9, we already have too many silly videos and brain dead opinion instead of news on the existing private channels.

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NSW 2227



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Withdrawn from sale.

Living in rural Vic the ABC is an essential service for us on so many levels. From emergency info to enlightening companionship while going about our day it is a highly valued public asset. Selling should not be an option. Applying the bellicose nationalism that seems to be so utilised by our pollies these days, it would be unaustralian to sell the ABC!

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VIC 3000



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC

Dear Mr. Turnbull,

I am writing to strongly oppose the privatisation of the ABC. Public broadcasting is not only a critical element of our democracy, but the single greatest launch pad for Australian creative talent.

As a young screenwriter, I would not have a career if were not for the initiatives run by the ABC and SBS. Public broadcasters provide what is often the only gateway to young talent – be they writers, actors, journalists or musicians – to enter the media and entertainment industries. The ABC has helped to find, train and promote generations of Australian voices, launching their national and international careers.

Without the ABC, there would be a dearth of Australian opinions, Australian stories, and Australian finances entering the valuable creative sector. This would be a blow to our economy, and also to our standing as a culture maker overseas.

For the sake of Australia’s global reputation, for the sake of jobs, and above all for the sake of the Australian voice, please do not privates the ABC.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6330



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a vital component to Australian Society

Your government promised no cuts to the ABC and yet you have broken this promise twice. Continued criticisms of opinions is censorship and is not healthy for debate or democracy. Your attacks further fracture the confidence the public has in your government.
You need to restore adequate funding to the ABC and try to make amends for your past errors of judgement!

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VIC 3150



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in the public domain

I should hate to see the ABC privatised for a number of reasons:

- 1) Only by keeping them public can we ensure that they are not biased in their reporting. We certainly can't trust the commercial channels to do that.
- 2) The ABC, together with SBS, currently produces pretty much the only programs on free to air TV that are worth watching. The pap served up by the commercial channels is just too awful for words and most of it is reruns. Although the ABC has been forced to resort to reruns too because of budget cuts, at least they're quality programmes.
- 3) I simply wouldn't watch a channel that had constant advertising breaks within programmes. Even SBS has been forced to put breaks within them, which was never the original intention when advertising was introduced there.
- 4) The Liberal government is running very close to the wind on this one. I think they will find that there is an enormous backlash from all over the country. Perhaps that would be a good thing. The sooner that they are voted out, the better as far as I'm concerned!

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ACT 2605



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: 4 Corners and Landline

Commercial stations do not give broad coverage to important issues like we see on 4 Corners, landline etc. This is a move to keep us in the dark.

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QLD 4815




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

I am devastated to hear of any proposal to privatise the ABC. An independent public broadcaster is crucial to the provision of high quality news, current affairs, investigative journalism, locally made drama and children's programs. The ABC is one of the most loved and trusted institutions in Australia, asking the hard questions of those in public life without fear or favour. It appears that powerful individuals and organisations are seeking to muzzle debate that may be unfavourable to them. Australians pride themselves on being a democracy, and publicly funded public broadcasting is a critical part of it.

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SA 5157 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

If privatised the ABC would be muzzled rather than able to present alternative points of view as it can, up to a point now as a public broadcaster. Australia needs this.

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SA 5008



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dangers of privatising the ABC

The most compelling arguments for maintaining a publicly funded ABC are: 1. the ability to experiment and take risks. A commercial imperative reduces risk taking behaviour. Successful risk taking benefits the whole media sector as commercial organisations can use new ideas, formats and talents with a reduced threat to their bottom line.

2. National Identity. The ABC as a public broadcaster is in a prime position to create product which integrates the interests of regional and city dwellers and various age and social demographics. They are required to have a broad reach rather than target particular audience sectors. The availability of programming which appeals to a diverse audience groups supports the creation of a truly inclusive national identity. Complementing the SBS, Australia has a remarkable effective environment for creating social harmony.

