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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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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

The only station worth watching for news, current affairs, Australian series and productions - it would be a disgrace to privatise this icon.

There is so much rubbish on commercial TV at this point in time, and so it's a relief to turn to the ABC for an unbiased view of the world and to support Australian content productions.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Australia needs the ABC

The ABC must remain in public hands.

The ABC is not subject to business or private interests. It does have to cater to the general public. To that end, the ABC must continue to ensure that information is scrutinised for veracity.

I do not always agree with the commentary which is provided by the ABC. I do not know anyone who does agree with every ABC commentary or selection of news. However, the mere fact that no one entirely agrees with the ABC is evidence that it does not cater to one point of view. The ABC acts as a buffer against populist policies because the policies are held up to scrutiny.

We are in a democracy which, I believe, is coming under threat from extremists from the left and the right. The ABC will report what occurs. It is a bulwark against 'fake news'.


I understand that the ABC, and SBS for that matter, are publicly funded and therefore have an advantage in that they do not have to seek advertising funds. But nor do they pay shareholders and so do not have to publish only what is sensational or in a select group of shareholders interests. The ABC is accountable to the general public.

Politicians are publicly funded and while they are held accountable every 3 and 6 years, perfection is not expected. The ABC is not a perfect institution and to demand perfection of it is holding the ABC to an unreasonable standard.

Keeping the ABC is in the public interest.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

For me the public broadcaster provides quality journalism like no other organisation. It is far more accountable for its content than the private sector and is a vital part of our democratic processes here in Australia. Its privatisation is a demonstration of a weak government heading towards a limited US style society. I hope opposition from the public and within parliament will send this message and up to the federal election.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I live in a regional area and rely on ABC for news and current affairs.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I don't want to harp on how I've been a ABC user all my life. Telling personal stories are not the point otherwise I'm (and so are all of you who will) falling into Mitchell Collier's lap scoffing at those who want to keep the ABC in public hands for "sentimental reasons". With that I can hear and see he is not educate, that is, dealing with tough thinking, but just one who postured himself into whatever for upward mobility reasons. Like Abetz - real chip on the shoulder stuff. One can be educated and upwardly mobile. He is not. One can tell because there is no nuance with him and those other reckless voters. They can't handle the ABC taking on issues that damage and reveal (market forces do not do that). Collier's argument that we can get our news services from multiple platforms well, guess what, the ABC is a news source and investigations is not done by magic. People create news sources and shows and therefore multiple platforms. They also create what we hear or don't want to hear and see. Is he saying that 60 Minutes is more useful to us than say a Four Corners episode on the banks. On a more joking level, who else would have put on the The Goon Show, Aunty Jack etc in Australia all those decades ago. I have to say that Collier and co are smug and dangerous people. Kowtowing to their chips on thier shoulders and powerful interests, making everything look the same and sound stupid like The Footy Show ( I love AFL) and I hate to say this but market forces will only drive a price to what buyers want which is always in Australia about the lowest common denominator. I'm voting Labor at the next election. And Australians are not stupid which has a lot to do with the ABC otherwise we shall become smug simpletons like Collier and co. I'm shocked by this direction of the Liberal Party. They really showed their hands this time which is why we cannot take the risk of allowing them to get into power until these people create a populist party with no-one voting for them.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

4 Corners, 7.30 Report, News and uninterrupted programming are all so important to us. We are given information and insights into various local, national and international issues that we never get from commercial news and shows. It is also a much more calming and cohesive experience to watch programs without the barrage of ads. We need this as a nation and as individuals. Please don't let the ABC be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC -Australian BC and people - Australians

I am terribly upset in response to any move that ABC be privatised. It is the independence of the ABC which gives it value, not being beholden to making profit. This need to be mindful of privatised content to manages budget and profit would undermine the integrity of content. I think ABC is a trustworthy, balanced source of information and culture which sits as another viewpoint to other broadcasters. It is Australian in the best sense of the word - it listens to people and is of the people. I love and value the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

Our ABC is my window on the world.  
I need a well-funded public broadcaster to continue to provide me with accurate and up-to-date information.  
Information filtered by commercial considerations will NOT do.  
Already, funding constraints have caused tooooooooooooooo many repeat RN broadcasts. Increase government funding. Don't destroy a precious national treasure.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands!

As a 58 year old Australian, I have enjoyed and relied on the ABC my whole life for a wide variety of needs. ABC TV provided me with quality children's entertainment (eg, Play School) and educational programs used in my school classes. Later on, I enjoyed shows like Countdown and Rage. And now I rely heavily on ABC TV for quality drama, comedy, and reliable and UNBIASED news and current affairs. In particular, the ABC's support of Australian made shows is critical to sustaining our culture and way of life.

ABC radio is, in my experience, second to none in quality and value for money. I particularly rely on Radio National for excellent news, analysis and documentaries. But it is probably the local ABC stations that are most important to Australians, particularly in regional areas, as a trusted source of news and information, especially in times of crises such as natural disasters.

Finally, ABC online services are for me a valued source of factual, quality news and information that simply cannot be gained from any other source, particularly not from unreliable echo chambers such as FB and Twitter, or commercial news corporations that have an agenda and which, in many cases, do not pay their fair share of taxes in Australia.

While privatisation of the ABC would have a significant negative impact on my way of life (and millions like me), that's not really the point. What really scares me is the impact that losing a great public broadcaster would have on Australian culture. We would lose, through the loss of the programming I refer to above, the opportunity to have access to the only media outlet that is uniquely Australian, that reflects back to us what we are and what we aspire to be. And for what? So far I have not heard a single compelling benefit of selling off this wonderful and unique asset.

Public broadcasting has always played an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. Please, keep it as is so that my children and all future generations can enjoy it in the way my generation has throughout our lives.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to express my horror at the idea of privatising the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

The ABC is an iconic Australian institution providing an invaluable independent trustworthy news and cultural service to the people of Australia. I am appalled to think anyone would consider destroying the core values of the organisation through privatisation.

I ask that this enquiry recommend the ABC's funding be increased, and the ABC be allowed to continue its good work as an independent public institution.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC has always been important to my family. It is a balanced and trusted source of information for us as a family.

We enjoy the selection of programs, news and documentaries and the excellent drama programs produced by the ABC. We rely on the ABC to provide current information on world events.

We are angered at the present government attacks of the ABC. They threaten independence of the ABC. Commercial funding to a national information source destroys integrity with bias.

The ABC, as a public broadcaster, has always been a trusted and valuable organisation. It is the warm face of a democratic society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC of the people!!

Every morning I start the day with Radio National, after an hour or two I swap over to Triple J and then later on in the evening, if I have time to sit down and relax, I switch on the television and watch something on one of the ABC or SBS channels. This is not a concerted effort to block out commercial radio or television or to support only the public broadcasters. It happens because the ABC and SBS produce excellent material (with the added bonus of not being interrupted by commercials). I believe the public broadcasters produce such good material because there is not the limiting reliance on commercial ventures or advertising to fund projects. And the people who work for the public broadcasters have a passion for what they do, in the public interest.

I am concerned that if the Coalition gets its way and the ABC/SBS leaves the realm of public funding, we will all be losers. We will lose a whole lot of value that will never be recreated in the private funded space. I don't want to watch ads on television or hear them on the radio. I do not want the ABC to be privatized. I will not vote for any party in favour of privatizing the ABC/SBS.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!!!

Dear All,

I am writing to you today to tell you how important the ABC is to me and my family.

From the morning's children's programs to the evening News and current affairs programs, my family watches the ABC. Why are they so popular with us? Have you recently watched the drivel that comes out of the commercial stations? Have you lately tried to watch a show on a commercial station? The flow of the action is not happening, because it is constantly interrupted by commercials. How many cups of tea can you make in the commercial breaks? How many times go to the toilet?

How can the ABC have an unfair advantage over commercial stations when the government keeps cutting its funding again and again? My family would rather pay some sort of tax levy just to keep the ABC going.

We find their programs informative and un-biased, which can not be said of commercial stations.

Should the ABC be sold off, we will lose our last source of believable information and be further subjected to the manipulations of commercial station owners. We can only conclude that this is just what a Liberal Government has in mind for the population.

Make us dumb so we don't speak up about mismanagement by the government.

I sincerely hope that you will find in favour of our beloved ABC.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC not privatised

The 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. SO scary to think that this is even being suggested...I cant believe what is happening to the world...

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** abc

ABC, privatise and loose every election. morons

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our public broadcasting PUBLIC.

If we don't have a fully functioning public broadcaster, then pirating material will become more attractive to everyday consumers. This is absolutely ridiculous.

The PBS in America is still the largest network for a reason. Leave the diversity in the hands of the public, please.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC is my ONLY news source. ABC is there for all Australians and delivers an unbiased reporting of the issues that concern us. Private media outlets have to answer to their shareholders. The ABC answers to the taxpayers, the public, ALL of us. It appears the group of politicians who are obsessed with destroying the ABC are weak minded and with fragile egos, incapable of handling strong questioning or investigation. Free independent journalism is vital for a free society. Save the ABC>

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in Public Hands

The ABC and SBS is very important to me and many others. The ABC provides informative news compared to commercial TV stations. ABC programs such as Q & A, 7.30, Landline, Parliament Question Time, Educational programs for children such as Playschool, Back to Earth Stargazing, Brian Cox, Life of the Universe are but a few programs that would not appear on commercial TV stations.

Back Roads which show wonderful parts of Australia I will never be able to visit.

Children of the Holocaust – can one imagine a commercial entity offering such a program.

Programs such as The Drum invite people from diverse backgrounds to discuss topical subjects which leads to interesting debating sessions. Insiders is a similar format except the panel consists of journalists from the right and left producing some very lively debates.

Commercial TV programs produce mind numbing reality shows that appear to promote the worst of human behaviour such as bullying, abusive language, semi pornographic ‘relationships’ etc., etc. News distributed by these entities is mind numbing, factually incorrect (watch each individual station telling the same story and the content) depressing crime statistics and stories about foreign groups that engender fear within the community.

The ABC provides international news and programs. For example, Four Corners is an exceptional investigative program.

A couple of commercial TV stations did investigative programs in the late 20th century but these have become nothing but crime investigations for sensational purposes or stories that are paid for by the corporation.

Fact Check is a very valuable program in that it researches and analyses statements made by politicians of all persuasions for accuracy. None of the commercial TV stations provide such a service.

ABC productions like Mystery Road would not be made by commercial TV because it would be considered too controversial. SBS programs such as Go Back to Where You Came From, Untold Australia, and The Mosque Next Door would never see the light of day in a commercial environment.

My main concern about the constant attacks on the ABC, and its cousin SBS, is that these are the only true independent news sources available to Australians. I watch SBS news from other countries because the images alone tell a story even if I cannot understand the language. PBS News is a very interesting program because it interviews Democrats and Republicans for their opinions on topical subjects affecting the USA. If these the ABC and SBS are commercialised the owners will dictate content, analysis and opinion and editorial guidelines. So, the values and beliefs of the owner whether right or left leaning the news and programs will emphasise those of the owner.

A major criticism coming from the current Federal Government is that the ABC is left leaning. When Labour was in power it held a similar view, but claimed the ABC was right leaning. When criticism come from both sides of the divide it clearly demonstrates that the ABC is an unbiased organisation.

Australia must have a public broadcaster just like the BBC which is also publicly funded.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. If public broadcasting is eliminated from the general media Australia will lose all media independence. Independence is the bedrock of the ABC and the SBS.

When media independence is eliminated our beautiful country will be open to misinformation with no checks or balances and the mind numbing programs offered by commercial entities.


If Britain can offer its citizens a public funded broadcaster, why can't Australia be provided the same type of service.

Australia proudly adopted Britain's Westminster System of Government. Surely we can look to Britain as an example of how Australia's broadcasting system can incorporate public funded broadcasters such as the ABC and SBS.

This enquiry into the ABC is quite astounding and totally unnecessary. One can only assume that the people

who wanted and are conducting this enquiry may someday make enquiries about our Westminster System of Government.



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping ABC in public hands

The ABC is deeply embedded in Australia's cultural fabric. It also serves as an extremely important link to wider Australia in country areas. Any political party that tries to dismantle its place in public life by way of privatisation will never get my vote. It plays a critical role by fearlessly holding all political parties to account to the public and its charter maintains objectivity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC Mr. Turnbull

Having watched the ABC since the start of television in Australia, I deeply resent the Liberal Party's attacks on the National broadcaster. Over the years my tastes have changed from Bill & Ben the Flowerpot Men and Mr. Squiggle to 7.30 Report, 4 Corners, and cutting edge comedy shows that commercial stations don't have the determination to produce. Indeed commercial stations only seem willing to take up many program formats once they have been tested on the ABC, thus benefiting from the ABC's leading edge. I bet that service to the commercial sector hasn't been costed in to the benefits flowing from the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of ABC

The 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. SO scary to think that this is even being suggested...I cant believe what is happening to the world...

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as it is, and guarantee the public's access to unbiased reports on Australian affairs.