3. Non-commercial and independent. There are various areas of programming which either fail to attract commercial interests or which should be shielded from commercial interests. Prime examples are news, children's programming and high risk, cutting edge programming. The ABC's charter also requires direct independence from government influence and indirect protection against the biases of lobbyists and interest groups. We need to be more vigorous in ensuring that commercial and political interests are not affecting the ABC, not less.

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NSW 2042 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Our family could be considered swinging voters. My parents and brothers and sisters voted differently from election to election but one thing we all have in common is a love of the ABC. It was an Australian institution growing up, first radio and then television. It is a news service we trust. We have seen the privatisation of news media slant news for private agendas and I don not want this to happen to the ABC. It is an institution that has grown over many years but the trust and the reputation it has gained over that time would easily be lost in private ownership where profit or personal agendas could easily overtake moderate and considered journalism. I want to vote liberal this election as I respect the moderate stand that Malcolm Turnbull is taking but if the liberal party privatises the ABC I am not sure that I could trust that the party would not put its own interests above the interests of a nation. The fourth estate, the press is an extremely important basis of our democracy. Let us respect it and keep it safe.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2618 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia needs the ABC to remain publicly owned

When my kids were small, the ABC provided the only TV channel and website fit for littlies -- educational, non-violent, and free from advertising. As adults we trust the ABC to provide a broad range of top-quality news and entertainment. Programs like Gardening Australia and 4 Corners. A really good news app. If the ABC were privatised, the quality would suffer because of the pressure to cut costs and increase profits. Australians don't need more lowest common denominator infotainment!

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WA 6160 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands of the ABC

I'm sick of the ABC being used as a political punching bag and will be voting for the party that looks to protect it. To privatise is just rediculas

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ACT 2602 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE OUR ABC FOM PRIVATISATION

Dear Liberal Government and Liberal Party Council,

I write to you about your intentions to privatise the ABC.

The ABC must stay in public hands.


The ABC (and SBS) are the only independent voices in Australian TV media. They keep politics honest. By pushing for the privatisation of the ABC, you are saying you don't want politics to be honest. You are saying you want to keep Rupert and his TV stations and newspapers happy. You are saying you want to control the news.

But you can't.

You might belong to Rupert, but the ABC belongs to the Australian people.

Do the right thing and keep our ABC in public hands.

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WA 6157 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public asserts being sold

As a liberal voter all my life, I am horrified at the sell offs, LPI is a disgrace, now the ABC, sell that idiot [REDACTED] Tony Abbott .
I will never vote liberal again, you guys are in the pockets of the corporations

[REDACTED]


NSW 2092 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Am very concerned if the ABC would no longer be a public broadcaster. It is important to have at least one not private broadcaster.

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SA 5158 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

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

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NSW 2776 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised.

The only broadcaster you can absolutely trust to be unbiased is one that is not driven by commercial interests and the personal opinions of wealthy or powerful individuals. How many times have we seen the likes of Alan Jones or Fox presenters exposed by independent observers, courts or regulatory bodies for misrepresenting the truth in support of their biased ideas. Often, when exposed for their errors or deceit, they claim they are the victims of a left-wing/green conspiracy. On the other hand, when the ABC was recently charged with bias, an inquiry overseen by a conservative-leaning person found no truth to the claims of left-wing bias.

The ABC must remain in public hands as a beacon of truth in a world drowning in lies and alternative facts.

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NSW 2305 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am an active community member who enjoys the local ABC radio program. Being a public broadcaster, I get to hear from my community. Privatising anything leads to an emphasis on financial profit and a leaning towards one way of thinking and being. My local ABC keeps me aware of the diversity in my community. Please do not let our ABC become privatised. It is important that each one of us in the community feels welcome on our ABC.

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ACT 2601 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC public.

I would like to express my concern at the push to privatise the ABC. I believe it would be very difficult to find programs of the quality of Q&A, Four Corners or Media Watch anywhere else on public television. I find the ABC tries to be impartial in its presentation, and that different sides of issues are expressed, even if members of the different parties seem reluctant at times to stand up and state their position. Four Corners is a godsend in regard to dealing with hard issues, and the number of times its findings have precipitated strong responses is legion. Q&A is a really good thermometer of public opinion, and Media Watch is our best response to the fake news epidemic.