The ABC is the only broadcaster who gives in-depth information about what is really going on in Australia. For example commercial stations tend to talk more and more about the price of groceries than the unfortunate state of the farmers who provide those foodstuffs. And it is the same in other areas. Commercial stations are increasingly biased towards proclaiming the benefits of big corporations activities (aimed at increasing their profit margins) without providing a balanced view of the disadvantages of those activities. There is a phrase circulating on social media 'the dumbing down of America' - this applied equally to Australia. Biased reporting on all areas of society is preventing the general public from forming informed and knowledgeable decisions.

This benefits big corporations and political parties but is of no benefit to Australians and Australia's future. The ABC stands alone in shining a spotlight on all aspects of society - good and bad. You should only privatise it if you can guarantee that the general public can be given unbiased reporting on all aspects of Australian life and future prospects on privatised stations.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC privatisation

The ABC is a public asset, and the Liberal Party Federal Council's vote to sell it off is a fundamental threat to democracy in this country. It is an attempt to stifle scrutiny of government policy and actions. It is a threat to regional and rural communities who depend on the ABC to ease their isolation, cover local news and broadcast advice in emergencies. The Turnbull government may say that this policy will not be acted on, but the intent is clear, and it will destroy the ABC by death by a thousand cuts. The ABC must be properly funded, not punished by IPA linked ministers whose agenda is its destruction. I am enraged by this proposal as I see the ABC as a lifeline in a sea of dross which is the commercial media. This policy proposal cannot be enacted. The government clearly does not appreciate how much the Australian people love, depend on and appreciate the public broadcaster. It belongs to US, not them!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC In public hands!

Now that print and free-to air-media are in serious decline, the value of the ABC as a gatherer and disseminator of news and commentary is greater than it has ever been. These functions are only possible because the ABC is the public broadcaster. If it were to become private, the commercial bottom line would make it subject to the same pressures that have made those functions un-viable in privately owned media organisations.

It should also be noted that accusations of left wing bias are unsustainable and that no evidence for it exists other than dubious surveys from organisation which which have vested interests in right wing ideologies.

We must retain the ABC as the public broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Placing the ABC beyond the reach of political and commercial jobbery, retaining it as a treasured public resource.

Since early childhood, in Australia and in PNG, I and my family have been devoted listeners to ABC and respectful of all its manifestations including most recently digital and online access. Over the years I have been regularly appalled by the hostility manifested by almost every set of government leaders especially from Hawke onwards. There has been an exponential decrease in political respect for the basic tenets of ABC independence; its funding has become a regular tussle as polities and its commercial rivals attempt to constrain its resources in order to suppress aspects of its programming. Its balance has been attacked, often and now incessantly by people who do not scruple to find fault, essentially because their point of view is not put with sufficient regularity or its counters not suppressed. The influence of the News Ltd version of neoliberal ascendancy has become oppressive, reinforced by the Coalition, outriders consistent harassment of alleged lack of balance. Even on leading current affairs programs, regularly, the agenda is set almost by the News Ltd, leads of the day; ABC's own investigative resources are stretched with a consequent fall off in journalistic quality. The Turnbull government continues this attrition by the cuts to forward financing, by the vitriol poured from the responsible Minister, by the placement of commercially oriented neo-liberal fellow travellers onto the ABC Board and indeed by the composition of this enquiry.

Collectively, all those factors add up to a gravely deleterious effect upon what should be regarded as a national icon and public treasure. No one should argue that the ABC is free of fault and that it does not at time miscarry in its functions. But most Australian should be anxious that the ABC is so trammelled by forces hostile to the quality of voice and integrity that is integral to the charter given the ABC. It is almost impossible to be ignorant of the hostility to the ABC marshalled and regularly deployed by the News Ltd consortia; those forces must be resisted with vigour when they massage support for the continued circumscription of the ABC functions, independence and capacity to operate across the Australia media arenas.

The proposal by the Coalition backroomers and their outriders fro the privatisation of the ABC is an emerging problem; but the problem already fully emerged is greater. With respect it is to be found in this Inquiry, in its terms of reference, inits composition and n the context n which the ABC is said by this who established the inquiry that the ABC resembles Caesar's wife. Of course Mr Turnbull and members of the body to whom my submission is addressed would not go so far as to countenance terminal reproach of the ABC; undermining of its capacity to survive through resort to other means is less likely to be controversial than assassination.

I for one will regard any outcome of this inquiry that inflicts further attrition on the ABC's roles as another one of the thousand cuts delivered by its enemies and will join in any campaign to hold accountable those responsible. You have a public duty, please discharge it with such integrity and respect for public opinion as you can muster

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC and SBS are my two main sources of TV watching. ABC has some of the best shows, my current favourite is Endeavour. ABC News programs are clear and trustworthy. 4 Corners, and other in depth news programs are not found elsewhere. When I need diversion into Nature I turn to SBS for their excellent programs. Sport does not engage me, nor advertisements, nor most American shows. To me there is no comparison between ABC and SBS vs Commercial TV. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is about the only TV that I watch. It is my main source of news about my local area, Australia and the world. I love the dramas and comedies that it shows and I particularly love that self-promotion is the only advertising I have to sit through to watch a program (except Gruen, of course, but I love seeing them poke fun at ads).

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

As the fourth estate in the political system it is vital that we as a nation have access to news that is not driven by the profit motive. To privatise the ABC is to remove a pillar of democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands of the ABC and SBS

The ABC and SBS produce and distribute a very wide variety of programs and features that are never shown on commercial channels and radio stations  
These two stations also give a wide range of political views unlike some of the radio and TV commercial channels which are controlled by their owners.  
Why is it that it is the right wing MPs, organisations, shock-jocks and newspaper owners who are the ones complaining about bias - talk about calling the kettle black!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

When I visit other countries such as New Zealand, Canada and USA, the thing I miss most is a commercial-free broadcaster like the ABC. The independence of the ABC must be preserved. It provides comprehensive current affairs broadcasting that is essential to a democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatised ABC

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. I'm so worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC. After all the budget slashing and then to think you would consider this, I find abhorrent. What is happening to the world >?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I'm writing to implore you to save Australia's iconic public broadcaster from being sold off to the highest bidder.  
The ABC has for many decades informed and entertained all Australians. It has exposed corruption and has held our governments and powerful elites to account.  
If the ABC is privatised, our news media will be dominated by commercial interests and large corporate media moguls will be free to manipulate our media to serve the economy rather than to inform the citizenry. The ABC is one of the best public broadcasters in the world. Do not let this unique and treasured asset, built up over many years and owned by us all, be lost to crass commercialism.  
Please help save OUR ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the Australian Broadcaster in the people's hands....

I'd have thought this was a no-brainer .... it simply won't be the ABC if it's privatised - it'll be just another commercial station. And you will have just sold off yet another public, social, people-based to a non-social, non people-based, economically driven big business.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do Not Allow the ABC to be Privatised!!!!

Hi,

I am writing to voice my anger and worry at the possibility of the ABC being privatised.

The ABC is virtually the only station my family watch because the commercial stations seem to only offer rubbish, that market only to particular aspects of society. The ABC and SBS are the only stations that provide news and programming that are independent of the right-wing, commercialised agenda of the other stations. This is only possible because they are government funded. IT seems the government only want to cease funding it because it does not agree with some of the views represented, which is a serious and disgusting undermining of our democratic system.

The ABC has provided enjoyable, intelligent, alternative entertainment for many years ( my entire life). My kids enjoyed ABC 4 kids and now they watch ABC ME, where they watch fun and educational programs like Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch. My husband and I watch the morning show, Q&A, 4 Corners and the news. These programs provide an alternative to the shallow sensationalistic programs of the other stations, which are clearly driven by profit and not much else. I am not interested in reality tv programs that only want to highlight the worst of human nature and I dont want to spend every program my kids watch explaining why they can't buy that toy or eat that junk food for dinner. Nor do I want to watch 'news' programs that have little, if any, journalistic integrity - Today Tonight??

I am extremely upset that members of the Liberal Party and One Nation have the ability to challenge the publicly funded nature of this station simply because it doesn't necessarily agree with their brand of politics. I am disgusted that the government would even CONSIDER privatising the station and thereby undermining the freedom of speech that is central to the very democracy that elected them.

The ABC should be safe from these attacks and the fact that it is not represents to me a sad decline in the values of this country's political parties. Public broadcasting is an essential component of Australian television and radio and the ABC is a valuable part of my family's life.

I cannot watch quietly while a small minority of right-wing individuals actively seek to remove the portions of our society that do not conform to their view of the world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

To Whom it May Concern:

I am deeply troubled by the proposition of privatising the ABC. The ABC has been a big part of my life, from a young girl, to a blossoming teenager, young adult, and now a middle-aged woman. The ABC has been the channel I turn to most, for quality tv shows, from documentaries, to Q&A, science programs, 24hr news channel, and over the last 9 years, ABC Kids. My children LOVE the shows on the ABC, and they have ever since their first episode of their beloved Playschool (which of course was a love of mine when I was young). These shows inspire my girls, they educate them, they provide entertainment, and they are shows that support our values, inform them of their culture, of other cultures, are diverse and intelligent in their content.

I don't live in regional Australia. I live in Sydney. But regardless of that, we choose the ABC over commercial television for the quality shows that they air. We wouldn't watch tv at all, if it wasn't for the ABC. Seriously, we mostly watch the ABC in our house, very rarely utilising the other stations.

I've been worried about the ABC and whether it would survive as a station with many cuts to its budget over the last few years, and now, with the threat of privatisation, I feel that our communities are going to lose a culturally relevant source of information and entertainment. I think our society will lose if the ABC is privatised. We will lose the quality viewing that we have been able to access. We will lose the diverse, interesting, stimulating content of its shows, and only be left with the banal content of commercial television, which seriously is mind-numbing at times.

The very premise of this current enquiry re whether public funding gives the ABC and SBS advantage over commercial stations is missing the most crucial point. There is no comparison between commercial tv and that provided by a public broadcaster. A public broadcaster should not be compared to commercial television. It plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should be supported by government, in terms of funding and protected from privatisation for the benefit of all Australians. Any funding provided to the ABC should be seen as an investment in the communities and in our democracy.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** dont touch our ABC

Australia! A land so vast so far flung. And yet almost every person living in this land has at sometime been touched by the ABC. Now 71 years old I have very fond memories of ABC radio. It would appear to me that our current crop of liberals are not comfortable with an honest broadcaster. Just imagine Alan Jones running the ABC! I cant. The word TRUST looms large. And we , the voters of Australia, TRUST the ABC. And we the people who trust and love the ABC will NEVER allow and party or person to tamper with our ABC. John Howard should for ever serve as a reminder to everyone, just what happens when the people are not listened to.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC Must Remain Independent and in Public Hands

The ABC is a deservedly revered national institution and must not fall under the influence of commercial interests and market forces.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC Belongs to Every Australian

For me the ABC opens up a free and diverse range of high-quality programming. The ABC plays an important role in our Australian democracy. The ABC's courage, creativity and humour give a stage to dissenting voices that make for a robust, authentic democracy. Embrace debate, not compliance. Be challenged instead of hiding in comfortable mediocrity. The commercial networks already have that territory all too well covered. Aunty belongs to all Australians!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatization of our ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC - our Australia-wide broadcaster.

Growing up watching the ABC has been an education - even when it's been a drama or family show. The ABC develops, films and gives us shows that are not afraid to introduce important social topics that commercially owned platforms would shy away from in case they dropped a point in ratings. Ironically, this has made the ABC's programs so valuable to our society- and popular. We need this for our culture and for all; not only our rural and remote communities but for city slickers too. SAVE OUR ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I am now 81. I have been a keen listener (and now viewer) of the ABC since childhood - I was an Argonaut and that program opened up the best of Western culture to me, a kid isolated in the bush. The ABC is an essential institution in our wide brown land and it would be criminal to put it in the hands of those whose only motive is profit. Personally, I would not watch the ABC if it were privatised - I don't watch commercial TV or listen to commercial radio and never have. Commercial bias would ruin our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Objective, reliable, credible news coverage

Of all Australian news sources the ABC is the most unbiased. Media Bias Fact Check (<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/center/>) is a US based organisation that assesses the degree of bias of hundreds of news services around the world. Australia's ABC rates at the very top for lack of bias. The ABC sets the standard for all other news services in this country and in this age of fake news we can't afford for it to be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is our only News Forum that can give us accurate news on any subject!! The Far Right Liberals and Pauline Hanson obviously do not want the public of Australia to know what is truly happening in Australian politics and what they do not want the Australian public to know. Shame on you! We live in a Democracy, not an Autocracy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** do not privatise the ABC

The television available is already so dumbed down it is disturbing. The programming is so narrow we need the ABC to remain in the public domain. The corporate path is not the way of the future..... look at the social issues we face. Making money is useful but not the solution. Creativity is required and the same old path of privatisation is outdated and irrelevant. I will not vote for the Liberal party and privatisation of the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep our ABC in public hands

What makes a worthwhile life for a human? For me it is my relationships with my friends and family - my conversations and shared time together. This together with my environment and a feeling that I am doing meaningful things. The rest is just little treats for a short-term hit.

For me the ABC is one of my best friends – one who stimulates me with good conversation – not always that I agree with but frequently stimulating. And like a human they are not perfect. But when my friend is threatened by vandals and thugs, who know the price of everything and the value of virtually nothing, I become concerned and will fight to defend that friend.

When Malcolm Turnbull was in the wilderness I felt a bond with him. He seemed to understand these values. He was a beacon of light compared with the vandals of Abbott and Abetz and Hanson. So what happened was a betrayal and I'm left wondering which the real Malcolm was. I'm increasingly thinking that poor old Malcolm just wants to be noticed by being in power. His legacy will be slight, in terms of doing good.

So instead it is proposed to sell it off my friend the ABC. We all know that the principal reason most commercial media to exist is to sell (except for Foxtel who want to drive their ideology forward). Will the ABC remain a trusted friend when they are mostly trying to sell me products and services? Of course not. And who will my friend be at that point. I have no idea. And as I approach 70 is this just another friend who will die - or worse than this - go mad?

Of course they won't cut the ABC! Death by a thousand cuts is a much more insidious way of achieving it. Bully it. Block its digital future. Smear it. Putin-like they have thin skins when faced with rational criticism. I'd prefer my broadcaster to be more BBC than VGTRK.

Man up Malcolm. Stand up Malcolm for what you espoused you believed in. Don't be Malcom Turncoat.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is for the people, not to be sold off to private interests.

I do not know what is driving those in the Coalition calling for the privatisation of the ABC, I can only assume that the public broadcaster is not meeting their needs for a right wing bias. So, instead they accuse it of having a left wing bias!

As someone who watches the ABC and SBS almost exclusively, I take pleasure in its moderate political commentary, being aware of how ideological motivations have distorted news broadcasting in the US; to have someone like Rupert Murdoch take over the ABC would be tragic. Generations of viewers have grown up watching ABC programs and, as adults, know that the quality documentaries and dramas it provides can rarely be found on commercial channels. Why is this so? Could it be that the ABC and SBS program selection is driven by a desire to offer and maintain a high standard not usually consistent with a profit driven agenda?

It has often been said that the ABC is an institution intrinsically part of this country's culture and that is exactly what a public broadcaster should be. What could possibly be a social benefit from its privatisation? May it long continue as we know it and have loved it since it began.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The Liberals have to be joking!

The idea of privatising the ABC is totally obhorrent!! I have watched the ABC consistently since the the 1960s, enjoying many locally and internationally produced drama series and fantastic comedy and in depth News and Current Affairs programs that none of the commercially owned broadcasters were buying but now emulate. The ABC has opened my mind and conscience and kept me enjoyably entertained. We do not need the aural and visual pollution of advertising and sensationalist News and Current Affairs production. I pay my taxes and am very happy to keep funding a brilliant broadcasting network and the Coalition government should keep their hands off our Aunty!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain the voice to the people

The ABC must remain a public broadcaster. The commercial stations are biased in it's culture. Ever since the deregulation of the commercial stations there are nothing but adds and filler programs as well as movies that have been on repeatedly for the last seven years. Take pity on the average person who wants a bits of knowledge and entertainment. Not a blanket Television spectrum that is brain washing repetitive humdrum for the brain dead.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

It is a Disgrace that the government is considering privatising the ABC.

- 1) think about regional communication networks - in a commercial world these services are seen as non-viable, leaving regional communities without quality radio and television
- 2) this is not your asset to sell, it is mine, my husbands, my families... it is the communities. The community does not want you to sell this 'public property prized asset.


My favourite radio station is an ABC channel. Some of the best drama and comedy produced this year that I have watched has been on ABC. My favourite streaming app is ABC iView.

How dare you consider a sale, how dare you jeopardize regional communication, how dare you mess with my favourite entertainment.

I can assure you that the political party that is committed to saving ABC will get my vote at the next election.

The ABC has my confidence as our national broadcaster for its professionalism, trustworthiness and creativity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need an unbiased & uncluttered national carrier to keep a political & big business on the strata & narrow.

As stated above.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC the last bastion of honesty and integrity

My support and my passion for the ABC, has never been higher  
Formally, I supported the ABC because..

No Ads

No Self Interest

No Financial Incentives and independence

An excellent suite of programs both Documentary, News, Interviews and Entertainment

The best and vital role of 'watch the watchers' and government'eg 4 corners . untold number of exposing corrupt and unacceptable practices by government and the private sector, Media Watch, QandA, the the entire ABC News.

My support for the ABC was doubled this week..


I spoke to a chinaman who was amazed that a state owned and controlled media organisation can retain the freedom of speech and ability to rubbish the powers that be including the government. Such a construct in China and many countries is unheard of. It is just so vital to our country.

Those who can't stand the heat of an independent voice and criticism, and or who can make a quick dollar for themselves or their paymasters and cronies can [REDACTED] off to China, the US or Russia, just go away love [REDACTED]

ps perhaps those anti ABC cretins should make themselves known at the next election, they will then be rid of for ever in politics.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am over 70 years old. i remember the radio being tuned to 2 BL in the mornings, for the breakfast session with Russ Tyson. In my teenage years, I learnt of what was happening in the world and around Australia. I still tune into ABC news knowing that they are not influenced by corporate advertising or any one political party's view on issues.


Having lived in rural NSW for a few years, I have experienced the valuable service provided by the ABC for people who would otherwise have no local news content.

The ABC is moving with the development of modern technology engaging Australians with content considered not worth broadcasting by commercial media who have to watch the "bottom line".

Privatising the ABC would make our national broadcaster just the same as all the other broadcasters. I value the unique sense of trust that I have in the ABC as one of the foundation stones of our democracy. Remove it, and the nation will lose an important foundation for democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

the very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. We are already bombarded by too many commercial networks with mindless commercials. By privatising the ABC it compromises the integrity and standards of our ABC. Hands off Mr Turnbull and cronies and don't insult the ABC staff and supporters by trivialising the charter and importance of the public broadcaster

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands


The Corporation was founded in the Thirties on the basis that it would remain independent. It could only do this by not being subjected to outside influences, which would happen were it now to be privatised. All the LNP think about is the financial value of everything. They have no understanding of democratic indendence, and hate having alternative points of view aired by the ABC.

I rely on the ABC for unbiased reporting, which is impossible to achieve with 84% of our newspapers being owned by NewsCorp. The commercial channels - once again - are at the mercy of their sponsors or the corporations owning them. The ABC is the only free-to-air media outlet which can report independently, and that is a very precious commodity these days.

There are certain things that cannot be privatised and the ABC is at the top of my list. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC - keep it in public hands!

A public media outlet is essential for any functioning democracy. The ABC has been a source of incredible comfort for me in the process of democracy where all different opinions can be voiced, critical, supportive or whatever. A national conversation that is not driven for profit is incredibly valuable.

On a personal note, having access to good quality free media has been incredibly important for the health of both myself and my husband. My husband has a chronic illness and relies on many ABC programs to bring the world into his bedroom. Without the ABC this would be a much darker and lonelier life for him.

Please, we need a public broadcaster for all of us.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** NEVER PRIVATISE THE ABC

The ABC is the only continuous source of even handed news and public social issues. It reports reliably on issues that Australians need to know about. It is a quality and non biased broadcaster and must be allowed to continued uninterferred with by Governments and funded to a level that makes it possible to do so.

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

Because all of our newspapers have had to reduce staff to control costs, the only consistent investigative journalism comes from our ABC and this is a major concern to me. Without media groups maintaining this kind of checking, large organisations, whether they be private companies, government bodies or political parties, will do what they like (churches etc caring for children, the large four banks, for example). Our ABC needs to be independent from the pressure of advertisers and politicians.

THank you,

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

Australia needs to perpetuate a national broadcaster in public, taxpayer hands, not another corporate broadcaster. It is vital that adequate public funding is provided to the ABC so that it can function effectively into the future.

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

How will we know that our trusty and reliable ABC will not fall into commercial hands with agendas we do not trust? How will we continue to have a constant and reliable platform when commercial interests control the opinions, programs and content on our national broadcaster? Keep the ABC public for the interest of wide ranging opinions, please - for the sake of keeping Australia informed. The ABC is as reliable as a family member. We need to keep the ABC agenda for the people, by the people. The ABC is a national treasure. Please don't privatise.

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

I am making a submission in support of the ABC as a tax payer funded entity and reject the attempts of the Turnbull Government and various supporting independent parties and lobbyists to privatise the ABC. The ABC has faced the onslaught of enormous budget cuts and complaints regarding their content which attempts to keep the governance of this country open and transparent.

As a former educator, I have found the value of the ABC has been significant. The ABC has supported the education of our young through many vibrant and educative programs such as Behind the News.

I am concerned that children's programs offered by the commercial networks are aimed at entertainment and supporting commercial advertisements, rather than education and intellectual engagement. The same can be said for their adult programs.

The ABC is the only broadcaster which has represented the values and diversity of the Australian people, the same values that the LNP and their cohorts voraciously claim to hold, when it suits their rhetoric.

The ABC is the only broadcaster to give a voice to our indigenous community through their NITV channel and the production of programs with indigenous content, and should be lauded for this. The ABC has done more for our social cohesion than any government platform has achieved.

The reliance of our regional population on the ABC for weather warnings, natural disaster management and news which is pertinent to their work and life is of paramount importance, and should be continued. Commercial broadcasters would not see this as of importance. Their only concerns would be profit from advertisers.

The success of the ABC in its streaming services should be lauded and supported. The perceived disadvantage by the commercial networks of the tax payer funding of the ABC is erroneous given that the ABC raises as much revenue for the country as it spends. Commercial networks raise revenue for their owners and shareholders, not for the betterment of the Australian public.

I am concerned that those who seek to sell or dismantle the ABC are attempting to stifle the dissemination of news and issues which are critical of the activities of vested interest groups who financially support the LNP.

The influence of news moguls such as Rupert Murdoch with his ownership of 70+% of the news outlets and his cable network Foxtel, funded with 30 million of Australian taxpayer's funds, must be countered by an independent public broadcaster lest our country's drift towards fascism and inequality will continue unchallenged and unnoticed by the public.

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

It is absolutely vital that the ABC be kept in the hands of the public, OUR hands! Too much in Australia is being sold off, we need the ABC it is an important part of Australian traditions.

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

The ABC must remain in public hands for so many reasons. It is without and doubt, the finest media organisation of most countries. To watch TV in Europe or the US or even Britain now, is to see the results of privatisation and a lack of a strong public broadcaster. Only media that owes nothing to a commercial owner, is truly free. The ABC & SBS offer the indepth news & current affairs programs that no commercial outlets does. Proof of this is in the responses from government at all levels, to issues aired on those media. No politician dares to refuse to be interviewed by the ABC and this why they want to defund and defuse it. But the ABC also buys and produces excellent drama & documentary too. Opinion in Australia is formed by debate aired by the ABC. A free country needs an unaligned broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The privatisation of the ABC inquiry

I have listened and watched the ABC for well over sixty years. The news signature tune was one I heard every day of my young life in my home and indeed still do. The national broadcaster has always had a fair and unbiased view and I and many others trust it in ways that are rare in the media in general today.

In an uncertain world it has an integrity that is not seen often anymore. We need it for balanced news and current affairs in an increasingly hard right populist world. It is not in any way left leaning but fair and intelligent.

It would be a despairing day if it was privatised and indeed I would like to see its budget reinstated as it seems it is being eroded by 'a thousand cuts'.

It seems as if our politicians are trying to destroy any form of fair and unbiased commentary. We need to hold them accountable. You do not need to look far to see what happens when the media is censored and this is what this looks like to me.

I trust its journalism and have watched its current affairs programs for a very long time with respect and trust. It is crucial to keep us anchored and honest.

Yours sincerely

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

The ABC must never be privatised. It is the fabric of our society; it is our community, our voice, it holds us accountable, it reflects our values and our thinking, it challenges us, it entertains us, most of all it reflects us. If we get rid of the ABC, we lose our voice and we simply submit to the commercial interests of an increasingly self absorbed, egotistical and narcissistic society. We can not afford to lose our barometer. A commercially run ABC would be no different to other commercial stations: where the parties with a vested financial interest steer the content and influence the story. Commercial stations produce mind-numbing rubbishy programs, even current affair type programs have an undercurrent theme and a sensationalistic appeal to their content. As an audience, we're not encouraged to think but to simply be enraged by so called injustices. By contrast we need to be stimulated and challenged, and this the ABC does in spades. It is a necessary and vital Public Good. Don't let us go down the path of an American style, dumbed down and insular society caused by commercialism and vested interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC has provided me with quality programming as distinct from so called reality television and the like, laced with longer and longer Ad Breaks.

With regards to news and current affairs, we must have a diverse coverage from at home and abroad, and the ABC provides this on both tv and radio. We must not gain all our news from a source that has an agenda based on profits.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

Please stop trying to RUIN the ABC. Please restore it to its former state before you began its ruination! The ABC is a very important provider of information and it used to have some very good local programs. Please stop pillaging the ABC!!