Please show some concern for all Australia, and not just a limited view of the options that may need to be considered in any case, something that the ABC , I believe, tries to do.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


VIC 3747 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!!!

I'm furious that once again politicians trying to avoid public scrutiny and accountability are trying to destroy one of the few remaining objective voices in our media. The ABC has an enviable reputation for delivering relevant programs that inform and enlighten as well as those that entertain and give us a uniquely Australian voice. Try to destroy it or sell it off to vested interests at your peril. I - and thousands of others - will march in the streets to voice our protest at this blatant attempt to silence one of the last remaining voices we can trust. Stop pandering to the Hard Right,,,,, As a swinging voter who is not enamoured by either of the major parties at present, you are doing a very good job of alienating a good many Australians. I have to ask myself why politicians are so scared of of scrutiny. What don't you want the public to know?

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SA 5051 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is essential for an intelligent informed Australia.

I was appalled that the young Liberals feel we do not need an ABC because we can get all the news we want on the internet. Yep great if you are connected, young and have the education and intelligence to distinguish the difference between real news & fake news, between rigorously researched investigations and poorly formed opinions. To many people get their opinions by only reading one side of an argument the side that the search engines have determined suits them, so they are never exposed to an alternate view. The ABC makes sure we hear a variety on viewpoints and ideas, not just those put out by the ill informed or those wealthy enough to own or exploit the news source.

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NSW 2032 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not broken

I have long valued the independence of our ABC and do not accept it has an undue advantage over the commercial stations. I much prefer the programmes offered by the ABC (and SBS) over the offerings of commercial stations. I do not want to see future programming of a privatised ABC reduced to the commercial station's current low brow levels. Australia's media is already dominated by a few organisations and any moves to offer our ABC to these interests will likely further concentrate media ownership. The ABC is meant to provide an independent voice and support our local entertainment industry. It does this extremely well - despite cries of successive governments about bias. It should be government funded (and adequately funded) and its charter of independence maintained.

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VIC 3280 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC has provided me with News, Info, Entertainment since I was a member of the Argonauts on 2FC from the '40's. I have been a Liberal voter all my life but if you dare privatise the ABC that will change suddenly and permanently.

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NSW 2261 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

I am concerned that the ABC is on the brink of being privatised. To me, the ABC is one of the cornerstones of having a free democracy. One that distributes fair and unbiased news to the nation. With the current dangers of social media and foreign nations swaying public opinion online, an unbiased news network that presents only facts is more important than ever. I believe that public broadcasting tries to keep the government honest, and as all branches of our government work for us, the people, it is in everyone's best interests to stay informed and to make sure that we are being heard and are keeping track of what is happening in our nation.

As long as we have the ABC in the public, there is less danger of echo chambers growing, and commercial networks pandering to a select audience in order to increase ratings. It is this danger that faces the Western Democratic nations, dividing the populace and increasing hostility and in our current climate, this is too big a risk. We must stay united as a nation and only through the fair distribution of unbiased facts can we all be on the same page. As a nation we value fairness for everyone and standing together as a multicultural society and the privatisation of the ABC puts these values at risk.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

As a retired person I have plenty of time to listen to the radio. I choose to listen almost exclusively to the ABC. I trust that it will report on a non biased basis both in its News and commentary programs. I like the variety of program choices across its three main channels and I know from experience that commercial stations have little variety and even less partiality. As far as TV is concerned the program choices on the commercial stations are banal in the extreme. God forbid that the ABC should ever be come just another bottom of the barrel scraping commercial channel.