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NSW 2780 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to abc privatisation

My most trusted source of news , unbiased and fair , great local dramas, comedy and arts, rural news and so much more, it would be a travesty to go the road of privatisation with pop culture passing as news and being swamped by cooking shows and opinion pieces that are so unbalanced they make me want to weep  
We need the abc more than ever in our fractured political world  
NO to privatisation

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC is my most trusted source of news. With the bias from social media, I have given up on most of its forms for news. When I was using Facebook etc. I felt like I was in an echo chamber! I wasn't seeing a wide variety of opinions. The ABC brings me factual news that I don't think has a rival in Australia. I feel like I find out about current events as they are happening but without the sensationalism of commercial reporting.

The ABC phone application allows me to find out what is going on in the world every morning. ABC Comedy makes me laugh and find the humour in some of the day to day mundane activities. The ABC connects me to people unlike myself - I get to learn about new perspectives, cultures, religions and food. The ABC educates me and ensures that I question my own bias.

The ABC and it's different entities are invaluable to me. They connect me to other people and that has to be one of the most valuable parts of the human experience. Whether it's attending the ABC's Comedy Bites, listening to Triple J, calming my nerves to ABC Classic, reading news in the app, or disagreeing with people I see on Q&A, it has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember and I would not trust it as much or feel as connected to it if it was privatized.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC keep it in public hands

This is the best tv station. The only one my family and I enjoy watching and getting real news from. It is a combination of fun, funny, entertaining, serious and Informative. Please keep this station going in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep your hands off, "our ABC"

ABC is the channel I trust more than any other It is informative and interesting. It is good for little children as well as grown ups. It covers all ages. I will be very sorry if it goes.

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NSW 2035 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the abc in public hands

I live in Regional NSW where the ABC often reports on local stories and happenings that really matter to the Region. Without the ABC staying in public hands some of those stories wont be told. Privately owned media companies dont care about Regional areas they are only interested in the bottom line. Who else will investigate the difficult topics and keep companies and the government honest? It wont be the current privately owned media outlet. And who will continue to develop programs that are use Australian actors and stories that are uniquely Australian? We need the ABC to stay in public hands and not rely on private media companies who continue to deliver sensationalized commentary & stories that dont reflect the true reality of living in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do NOT privatise MY ABC!

It is terrifying to even think that the ABC is about to be sacrificed for pure political gain. It belongs to the people of this country, not politicians!

This public broadcaster is absolutely essential for a functioning democracy - completely free from vested interests.

The ABC has been a trusted news - & entertainment - for over 50 years for this family. It has been found time and again to be a neutral and trusted source of information.

I firmly believe that selling it off to vested interests - which also includes running it into the ground! - is a dangerous step and, to my mind, has treasonous intent.

Do NOT privatise MY ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public hands

Having lived in rural areas for most of my adult life the ABC has been integral to my being able to have constant stimulus around issues of Australian politics and the arts and sciences. No other privatised broadcaster does this with the constant dumbing down and commercial overtones to all commentary. The ABC is vital to our democracy and society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!


The Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) provides services that no other media organisation even attempts to provide, a range of coverage that includes Current Affairs, from a wide range of views, but also the Arts, Culture, Indigenous Affairs, Science, Health, Law, Religion. Unlike highly unreliable media outlets like 'The Australian', the ABC provides multiple viewpoints on issues, and most importantly provides a major service for our nation in times of emergency.

Its coverage of a wide range of issues such as rural affairs, indigenous affairs, film, music, history and so on makes it invaluable for our society.

The ABC must remain in public hands and free of the poisonous advertising that make other channels unwatchable.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I do not find commercialising the ABC very funny at all.  
Commercial TV = Dumbed Down TV (Cooking shows and reality TV OMG)  
Are you out of your minds?  
SAVE THE ABC  
Watch out for voter backlash!!! This is big!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** THE ABC - AUSTRALIA'S FOREMOST CULTURAL INSTITUTION

Growing up in a rural Tasmanian backwater over 70 years ago, the ABC was an important part of my life. It supplemented my education and contributed to my cultural development.

Many years later at a Parliament House rally in Canberra I heard a Nobel prizewinner say how he had grown up in a similar environment in NSW. He said something that struck a strong chord in me. He said that the ABC had been for him:

"a lifeline to an intelligent universe"

Now aged 80 I find the ABC still performs this function for me. In the arts, in music, in science, in local, national and international events it is a vital connection with what is going on in the world.

It is particularly necessary to maintain this independent voice.

Those who complain about a left-wing bias in the ABC are invariably so far to the right on the political spectrum that to them anyone near the sensible centre appears to be dangerously radical.

Now that so much of our news media is in the hands of a billionaire who has become a US citizen, we need to maintain the ABC as an independent voice that is purely Australian. Independent of government, independent of commercial interests, and independent of foreign control. This should not be changed. Nor should it be slowly strangled by reductions of funds.

The ABC's funding cuts should be reversed.

It is an important part of my life. I want it around for ever.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our hands

Even the idea of this is absolutely shocking. The ABC is a vital part of our media landscape for all ages and races. We must protect media against corporate and government interests, it is vital to our democracy, now more than ever.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise our ABC

I, like millions of other Australians, rely on the ABC for news and entertainment. The quality of the news and other programs on commercial channels is scrappy and does not seem to make any effort at balance. Any person who travels overseas, particularly to the USA is struck by the vast superiority of our public broadcaster. We are very fortunate to have such a great national asset. It has been forced to withstand repeated attacks and funding cuts from Government. It is time it was appreciated for the great asset it is to our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We own the ABC. Do not dare to steal it from us.

The ABC is the cultural artistic scientific and moral core of Australian society. It is also the most trusted news organization in the nation. The idea that all news could be sourced through the neofascist lens of the Murdoch press would be a national disaster

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

We migrated in 1986 from Germany to Australia. For our kids and our self the television was important to learn the Australian English. From Playschool to the evening news we used the ABC to settle and understand. Beside the language we had to learn the culture, politics, history and current affairs of this new country. Where else to turn to than to the public broadcaster. We need to hear Australian voices and till today we trust the ABC TV and Radio to give us the true information. If we privatise the ABC and make them dependent on advertisement, we will kill a big piece of our Australian identity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Support a public ABC

The question of whether the public broadcasters have undue advantage over commercial broadcasters misses the point of public broadcasting. That point is well described in the ABC's and the SBS' charter, set out in S6 of the ABC Act and S6 of the Special Broadcasting Services Act.

These charters recognise the fact that commercial broadcasting and public broadcasting fulfil different functions. The function of commercial broadcasting is to make a profit through entertainment; its primary function is not to inform, educate, reflect a broad range of community views and interests, or hold government and other powerful groups to account. Indeed, the profits of commercial broadcasters very often depend on NOT challenging widely-held myths or holding powerful groups to account.

The public broadcasters' ability at times to cover their expenses through profitable activities is not a commercial advantage; it is incidental to their primary function.

The ABC has presented a vital community service for over eighty years, and over that time has become one of Australia's most trusted institutions. If commercial broadcasters find it too competitive, they need to look to their own agendas. In the case of the Murdoch media, which have argued against the ABC for a long time, it is very clear that the agenda is to hold large, unaccountable power over a wide range of public debates in Australia, and to maximise the profits to a powerful foreign citizen. The ABC, by contrast, enables open discussion, genuine debate, fearless investigation, and educative programming - not to mention essential information services, for instance in times of bushfire.

Privatisation of the ABC would represent a deliberate, destructive subversion of a common public good.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC, it belongs to us

There are those amongst us who would like to prevent us from knowing what goes on in the real world, the one the big money people and the ones with their own agendas would like to hide for their commercial reasons. Not all of us can be silenced and our ABC is our principal spokesperson and should continue to have the right of free speech.

For purely personal reasons as a former advertising writer I avoid commercial television because I know what goes on behind the cameras. Yes, it gave me a good living and a good retirement and I learned the power that advertising commands. Watch it if you will but there are still some who demand something better and that is the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should be public

The ABC is an invaluable and independent source of news and entertainment. It will not fulfil its functions if it is privatised. Do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC!

The ABC fulfils a vital function in providing quality Australian content that commercial channels won't touch. Its current affair programmes are always well done and insightful. Governments should not be afraid of the ABC voicing alternative opinions - logical discussion is essential to confirming a correct opinion or the disabusing of an incorrect one. It is important that all Australians have access to differing points of view. Privatising the ABC would make it another one of the junk commercial channels we already have. And we can see from history, that trying to eliminate dissent will always come back to bite you, when a different political party is in power.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC.


The ABC is the country's most valuable and reliable news outlet. Programs such as 4 Corners, 7.30 and the now defunct Lateline are/were able to prosecute all varieties of news stories, without the fear of upsetting commercial interests to the benefit of the wider community. Unfortunately, this seems to to the detriment of some in the community who would rather have the "tame" version of investigative journalism as displayed by the current Commercial TV networks.

With free to air TV struggling to hold market share, the quality of programs is in rapid decline and is in a race to the bottom. Imagine if the ABC had to compete in this environment. It would only be a program quality disaster. Recent cuts to the ABC budget has put it in an inenviable position of not being able to sponsor new talent and programs, leading to constant repeats. In stead of privatising them, we should be increasing their budget to promote the cultural base in Australia.

Privatising the ABC will only lead to more Cooking Contests, Married at first site and supposed talent contests with hooping and hollering audience members.

That's why we need a publically funded National Broadcaster that's able to reach all of the nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The importance of a taxpayer-funded independent ABC.

I have been an exclusively ABC listener for 45 years, and I value it enormously because I feel that it is the closest thing we have to an unbiased news and information source. It also makes programs on a huge range of subjects (arts, science, sport, religion, social issues, philosophy, history, politics etc.) to which commercial broadcasters give less, scant or no attention.

I also value highly the ability to consume electronic media without the continual bombardment with advertisements for things I don't want ..... there are plenty of places where that IS available. The ABC is a very important part of my life.

The ABC should never be privatised, because its greatest strength, its greatest asset is that it is not dependent on commercial funding, and therefore not beholden to the views or demands of proprietors or advertisers.


The very fact that all political parties have their grievances with the ABC, especially when in government, illustrates its crucial role in Australian society, as it cannot (in its present form) be bought off or silenced on controversial issues or when investigating the various agencies of power both here and overseas.

Privatising the ABC would be an irreversible action, and I think it would be a safe bet that even politicians would regret its absence once the paucity of quality independent journalism became evident. But then it would be too late, because no government could/would buy it back.

I am very happy that my taxes fund the ABC (I would actually prefer that it received more funding at every budget rather than less).....

PLEASE KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS WITH ARM'S-LENGTH TAXPAYER FUNDING.

Yours sincerely,  
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SA 5172 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

My children were brought up on programs on the ABC, rather than commercial stations which would have encouraged them to eat rubbishy junk food, and watch American shows which were unsuitable. Play School, Bananas in Pyjamas, Bill and Ben the Flower Pot men etc are still beautiful memories I shared with my littlies! Not to mention The Arganouts of my own youth...I am close to 80 years old!

I believe the ABC needs to stay in public hands. The Hard Right of the Turnbull Government is determined to disturb Malcolm Turnbull because sulky Tony Abbott can't take a beating! Remember Tony assuring the Liberals and the public that there would be NO SNIPING!! What a joke! He hasn't stopped niggling , just like the spoilt little boy he is.

I believe the current affairs programs, the news bulletins and social injustice programs are all far superior to the commercial ones.

Please, please, please don't privatise the ABC!

Sincerely,

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NSW 2156




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I watch news on ALL channels. I want to hear ALL the opinions, then I make up my mind on what I believe is right. Remember that the ABC may, or not, criticise anyone, regardless of which political party is in power. When I do my shopping "I" decide where to shop! NO ONE tells where to go. My mind is and MUST remain free!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I find the ABC investigates areas others will not because it may upset their sponsors, and these documentaries can be vital.. I find it interesting, informative and vital. If it is sold off it will be influenced by the sponsors and controversial programs will be axed. It is freedom of information in action.

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NSW 2153



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC out of private hands

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Anti-privatisation of ABC

I thank God, that i can watch the ABC with advertisements for products (advertisements for program are useful). I think there should be a space in a democracy where people can enjoy programmes without interruption in the transmission by unsolicited advertisements or having to curb material so that it doesn't offend advertisers. The ABC is important to me because I can watch receive information that is likely to be unaffected by the agendas of money-making enterprises. I also believe it is my intellectual right to be free of the sensation seeking news items of commercial channels who exaggerate and even lie to capture an audience because e they are money driven. Please, respite from greed and sensation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The existence of an independent, unbiased, well resourced public broadcaster is vital to the functioning of a healthy democracy. Governments of all persuasions need to be held accountable for their actions as the temptation to increasingly take control and not be transparent in their workings are always present. These corrupt practises can only be brought to the public's attention through an independent media that has no vested interests to be accountable to. Other media outlets are owned by media moguls who have no accountability to the public and always have their own agendas.

One of the first things governments do when they wish to take control of the country is to close down independent media sources. I'm a very strong supporter of the ABC. We only watch the ABC and our grandchildren watch programs on the Children's channel. The ABC needs to be held in public hands to keep all governments accountable even though they hate being exposed. I will fight tooth and nail to keep the ABC and I'm sure I'm not the only one. It's absolutely vital and we seriously undermine our democracy if it is privatised.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We must not privatise the ABC

The ABC produces magnificent dramas and fabulous investigative shows such as 7.30, Australian Story, Q and A etc. I enjoy them and watch every week. RN is great to listen too as well. I also love classic FM. I hate the inane ads on commercial TV. The diet served up is sport, quiz shows, poor journalism, and pathetic American sitcoms.

Commercialising the ABC would just let it go rapidly downhill to the level of the current commercial stations and eat into the reducing pool of commercial \$.

If the ABC was commercialised, I for one would cease watching.

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NSW 2753




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC will NOT be privatised

I like the news content and documentaries shown on the ABC. Programmes like Landline makes me aware of rural Australia, their plight and their innovation. These are subjects you do not find on the commercial channels.

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NSW 2065 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

THE Program Q@A is the envy of people in the USA and most other countries -the ABC gives me a breather to think for myself without being manipulated by private agendas.

Do we really want to mimic Trump and destroy democratic institutions that have taken whole civilizations to develop.

Let's continue with the consciousness of Geist as proposed by the theologian and philosopher Hume on a progression not one of moral collapse.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I wholeheartedly value a free and independent media service! I watch the ABC for all my news, current affairs and documentaries. Please do not privatise the ABC as this will erode the trust in the country's news service.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our hands

The ABC is critical in providing balance and diversity in programming that simply commercial media can't provide. It is a platform for Australian film and media makers to create work that would likely never be commercially viable but are none the less important. The ABC tells our stories, adapts to the changing public sphere, as set out by its charter. If we lose this incredibly important asset, we will never be able to replace it.

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WA 6152 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must continue as a well funded independent media

The public funded ABC:

1. maintains support to regional areas that a privatised media can not.
2. Shows like ABC News, 4 Corners, Q&A, previous Late Line, Country Road etc all provided valuable independent media
3. Provides all the valuable media that private companies cannot or will not provide.
4. Provides independent comment on current governments regardless of their political alliance left or right.

Both the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded and therefore completely independent in providing independent valuable services to the whole community.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** OUR ABC !!!

The ABC is the NATIONAL broadcaster , not the GOVERNMENT broadcaster , as the Nazis on the far right want it to be . Maybe said fascists should go to the US to get their daily dose of Nazi bile !!

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save quality Australian broadcast television and radio

The ABC is an essential part of a balanced media landscape in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Where would we be without our ABC?

The ABC is an institution I have loved since a babe. Where would our childhoods be without playschool? Where would my primary school years be without Behind the News. How would I have gained an unbiased insight into the world without Q &A or Insight? There is nothing like these shows on commercial Tv. I am so disgusted that the Liberals are willing to sell off another public asset. I sincerely hope you don't win the next election. Our babies will grow up only knowing American accents and sensational news journalism.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

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NSW 2323






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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to ABC privatization!

Please do not privatize the ABC. In this country it is one of a kind. The last thing we need is yet another commercial rag pushing right wing agenda's & writing whats profitable over what needs to be said, even if a little off track at times. If the ABC lean a little to the left at times then it is sorely needed. There is already a massive imbalance in media delivery to the public favouring the right. It would be a massive public dis-service to tip that balance even further to the right. I'm a swinging voter. If the ABC gets privatized by the coalition it will be the last time I swing right guarantee'd. That is the level of betrayal I will feel. Enough with privatizing public assets please.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC MUST REMAIN IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP!

I am horrified by the Liberal Party Council's move to privatise the ABC. Public ownership of the ABC is essential to the proper operation of Australia as a democracy. No where else can one be sure that the 'news' is unbiased by the urgings of private ownership [whether in Australian or foreign hands] or by the need not to offend the advertisers who fund the commercial media. The ability of citizens to be fully informed about issues before elections is at risk if all broadcast media is influenced by commercial interests.

Nor would selling off the ABC improve the financial viability of the commercial broadcasters who would then have an additional competitor for the shrinking advertising dollar.

The ABC is currently the only broadcaster which carries out in depth investigative reporting on important issues. Removal of this would reduce the chance of discovery of many improper practices - by banks and other bodies which are of great public importance. The Liberal Party voting to privatise the ABC smacks of an attempt to protect the perpetrators of these practices from public scrutiny.

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

Dear Senators,I am deeply concerned about the future of the ABC. I cherish an independent news source,it is the heart of a democracy...all this nonsense of left leaning really indicates that ANY form of political/corporate investigation is deeply objectionable to ruling elites,who feel their power base is being challenged,yes alas exposure does reveal the truth,and this must be thwarted at all costs;anything does doesn't conform,is tagged "bias"thus slowing down the implementation of an agenda.It actually reveals quite an insight into the mindset of our "representatives". You won't manufacture our consent,so please leave the ABC alone...you can still have your intellectual love-in on the commercial platforms,and we can all get on with life.Thank you. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC. Take your profiteering bent & ...

I resent the intrusion of advertising for moneyed interests into my life. I have lead a simple life, settling into a very satisfying job in the public service as a university graduate after experiencing a range of lower level jobs, all of which had their good points but none of which met my growing aspirations. Since retirement I am much tethered to the ABC & SBS radio & TV and to free to air Internet offerings. I live simply in my local community & take very minimal notice of advertising, although I do need from time to time check market offerings for new purchases using mainly Internet resources. I watch commercial TV very sparingly for sports & for occasional films & value the commercial breaks only as nibble or toddle to the toilet breaks. The independence of the ABC & SBS is something I value very highly & find it hard to contemplate its loss driven by rich, self-satisfied people lacking in compassion for those of us who hanker for a simpler, fairer life and for those less fortunate at the bottom of the economic scrum.

Let those unable to countenance life outside the mad scrabble for financial gain and power enjoy the ample offerings they and their kind produce and keep their resentment of fair & equitable treatment to all(without exception) in check. Hands off our ABC!

A fair go to all & let the 'haves' forego opportunities to expand 'their lot' far beyond the comfort zone.

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

Watching and listening to the ABC (and SBS) is central to our family. We get our news and entertainment from the ABC. It gives us the chance to discuss and argue our opinions knowing that we are better informed because we know there is no reason for the ABC to be intimidated by the threat of sponsorship disapproval or to have to tow a predetermined line which precludes both sides of a story.


To privatise the ABC is counter to all notions of fairness and equality based news and current affairs reporting.

The opportunities that new and untested talent (acting, music, comedy - all the avenues that include performing, writing, directing, producing etc) will not be so available when PROFIT is the underlying motive of broadcasting.

Keep the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in public hands - ALL Australians have a right to a public broadcaster with ALL Australians' interests in mind .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatisation of public broadcasting

The ABC should not be privatised, as public broadcasting is a crucial element in a democracy. Who would be able to show trusted and neutral news, when all broadcasting companies are privatised, meaning owned by private people/companies with vested interests? News in Australia are already bad enough as it is, please don't take the ABC and SBS away as well.

Also, the very idea behind this inquiry doesn't make sense. Public broadcasting and commercial outlets can't and shouldn't be compared with each other, as they have very different roles to play. We need a neutral source of news. And a broadcasting company that doesn't only look for financial returns, but also for the quality of it's program, namely a public one.

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

We must maintain an independent national broadcasting service free of the pressures that come from vested interests.

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

I enjoy the ABC as it provides interesting, informative and unbiased news and current affairs. Commercialisation brings about commercial influences which effect content! The ABC also produces fine Australian drama providing jobs for writers, actors and film crews. The a tacks on the ABC are unwarranted and unfair!!

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

ABC to be privatised? Perish the thought! ABC radio is our daily staple. ABC TV 7.30 Report and 4Corners make us proud to be Australians: Hard questions asked following fearless and painstaking research. ABC Board Members are paid with public money to take care of, and stand up for, our independent broadcaster. They must do a great deal more to justify their positions.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please Do Not Privatise our ABC.

We have found that the ABC and the SBS News and Current Affairs are dealt with factually, without any political or corporate bias, and the presentation is excellent.

We need these publicly funded broadcasters, as part of our democracy. The ABC and SBS must remain, alongside commercial broadcasters; I see no merit in the government's attacks on our public broadcasters.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABc in public hands

Public broadcasting is essential.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands.

Everything we privatise in this country, we stuff up. Look no further than energy or Telstra. As for the ABC having an "undue advantage", well all that is more garbage from Murdoch. That "Dirty Digger" has done more damage to civil liberties around the world than many despised despots, including Trump & Putin. The ABC & SBS are the only sources of balanced TV news in the country. Please, do not let Murdoch and his puppets get their way.

Unfortunately we have a very weak spineless leader in Turnbull, and subsequently, the team are of the same ilk. They have no interest in what is good policy, just pandering to any low life who will help them keep their jobs. History has told us time and time again you don't find many lower forms of life than the Hard Right, unless one looks in the bottom of a pond.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the most trusted source of information in Australia. It is therefore imperative that it is kept out of commercial hands. Nothing less than our democracy is at stake and privatising the ABC would leave us vulnerable to fake news and populist views that aim to undermine people's ability to form an opinion based on facts and unbiased reporting.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I have followed the ABC since the late 1950s - it is part of my life. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. If the Liberal/National Party privatises the ABC, the results will be seen at the next federal election.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I watch the ABC in preference to the commercial stations because the content is far superior and comes without ghastly ads every few minutes. Privatising it would just make it another commercial station and suffer as a result. The ABC is for the thinking Australian and thank goodness there are millions of us to support it! Hands off our ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands; it is one of only 2 reliable news services and is a necessary balance to the absence of genuinely interesting current affairs programs on commercial tv.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why I love the ABC, and don't want you to sell it

Please, please don't privatise the ABC! For me, as for thousands - millions - of other Australians, the ABC is an itegral part of the fabric of our lives. I'm old enough to remember listening to Kindergarten of the Air coming through our huge old wooden valve-powered wireless. My mother listened to Blue Hills, which was a high point in her hardworking day. Dad, out in his shed, listened to the cricket and the football. My kids were entranced by Play School on TV, and much else besides. Now we all watch the 7.30 Report, and rely on the ABC news, and enjoy so many ABC-generated programs. The ABC doesn't need to produce cheap reality TV. It doesn't rely on intrusive and annoying advertising for its funding. It treats its audience with respect, and always has done. Sure, it may be biased at times, but bias allows discussion, and discussion is good. You cannot, you MUST not, privatise the ABC. You would be selling part of our lives, something we value, something that is irreplaceable. We need our programs, our books, our intellectual stimulation. Imagine mornings without ABC-FM! Unthinkable! The ABC is admired around the world, and greatly loved at home. For us Australians, it's like Vegemite, like Anzac Day, like Bradman and Melba and the dog on the tuckerbox. It's part of our culture. Please, please don't sell it off to the highest bidder. Our beloved Auntie must remain in public hands. It is NOT FOR SALE.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Strong public broadcaster essential for our democracy

I have been a listener to and watcher of the ABC all my life. I am extremely concerned at attempts over the last two decades and particularly in recent times to undermine the independence and financial viability of the ABC.

Those who see political bias in the ABC are looking through a very narrow lens. It is crucial that governments be scrutinised and held to account for their policies and actions. Commercial media have blatant biases and yet these same critics of the ABC do not call them out on this.

It is very damaging to a healthy democracy if media become simply mouthpieces for whoever is in power. The Labor Party has often criticised the ABC for perceived bias when they are closely questioned on actions and policies. Sections of the Liberal/National coalition constantly criticise the public broadcaster despite many of their number being given plenty of air time to promulgate their grievances and ideologies.

Were I in better health, I would send a more detailed submission, but I feel so passionately that a well-funded and independent public broadcaster is the basis of a well-functioning and relatively harmonious democracy, anything that undermines this must be rejected.

The majority of Australians support their ABC and it would be folly for any party to disregard this. Please reject all attempts at political interference in or commercialisation of the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** What is the ABC for?

A modern, democratic society needs information and an open space for debate. That is a public 'good' in the same way that roads, schools and hospitals are public 'goods'. That is not to say that there cannot be private roads, schools and hospitals, but public provision of information and access to debate are always necessary. That is why the ABC must be kept public. It is not in competition with the private provision of information or forums of debate, since they can never avoid the proper requirement to pay their owners a dividend. This applies particularly to the provision of information and forum for debate outside the major cities. Rural and regional users of the ABC are, in effect and quite properly, cross-subsidised by the big cities.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the A.B.C. alone!

1. I realise that the Liberal party, and their right wing affiliates believe the A.B.C. to be "left leaning" and that is the main push to "sell" it, or otherwise modify its content, it is NOT true. The A.B.C. has a balanced coverage that is not seen or heard on the commercial channels or radio. Of course that is anathema to them, they believe that the rot put out by the Murdock Press is the true story and it is necessary to have voters believe that.
2. The loss of news, per se in regional areas will be devastating for those affected, expect a huge backlash!
3. The A.B.C. is a strong supporter of local media production. The industry would be devastated by the loss, that is jobs for all involved in the production of the things we watch on T.V. or listen to on the radio.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I want the Australian Broadcasting Commission kept fully funded by taxpayers

Ever since I immigrated to Australia in 1969 I have cherished the wonderful information and entertainment I have gained through the ABC, initially only via radio, and then via television since 1981.