The ABC is a trusted public institution nationwide and must stay that way.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the people of Australia

I write as one who doesn't watch television: there are many people, including the visually-impaired, who depend on ABC radio for factual news reporting, for entertainment, and to reduce isolation. The ABC was the major force in establishing Australia's symphony orchestras, and now continues to support them and individual musicians by broadcasting their concerts and selling recordings of their work. It also supports some young musicians by employing them part-time as announcers. Older Australians remember the impact of ABC radio children's programs. They are still significant for parents who wish - with good reason - to limit their children's amount of screen time. Ads during or between programs are a serious distraction to all, and have the potential to influence children's behaviour in ways we don't want. In recent years we have all seen the ABC (and Fairfax media) reveal some very significant matters, for example the mistreatment of animals in overseas abattoirs. We don't trust the tabloids, again with good reason, but we do trust the ABC to tell us the truth. If the ABC is sold off, it will be a major loss to those who care about hearing what is really happening.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave ABC's integrity alone

The privatisation of the ABC is analogous to the privatisation of the Commonwealth bank. - It lead to a lowering of "the bar" & we know where that ended up. The ABC as it is, provides an unbiased light holding our standards to account. - Your aim should be to raise commercial standards not lower the ABC'S. - Equalisation is nonsense if you just lower the bar -
I've not forgiven Labor for the Commonwealth Bank privatisation & any party tampering with the ABC will be seen in even worse light. A political party who tampers with the ABC will be forever scorned & seen for what they are - a mob of narrow minded control freaks - a pox on the country. Don't do it, you'll waken a sleeping giant that will crush you

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do'nt privatise the ABC!

The ABC has been an important part of both my childhood and my current family life. We all have programs we enjoy and the ABC is almost the only network that we watch. I am concerned as the thought of the ABC losing it's objectivity is concerning, especially when we see what is happening in America where news particularly is at risk of becoming solely the domain of big corporations. That's not to even mention countries where the TV networks are simply another arm of the government in power... Without the ability to act independently, there will be no objective voice in Australia's media and this fills me with dread!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Kep our ABC in Public Hands

I Love The ABC - I love knowing it is always there and its what I grew up watching - the sound of the national news coming on everyday at 7- my daughter growing up on play school - English comedies - adventure time - all my great Friday nights of English crime - wonderful series of Pride and Prejudice - and lately when I turn on and watch Q and A and listen to wonderful discussions and different points of views being aired and then we sit around and talk about things its brought up. It gives me hope and an injection of positivity - so Hands off the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am an older woman. The ABC has been an important part of my life since I was a small child. I believe that it is a crucial institution in our democratic society and I am appalled at the possibility that it may be privatised and sold.

All sections of the community find great value in what our broadcaster presents:

quality programs for children of all ages;

music, the arts more broadly, books and writing - these are programs that promote and discuss Australian artists, and introduce us to those from overseas;

the ABC produces quality programs and news, current affairs that we can trust, that make us think. Vital in a time of 'fake news'.


We have excellent journalists and presenters who are admired and trusted.

Many listeners and viewers do not want the endless cooking shows, vacuous comments, competitions, etc that are what commercial broadcasters offer.

Australians value and trust the ABC. It has struggled on through drastic cuts to funding. It is reliable, called on in emergencies e.g bush fires, is relied on by regional Australians, and used to have valuable outreach. I believe that it must be kept in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Australias ABC in the public hands

The government and their cronies control of our media is way out of hand. The ABC must remain in public hands and provide views to the public that we wont hear otherwise.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public control

Dear Mr Turnbull, I am starting to wonder if you are truly a patriotic Australian. The ABC is the turn to channel for so many Australians and a wonderful source of information and knowledge for our grandchildren as it was for our children. Please leave this great institution alone and concentrate on what you are paid to do. That is looking after our country and stop taking away everything that Australians hold dear to our hearts. Why do you want to stop the freedom of speech that the ABC has. Please Mr Turnbull, look after all Australians and do not privatise any more institutions. Who wants all channels to be bombarded with adds.

Best wishes

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must not be privatised

the ABC is vital to the knowledge and information provision to Australians, not based on commercial interests.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands. I only ever watch the ABC on television I listen only to 621 on radio and also listen to music on ABC FM.

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