When I was a public servant working in public health and disability policy, I found programs such as the Health Report and the Law Report, invaluable to my being kept up to date with relevant research. Australian Story and Four Corners have also been staples of my media diet.

I have noticed that, each time a Liberal-National Party Coalition is elected federally, I have been forced to make submissions along these lines, of wanting to protect a national treasure, built up over the years through dedicated and independent broadcasters, and their invaluable archival resources which are currently being used to entertain and amuse, as in Annabel Crabb's TV series Back in time for Dinner.

There is no way that privatisation of this national asset, the ABC, will benefit the country as a whole. The past history of privatisations of key national assets such as the Commonwealth Bank and Telstra shows that they have led to a bleeding away of important skills, and a loss of integrity.

Please do NOT privatise the ABC, or even allow it to continue the indignity of the slow leaching of its funds which has resulted in the current situation of endless repeats on ABC TV and Radio National, and the demoralisation of key staff.

Yours sincerely

Dr [REDACTED]  
Avoca Beach NSW 2251

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands


Public broadcasting plays a vital role in our democracy and should never be compromised when compared to commercial media. Commercial interest is at the centre of commercial media, it's about making money, it has nothing to do with providing genuine, fair, balanced and honest programs for the public. They only push their agenda for their own interests. Only the ABC and SBS can provide programs like 4Corners, Insight, Q&A, 7:30 Report, AM, PM & Insiders that I trust. They are the first point of call for my TV news. In fact, my first point for Australian drama, comedy and documentaries. When touring around the countryside and I hear the Majestic Fanfare, I know I'm in Australia, I know I'm home. They are the voice of Australia not a mouthpiece for an intimidating, and now, intimidated Government. In the famous words of Don Chipp, they are there to "keep the bastards honest".  
Keep your hands off the ABC & SBS, for ever.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

Please do not privatise the ABC. I am deeply troubled by the Coalitions attack on the ABC because it threatens the very fabric of an open society. Public broadcasting is the platform that countries throughout the world use to ensure public access to media for the community. Programs that educate on a broad spectrum of issues which would be overlooked by commercial media. This is the whole point of public broadcasting and it would have a terrible impact on the community if it were to be privatised. And of course it is not just about educational content public broadcasting also acts as a way of making sure that the community has a voice in Australia's political landscape. Again it is self evident in the title "Public Broadcasting" the community does not have the resources to have it's voices heard on commercial media as again it is self evident, "Commercial Media". Who has the resources to make their political views heard on commercial media? I will tell you who it is not, it is not the community, which is why countries around the world support public broadcasting. They support public broadcasting to level the playing field so that the community not just the special interest groups have access to media. And please lets not forget "The Arts", art is fundamentally important to a healthy society. Public broadcasting fosters the arts, a recent report by the ACA stated that cultural activity contributes over 50 billion dollars a year to Australia's GDP. This figure can be debated but what cannot be debated by anyone who is serious about community cohesion and well being is that the arts are the voice of the community and privatising public broadcasting is essentially silencing that voice. It is hard to imagine a more narrow minded and destructive impulse that the idea to privatise public broadcasting. It is only through obfuscation and spin that the proponents of this ideology can present themselves as anything other than vandals that care more about ideological and financial self interest than the welfare of the Australian community. They should hang their heads in shame and if they do manage to enact the destructive privatisation of the ABC they will go down in history as opponents of the citizens of their own country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

The most admirable quality of television in Australia is the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, “The ABC”. I, and many of my generation, have grown up with the ABC and then ten years later when my sister grew up with the ABC.

There are not many television stations or television shows that have an impact on people’s lives and if most of us had to list tv shows we remember and love they would those aired by the ABC: Play School with Noni, John and Benita; Sesame Street; Monkey Magic; Four Corners; Foreign Correspondent; The Investigators with Helen Wellings; Quantum with Karina Kelly; Catalyst; The Afternoon Show with James Valentine; Behind the News; The Games; Utopia; Mother and Son; The Henderson Kids; Babar; Gumby; Astro Boy; Dr Who; Deggrasi High!....the list is long. I am now 40 years old and I remember all these tv shows because I was only allowed to watch the ABC! My sister, ten years younger, watched the same shows and we reminisce and joke about these beloved tv shows all the time.

Journalists and Presenters such as Mary Delahunty, Richard Morecroft, Paul Higgins, Helen Wellings, James Valentine, Noni Hazelhurst, John Hamblin, Sarah Ferguson, Kerry O’Brien, Liz Jackson, Andrew Ollie, Karina Kelly, Dr Gael Jennings, Zoe Daniels, Matt Brown, are part of my daily vocabulary and have shaped my interests and passions and introduced me to so many topics, current affairs issues, and opened my eyes and mind to the real world. I must say I am proud to view the world through the Australian Broadcasting Corporation lens.


It is unique, bold, brave, beautiful, honest and real.

Why change this privilege and gift to society that contributes to a future filled with educated children and adults and introduces different cultures and people to residents all over Australia.

The ABC is like the Sydney Opera House, the Great Barrier Reefs, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the MCG, Ayres Rock. Don’t risk it or change it. It’s the gift that keeps giving in priceless ways.

Save our ABC!!

From [REDACTED] Mildura

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The people want it to remain as our ABC!

Hi  
I really have trouble understanding why we all got a vote on gay marriage, yet when it comes to something like the decision being made on the ABC, there's no consideration of what the people of this country want. When I pay my tax money, I see it going to having my roads built, my rubbish collected, helping out when we have a baby AND paying those to bring me my ABC.  
Please keep us from being America. It isn't working well for the people of that country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC an Independent Public Broadcaster

It is important to have a body providing information and discussion which everyone can see and join in. In this age of targeted and controlled media, it is very easy for people to get only information which complex algorithms determine that it is information they will agree with. This results in people getting only one side of the story. There is no alternative view provided.

It is clear from the lack of programs providing balanced argument and information in the commercial media that the private sector seeks to promote the interests of the company owners.

The Liberal Party opposition to the ABC seems to be a wrong answer the question -"Why does the ABC seem to be anti Liberal?" The answer to this is not anti liberal bias. It is a natural tendency, correctly, to question changes to the status quo in our society in government policy or shortcomings in policy.

The Liberals need to prosecute their policies rather than shooting the independent reviewer or blaming previous (labor governments).

We are at where we are at. Debate the issues and get support on the basis of the quality of the policies.

I want to see an independent broadcaster maintained which provides me with views from a range of sources, such as The Drum and Radio National Breakfast. Where is the evidence that the commercial sector provides this level of commentary?

The argument put forward by federal politicians that they will ignore the Liberal party policy undermines the MPs credibility. Who wants to vote for a party whose MPs ignore the party policy? No one in their right mind. The public does not believe you.

Robust debate is the cornerstone of our democracy. Providing independent information from all parties is critical to providing a sound base for policy review. The policy to privatise the ABC smacks of the liberals taking an easy way out in the guise of privatisation is an inherent part of liberal DNA.

Freedom of speech trumps private ownership.

Regards

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**From:** < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** An Independent ABC

Personal reasons why the ABC should not be privatised?

I'm nearly 72 years old, and I can't remember when the mainstream media didn't speak for the right, for the powerful in society. To a 'pinko lefty' like myself, the ABC has been a great comfort, especially as Bob Menzies searched for the 'reds under the bed', and Joh Bjelke-Petersen fed the chickens regularly.

When the ABC tells unwelcome truths, whether by news or by satire, the right is angry because, more often than not, it is their secrets that are aired. While the ABC retains its independence, its journalists and entertainers can broach subjects that are forbidden to others.

The ABC exists to ensure that there is free media in Australia, because DEMOCRACY CANNOT EXIST in its absence.

From time to time, the independence of the ABC has been compromised by government. A glaring example of this was the gagging, at Malcolm Turnbull's 'request', of the ABC expert journalist who warned of the folly of the LNPs plan for the NBN.

Was it this denial of the public's right to know, or was it the money that Malcolm personally spent on media promotion, that won his re-election?

Either way, my previously reliable cable and landline have been replaced this system that delivers frequent internet drop-outs, and a phone that only works when the internet is connected. That is as personal as it gets! As a pinko lefty, my trust in the ABC has taken a hammering of late as the government installs its supporters at, and cuts funding of, the ABC. This is one of the main reasons I welcomed the appearance of GetUp, which keeps me informed of the devilry of the powerful that used to be the preserve of the public broadcaster.

The ABC has been nobbled in many ways.

There are the spurious arguments for 'balance' in reporting, by which the ABC's critics mean the truth should be balanced by their lies. 'Fibre to the premises' NBN balanced by 'Fibre to the node' NBN. Absurd!

There are the unrelenting attacks in the mainstream media.

Of course this reduces the independence of the ABC. "What if" the ABC is privatised? Will I lose my job? There is the constant pressure to permit advertising, for it to 'pay its way'. It has to be funded by government because because much of what it does cannot be done profitably, and it cannot be independent if it relies on income from private sources.

How wonderful has it been, being able to go to the ABC to get away from the advertisements?

We shouldn't be influenced by what the lemmings of the Liberal Party want, which is control of all major media outlets in the country, nor should we be impressed by the denials by LNP leaders with their eye on the coming election.

The ABC is an essential service. Privatising essential services has been a gold mine for the wealthy, and a disaster for the rest of us.

There is the high cost and shortage of energy, because private companies have no interest in the well-being of the people of Australia.

There is the resistance to the adoption of renewable energy, because so many private companies will lose as coal is phased out.

There are the shady practices of the banks, made possible by the privatisation of the Commonwealth Bank, and subsequent de-regulation.

There is the contracting of government services at prices far greater than former government employees cost to provide, and the loss of expertise and empathy.

Putting it politely, the right has screwed this country, and seeks to keep us in the dark so they can continue to do so.

The people of Australia deserve better. It's time to re-assert the ABC's independence, not privatise it!

Damn the politicians!

Thanks.



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC and SBS are exempt from the Commonwealth Competitive Neutrality Policy

I am writing to provide some important input into the Inquiry into the Competitive Neutrality of the National Broadcasters.

This inquiry and its terms of reference rely on the 1996 Commonwealth Competitive Neutrality Policy. (1) This policy states that “Competitive neutrality requirements will be applied to significant government business activities, but will not be applied to non-profit, non-business activities.”

This Policy specifies three criteria that must be met before a government activity can be considered a “business activity”. These criteria include:

- a) user-charging for services
- b) the existence of competitors, and
- c) that managers have a degree of independence in relation to the production or supply of goods or services.

As the ABC or SBS does not charge for its core services including broadcast and online media, these services do not fall under the definition of “business activity” and should be excluded from any examination by this inquiry. An attempt to include them would undermine the integrity of this inquiry.

In addition, the ABC or SBS are non-profit enterprises providing services that are more akin to the services that hospitals or schools provide. The competitive neutrality requirements do not apply to such activities.


And finally, it could also be argued that the ABC and SBS Charters together with other government requirements and restrictions also mean that these organisations do not have the independence that the Competitive Neutrality Policy requires.

For example, there are many things that the ABC or SBS Board, managers and executives can not do that a commercial competitor can, including using the media to provide false or questionable information or to support partisan political views or candidates.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A non-commercial ABC is essential for our democracy

I am a first generation Asian Australian. Because my parents never knew anything about the politics and current events of the country I was never in a position to learn about what was going on in the country, about decisions and current events that affected me, free from commercial bias. I discovered ABC on my own and this has been my window into Australian news and current affairs. I have learned so much about how the system works that I was never able to obtain via commercial channels. This has been so important for me to participate fully and with eyes wide open in Australian democracy. The thing is, commercial channels have the incentive to gain PROFIT ultimately, and their primary aim is not keeping the public informed about what is going on regardless of ratings. Also, commercial channels are beholden to their corporate sponsors so they are under pressure not to broadcast things that criticise or cast negative light on their advertisers. It is so important to me to keep this big money out of our public broadcasters. In the current world of news which is being flooded by click bait and misleading information, the ABC is my only source of unbiased trustworthy information. For this reason I feel that the ABC must be kept ONE HUNDRED PERCENT in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is one of very few news sources that I trust because it is not privately owned by someone with big money and specific political connections. It is also an invaluable source of Australian and non-US made television shows, particularly children's shows. It is quintessentially Australian and I fear privatisation would irrevocably change the content and nature of the channel to the detriment of our cultural identity.

Thank you for your time,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I write to urge the Government to ensure the ongoing strength of the ABC as one of our most crucial civic and cultural institutions. Its public character is critical to its intellectual and political independence and hence to the health of our democracy. Without the independence enabled by its public character we would not have its in-depth news and commentary capacities. Similarly its contribution to the vitality and strength of the cultural life of our nation is fundamental. The ABC is not a monolithic organisation. Its contributions are rich and varied through radio, television and online platforms. It is essential this is retained and strengthened for the benefit of current and future generations of Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in the publics hands.

When I need the truth I will look to the ABC because it is not influenced by the money of commercial interest. It is the only chance for real deep investigation of issues that are connected to money for it is independent of that money. Yes this makes those driving money policy uncomfortable and it should for it provides them absolutely no favour. Were there ever a change to the position of the ABC there would be no independent voice left to save the real community interests from being submerged in the interests of commercial enterprise. It important to remember that the majority don't have the resources to tell their stories and unless there is an independent narrative without commercial compromise there will be no authenticity left in the Australian medias voice.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

Come on. We the public need a non-commercial option.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,

Please do not privatise our ABC, it breaks my heart that this is even something we have to fight for. It is a basic right in a free democratic country that we have access to a public broadcaster. This is a fundamental part of any good democracy and to be honest I am actually still in absolute shock that members of our government are against this, as in essence they are attacking our very democracy in which they are placed to protect.

I only watch the ABC and SBS broadcasters as I choose to only allow my family to have well balanced and respectful information entering our brains. The ABC has the most incredible current affairs and news channels (including the 7:30 report and four corners), the news is balanced and well researched, with many stories first being exposed through the wonderful team at ABC. The best of the best news investigators and journalists work for ABC, including Leigh Sales, who was the only journalist to interview both Hilary Clinton and James Comey recently. The content of ABC represents a multicultural, rural and diverse Australia, where everyone has a voice and our Australian values of respect and equality are demonstrated. ABC belongs to all of us, free from commercial interests. ABC is our culture, it is our expression of art, it provides people with jobs, it unearths local talent, it is our connection to each other.

The ABC makes Australia feel like home for me, it feels like apart of our family, as we sit down to watch home-grown Aussie news, documentaries, comedy and drama. The best home-grown Aussie shows are always ABC creations, including Kath&Kim, SeaChange, Rosehaven, The Gruen Transfer, Q&A....this list goes on.

How on earth could our government think that it is in the best interests of the Australian people to destroy the pillar of our Australian culture?? The only reason I can see why the liberal party would want to privatise the ABC, is that firstly that they are putting the interests of large corporations above that of the Australian people and secondly that the ABC with its values of respect and integrity it does not express the unscientific beliefs of some Liberals (such as not believing in Climate Change or racist views).


The ABC is here as to ensure that rational thought and logic, respect of people and proper use of scientific reasoning can be accessed by the Australian people. I do not know any person who would let this happen to our ABC, we will fight to protect our culture and our democracy with all our hearts.

Protecting the ABC would be the number one issue for me at any election, if this is a fight that we have to have. This saddens me so deeply, as if one does not value our ABC then they actually have a very poor understanding of what makes a flourishing democracy.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

If ABC goes into private hands we will get a like Alan Jones biased corrupt and immoral broadcast

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is the primary mode of news and information we listen and watch. We live in rural WA on the south coast, and because the ABC is not owned and run by private enterprise, it is the only media that we trust. Not only that, the programs on Radio National are the most interesting and inspiring. The commercial media deliver rubbish news aimed at keeping their commercial interests turning over.

Your sincerely [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** abc

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the most trusted news source. SBS is also my chosen one. We don't watch commercial TV.  
Hands off Our ABC and SBS!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP THE ABC FOR THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA NOT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE!

I have grown up with the ABC and credit it with my life long interest and knowledge of current affairs as I did not have the opportunity for much formal education. I am an avid watcher of the ABC every day and over a lifetime of viewing, trust it as a news source. I also watch news and current affairs on the commercial channels as a point of comparison and because I believe that no one source provides the full story. However, the ABC is almost always proven to get it “right”. It is so obvious that a democratic nation needs an independant voice that I cannot believe anyone with the nation’s interests at heart would even think of privatising the ABC. It makes no sense on any level and the day they do this is the day I lose faith in government entirely. I don’t vote liberal but would have even more reason not to if they proceeded along these lines and would vote for any party that stood up for the ABC. In fact, it would mobilise me to join that party. Please come to your senses. Privatisation has ruined many government services and will ruin our ability to obtain quality information and entertainment. Once it is gone, the bar will be on the ground. Is that really what they want? I hope I am dead and buried if it happens as my life will lose one of it’s main pleasures and I will have to look overseas for my news and current affairs. At least I can access it via the internet ( at a cost) but why should I have to?? Why are they trying to dumb us down? I thought the liberal party was in favour of education and knowledge? I would hate to see the state of our nation if it obtains its news soley from the infotainment of the commercial channels. I do not want my news and current affairs in 20 second pieces peppered by ads. Or if I do, I want it balanced by the gravitas and real journalism which characterises our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,

The ABC plays an important role in our society as a politically unbiased voice, capable of analysing issues on their merits. Privately controlled organisations cannot do this as they must conform to company policy as dictated by a board. The ABC is an important voice in regional and rural areas, where it would not be able to operate if it were a private concern driven by the need to make a profit. Regional and rural services would be the first ones cut.

Please leave the ABC as a completely independent, publically funded body.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why yet another enquiry into the ABC?

It's disappointing hearing yet again that an enquiry is needed into the ABC and the SBS.

Every day I received my news and opinions on stories across the world and locally on TV, radio, podcasts and catch up streaming services that would be difficult to achieve if it was left up to commercial interest media outlet. I'm completely confident that my news I'm consuming is balanced and well researched, in fact the Australian broadcasting commission has a charter that stipulates it must be fair and balanced in reporting. By virtue of a national broadcaster, of course it's available across Australia on different formats playing an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy every single day and shouldn't, and cannot be compared with the smaller reach of commercial media outlets (it even does this on less tax payers dollars than previous years whilst offering its content on multiple platforms)

If any privatisation was to occur, we will begin to lose our only national, independent media outlet. We should never, ever take a free and independent media for granted. As Thomas Jefferson once said: 'No government ought to be without censors, and where the press is not free no one ever will'

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the last bastion of balanced journalism left in Australia. The rest is gradually being infiltrated by hard-right propaganda merchants, most of whom are employed by either newscore or fox.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Support a fair and balanced broadcaster

My whole life I have grown up with and enjoyed the programming on the ABC. It required by law to examine all sides of any argument it presents. If it is privatised we will have no control over any bias the new corporate overlords might attempt to imbue through practices and policies which are not transparent. What if Saudi Arabia were to own a controlling share how would this affect our nation as a whole? Do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public ownership

I live in a remote regional area in Gippsland. The ABC is essential to me for informed and unbiased analysis of contemporary issues and events - both TV and radio. Further, the ABC should be expanded to allow Radio National to be accessed by all Gippsland residents. Private enterprises have private interests that are, by nature and definition, generally at odds with the needs of the public. The ABC must stay in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please do not privatise the ABC!

I really hope that there is no real intention among senior members of the Coalition to privatise the ABC or to make further cuts to its funding. It is the only source, both in TV and radio, of independent intelligent news, analysis of a whole host of topics (from health, environment, politics, social matters, sport etc) and wonderful music. It doesn't include crazy, uninformed, party political rants like those found on commercial outlets e.g. Alan Jones, Ray Hadley or John Laws. There is no interruption by inane advertisements that try to sell us unhealthy food, useless gadgets and foster a consumerist society that is creating huge heaps of problematic waste. It caters for a wide range of musical tastes which are just not met by other radio stations and it creates innovative, entertaining drama and comedy. If it were to be privatised most of those wonderful qualities would be lost.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

It is with sadness that I find myself even writing this. Life is full of change of this we can be certain but the purpose of life surely should be towards growth in terms of wisdom and capacity to offer insight and greater potential to those that follow on from us. The main vein of this kind of growth is met in discerning review of the lessons of history. With this in mind there is not one example of privatisation of public assets that has achieved greater potential of its purpose as a result and not one nation I can think of where the privatisation of a public broadcaster has offered superior journalism or entertainment by consequence. The ABC is doing its job well if it irritates political parties and corporations alike. It is very important it remains funded by Australians for Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!!!!

The ABC is one of Australia's great treasures and should never be sold or underfunded. It performs a task that is the envy of the world - it informs without bias, and is unafraid of exposing the ills in our society. It educates and inspires. I love in fear of an Australia whose primary source for information may rest with shock jocks, biased reportage and tabloid journalism. LEAVE THE ABC TO DO ITS JOB. LEAVE THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS. It is one of the great uses of my taxpayer dollars.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Must Remain Public Owned

When our media is now substantially owned by corporate vested interests, not least fossil fuel vested interests which give us a slanted propagandised version of the news, it seems vitally important to keep the ABC in public hands to present a less biased, less corporate view of the world. An important foil to the majority of our media - absolutely vital in a democracy trying not to fall victim to corporatocracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Suggested privatisation of the ABC

After normally busy days, we relax most evenings by watching a couple of hours of television, normally starting with the ABC New at 7.00 pm. We also occasionally watch programs on SBS but almost never turn to commercial channels, for a variety of reasons, including the intrusiveness of advertisements. If the ABC was privatised and became yet another commercial channel, we would almost certainly end up watching very little television. This would be detrimental to our entertainment but also to our understanding and knowledge of what is happening in Australia and the rest of the world, as news, analysis and high quality documentaries are a large part of our television viewing. We urge any government never to even consider privatising this invaluable organisation. This is a plea from us personally but also for hosts of others in the community who access the ABC for their own enjoyment, information and a sense of community.

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Cromulla 2230

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

This government is hostile to the ABC. In an increasingly commercial focused media market, the ABC is more crucial than ever for delivering Australian content. The ABC's per capita funding has halved in real terms in 30 years. A small price is paid for a publicly trusted independent, commercial-free news organisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC and SBS must stay in Public Hands


I grew up in the Hunter Region and at the time there was only 2 stations, NBN3 and the ABC. Even when we had the choice of other stations later, it was always the ABC that I myself as a child and teenager turned to for entertainment, news, documentaries. The reason being that it was the only station that had firstly interesting and engaging content, a broader view in presenting the news and current affairs, ground breaking documentaries, and a focus on informing the masses of what was really going on in Australia and the State. Even to this day 4 Corners seems to be the only trusted investigative journalism on TV, reporting on real issues and not just fluff and vested interests.

This country needs an independent and publicly funded broadcaster. Its the only way to keep Govt and other organisations accountable and to inform the public of any wrong doing that is going on as well as independent information about new developments in technology, science, and movements. This cannot be achieved with a subscriber service or a commercially funded organisation which only look out for themselves or to people who can pay. The ABC must stay public and be received by all for free.

Such a service cannot be compared to commercial operations as they are not in it to make money, they are there to inform the public, to educate, to report, to discover, to investigate and to keep the public office accountable. It is the keystone to a democratic society.

The ABC and SBS must not be privatised or its charter altered.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands


The ABC must remain independent of the manipulative commercial interests and biases of those media owners whose only interest is growing their own wealth and influence by stifling public knowledge of important events.

The ABC is the only news source most thinking Australians trust and welcome into their family homes to give them, and family members, reliable and well researched facts, and open debate with people of various opinions as found in Q&A, 7:30 report, ABC News and many other programs.

In addition the ABC has wide spread responsibility for delivering accurate information and support to the wider Australian RURAL community that private commercial based carriers would not do.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC has been a trusted constant in my life and the lives of my children. Being able to watch non-commercial content is so important, particularly in this age of social media and inundation of advertising everywhere else. If the ABC is privatized we are just one step further down the rabbit hole of big corporations trying to influence what we must think. It's a total sellout to the power and money and should never happen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Inquiry into the Competitive Neutrality of the National Broadcasters

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to provide some important input into the Inquiry into the Competitive Neutrality of the National Broadcasters.

This inquiry and its terms of reference rely on the 1996 Commonwealth Competitive Neutrality Policy. (1) This policy states that “Competitive neutrality requirements will be applied to significant government business activities, but will not be applied to non-profit, non-business activities.”

This Policy specifies three criteria that must be met before a government activity can be considered a “business activity”. These criteria include:

- a) user-charging for services
- b) the existence of competitors, and
- c) that managers have a degree of independence in relation to the production or supply of goods or services.

As the ABC or SBS does not charge for its core services including broadcast and online media, these services do not fall under the definition of “business activity” and should be excluded from any examination by this inquiry. An attempt to include them would undermine the integrity of this inquiry.

In addition, the ABC or SBS are non-profit enterprises providing services that are more akin to the services that hospitals or schools provide. The competitive neutrality requirements do not apply to such activities.

And finally, it could also be argued that the ABC and SBS Charters together with other government requirements and restrictions also mean that these organisations do not have the independence that the Competitive Neutrality Policy requires.

For example, there are many things that the ABC or SBS Board, managers and executives can not do that a commercial competitor can, including using the media to provide false or questionable information or to support partisan political views or candidates.

I would appreciate it if my name and address below were redacted in any future publication of submissions to this enquiry to ensure my personal safety and privacy.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to return to the quality broadcasting service it used to be. Less light weight rubbish it is forced to resort to with increasing budget cuts.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't jeopardise your electoral chances

Dear Parliamentarians,  
Why risk the electoral wrath of the millions of thinking people who prefer the ABC to you.  
If push comes to shove you're dead in the water.  
Do yourselves a favour and leave OUR ABC alone !  
Regards, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3450 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It IS OUR ABC. We need the ABC. Hands OFF!!!

As a citizen of Australia I have always relied upon the ABC for the REAL news, untainted by political editorialism or Meta Capitalism. I have lived in the country and in the city and I know the very real dependence of having no commercial coverage whatsoever. As commercial radio and TV are monopolised by extreme right wing ideologues and greedy short sighted media moguls we in fact have less and less choice about what we watch. My husband and I always watch the ABC. We are frequently obviously better informed than friends who stick to commercial channels. It is OUR country, and OUR ABC. I want it funded, and I want it in public hands, and NEVER to be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC must not be privatised for a litany of reasons. It provides the fundamental foundation for our collective voice, it offers public engagement/education and storytelling to us all - as a nation - beyond partisan politics or commercial interest. It provides a host of intelligent programming to people across the country in both regional and urban contexts. The quality and value of this public resource must be upheld as it has been for generations. There is no reason why tax payers money should not fund the ABC - a communication network that is vital to our democracy. Private interests will not produce content with the same quality or intelligence because private interests are driven by commercial agendas and outcomes. The ABC provides a voice for a vast cross-section of our society and is fundamental to our democracy. It is a source of great pride and importance for thousands of Australians across all demographics. Do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Suspicious inquiry

This inquiry places the Turnbull Government and One Nation in a very suspicious category. It adds to the shame of commercialising SBS and destroying the self funded community channel 31.  
This is MY ABC !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is my source of news, current affairs and investigative journalism. No other commercial channel goes anywhere near the accuracy and breadth of what the ABC puts out every day and week. I don't want "popular" or trivialised news or reporting. It is blatantly clear why the current government and right wing groups continually attack the ABC and why funding is cut each budget - the ABC is the only voice giving viewers accuracy and in depth knowledge of what is occurring. Look at 4 Corners, would any of the topics they reported on ever have seen the light of day with the commercial channels, no. The latest 3 part series on 4 Corners was brilliant. It's not about misuse of public money, it's accountability of government, whether it's a Labor or Coalition government and without an organisation such as the ABC we will be like Russia or China, fed only news or facts the government wants voters to have. And, it's not only news, the ABC has wonderful programs for children, cultural programs, does anyone really think a commercial - for profit - organisation is going to provide these services. Increase funding for the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep your grubby corporate hands off the People's ABC

The ABC is the only channel I watch for fair and informative information which I trust plus no commercials! Our media world is flush with corporate ownership e.g.. R. Murdoch pushing the 'rights agendas". Give the Australian public a break and leave this wonderful institution in the hands of the public. The Libs suggestion to privatise the ABC is nauseating and an assault on our democracy and fair play. Hands off Libs.

Regards [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

ABC is the voice of ordinary Australians like us. It must never be privatised, to seal our voices.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public ownership

I have been an ABC watcher and listener all my life. Strong and precious memories of watching 4 Corners with my Dad after Sunday lunch and staying up late to watch the first screening of Monty Python's Flying Circus. I listened to 2 Double J on an old valve radio in my bedroom at night because it was hard to receive in Melbourne during the daytime. Been a big RN listener too and ABC Classic and Jazz. Love the cricket and the Sunday night TV dramas. Cannot imagine aging without a strong independent ABC. It is just that important and must be preserved and funded adequately at all costs.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in public hands

The abc is the best station to watch. They have a good choice of variety and the iview app is the best available. I trust factual stores in the abc before any commercial stations who have invested interests I don't know about.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I wish to make a submission opposing the privatisation of the ABC. it is a community service, not private enterprise. I am 70 years old, and the ABC has been in my life from childhood in a small country town in Tasmania, where the only media was the ABC radio. we were dependent upon it for cultural and entertainment input, which connected us to the rest of the state and the country, and also was the only source of information about emergencies. all of these roles still exist, and must be protected. the private enterprise which has taken over, and wishes to have monopoly on our minds, is not a reasonable exchange for the freedom and reliable information which the ABC, in its various roles, continues to provide. Murdoch won't be interested in providing services which don't involve financial profit. the ABC provides us with a rich community life and a truthful connection to the world as it really is. We are dependent on the ABC and it is so distressing to see the "death by a thousand cuts" that this Coalition government is applying through reduction of funding and ongoing attacks on the ABC itself. I want the ABC to still be here, still doing the job that the community expects of it, long after this mob has disappeared.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC AND STOP GUTTING THE ABC! THE ABC MUST BE ABLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING A BROAD VIEWING PLATFORM FOR ALL AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE!

I'm almost 60 and the ABC has been and still is a significant part of my life due to consistent content and integrity.

I am an adamant supporter and watcher of many programs on the ABC including Four Corners (the most outstanding REAL television anywhere in the world – and one to be intensely protected so the public is able to find out what is happening behind secret closed doors – how many exposés have been revealed in Four Corners' lifetime that have lead to reform??); other in-depth television I watch regularly are Q & A, Insiders, 7.30, and Lateline (sadly gone). I regularly watch Landline, Gardening Australia and many fine documentaries, cheeky comedies and I find a daily dose of the ABC is good for my mind and my mood. I also have my car radio tuned to ABC 702 and love the variety and what I can learn each day. Unlike commercial stations that bombard me with nonsense.

I need to experience hearing my fellow Australians debate and discuss diverse topics. I want to know what is going on and being felt from different points of view! I have always found Q&A especially good at reading the times with diverse opinions and robust debate. The ABC provides platforms for a variety of public voices and that is very important to me especially as I see more and more commercial station news catering to narrow selected views and our media landscape becoming more single minded rather than broad minded.

My children grew up with play school and the children afternoon shows. I deliberately chose the ABC so my children would not be bombarded with advertising. Privatising the ABC would mean there will no longer be a national broadcaster that does not bombard its viewers with advertising for profit.

Now living in the country the ABC and SBS is my main way of learning about what is happening in our country and the world. I tune in to the commercial stations only for frivolous fun when I need a break from the world. With commercial television becoming more and more brainwashing in materialism and silly distracting stories masked as news (and numbing reality shows!); I want to be able to access deeper analysis and insight to happenings in my world. The ABC (and SBS) provides this for me.

Can we seriously not see that privatising the ABC would mean a loss of meaningful content? Content that makes us sit up and pay attention to what is happening in our world? Content that makes us THINK and actively participate in our world rather than be a passive sponge for consumerism and materialism? PROFIT IS NOT THE HOLY GRAIL! PUBLIC INTEREST CONTENT IS!

DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC AND STOP GUTTING THE ABC! THE ABC MUST BE ABLE TO CONTINUE PROVIDING A BROAD VIEWING PLATFORM FOR ALL AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC out of public hands

It is vital to our democracy that Australia has a public broadcaster that is not driven by profit .The ABC is the only broadcaster with a commitment to professional in depth news and public affairs issues. My wife and I are in our seventies ,our children enjoyed the educational value and fun of such shows as Play school and many others ,now our grand children enjoy similar shows the ABC provides for them. One only has to look to America where dollar driven news has resulted in a dumbing down of the majority and an increase in the disconnect between the "haves and have nots"

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

To get fair and balance views

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is our channel, it is independent and has the best news. ABC is my preferred tv channels and provide an excellent service to our community.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in Public Hands

If the ABC is privatised it would spell the death of democracy in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The publicly-funded ABC is essential to our democracy!


The existence of print media is widely threatened, and their investigative staff are increasingly reduced. Social media are largely in the control of commercial organisations like Facebook and Google whose sole concern is to make more profits.

The publicly-funded ABC is soon likely to be our only source of independent journalism, exposing corruption (like the Obeid scandal) and threats to our society's well-being (like Four Corners' investigation into aged care facilities).

It is essential to the health of our democracy that it be properly funded by taxpayers, and valued by governments to keep our society well-informed, and free of commercial interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC, in our hands!

Dear Politicians,

As an avid fan of ABC TV and Radio since my earliest years in Australia, I feel very passionate about this institution remaining a public asset.

Under no circumstance can it be allowed to be privatised! It is 'our' ABC, and privatisation would mean the end of that.

It is a thoroughly unique Australian institution, and very precious as such.

I, my family, children and friends hold it in the highest esteem.

Rather than giving the Rich and Big Business a tax break, support our ABC!

Respectfully,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our hands.

The ABC is an essential part of Australian media. Personally the representation of Australian diversity and commitment to telling Australian stories is something that I hold as important. The importance and impact, on our culture of the ABC cannot be underestimated.

Australia is a small market, without the ABC being funded by government we'd be left with the commercial channels - with the exception of SBS the commercial channels have no interest in telling the stories of marginalised or minority voices. They do not care to reflect all of society - there is a place for both the commercial and the public funded media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

The ABC is the only national broadcaster with an active news team not beholden to advertising pressure. This ensures that all corporations, parties and people can be treated openly and fairly when investigated. Fear of losing advertising dollar can inhibit deep investigations in the other media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** privatizing the ABC

Our ABC and SBS both give us programmes which no commercial channel does - documentaries on natural science, geography, history, archaeology, medicine and so on which no commercial channel ever does. Such intellectual content would diminish or be totally absent and the ABC would become just another commercial enterprise with its intent on making money. The ABC has always maintained an educative aspect and that is very much appreciated in a society where such interests are being continually eroded. Let it not die out in a society which is moving too rapidly in that direction already.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

Who else could turn all the rocks over but the independent ABC? The one good thing about the Liberal Party's dodgy inquiry into possible privatisation is that now, finally, the Liberal Party, which already has enough rope to hang itself, is finally kicking away the chair. They may think that NewsCorp and Alan Jones will be enough to get them over the line with ignorant Australians. Oh dear. Would the last Liberal to leave please turn the party room lights out.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping ABC in public hands.

I love the ABC put it in the hands of money grabbers just like what has happened to Telstra and where will we be.

I could once phone my family and get connected but not now and the cost is higher than my electricity bill.

The ABC delivers a great service don't destroy a great service that links the world and families as well as all Australians [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep ABC public. it's ours you have no right to sell it.

The ABC is the only broadcaster we can trust.  
We can't bear the huge amount of commercials on the others. Let's face it . They only exist to sell soap

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC in public Hands

Since the consolidation of the Press into small group of owners that see it has a way to push their political agenda The ABC has been my trusted news source for many years, in Television they s produce current affairs and dramas that reflect Australian Values rather that cheap Games/relativity shows on the private networks. When it comes to the calls of perceived basis I have not seen this as the ABC goes to great lengths to balance any views unlike other media organisations such as SKY news. There are not many red line things for me but the destruction of the ABC would be one.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A public broadcaster is invaluable

I think its critical in this world of "fake news" that we maintain an indepdent public news outlet. I read the website every day.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am most concerned about the push to privatise the ABC. What I fear is commercial interests impacting on the breadth and depth of programming, especially in terms of news and current affairs. I will be left without a news source I could trust. As well as this I can't see commercial interests providing the rich programmes on health, the Arts, science and technology and the environment. Where will I get these in the future. I don't see our commercial companies providing any of these. Please leave our ABC in public hands and provide them with enough resources to maintain their high standard.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** LEAVE THE ABC ALONE AND RESTORE AUNTIES FUNDING

The ABC is the only news that I accept and the naysayers are the reason because the endless false news they regurgitate disgusts me.  
The ABC IS IN MY VIEW THE TENUOUS LINK WITH DEMOCRACY.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Generations of Australians grew up with the ABC especially those in remote areas. The advance of technology does not diminish the importance of the ABC as a forum for debate, even if some of its content is not palatable to some. That is the nature of debate. Privatization is an addiction driven by ideology with those on the right of politics. It does not serve the common, good, it rarely has. The motivation for privatization, has rarely been honourable and in this case much less so. This time it is much more abhorrent, it attacks a fundamental of our democracy, freedom of speech. People with such a mind set, such hate towards their fellow Australians, such paranoia, that they would compromise our democracy, need intense counseling. They should be made aware, their personal demons are guiding them towards irrational decisions, in the context of a fair Australia, and are bordering on treason, or at the very least questionable loyalty to Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Over MANY years the ABC has shown, time and time again, by its many programs but especially Four Corners, that it is permanently needed not just to entertain its viewers but keep the country honest, regardless of whatever flavour of government is in power. Because of the ABC's quality I rarely feel the desire to watch any of the commercial channels.

By not being profit-driven, the ABC can continue to fulfil its Entertain+Inform functions without fear of its advertisers pulling the plug. It doesn't deserve to be increasingly starved of funds either.

I'm totally gobsmacked at the Liberal Party's rank-and-file proposal - and can only conclude that they must watch only the commercial channels and/or have no appreciation of the quality which the ABC presents. I suggest this proposal does the Liberal Party more than a little damage, in the eyes of many Australians, which might well be reflected in the ballot box.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please Do Not Privatisise the ABC

To whom it may concern,

I hope this finds you well and you are having a lovely day.

After hearing that the Liberal Party are wanting to privatise the ABC I become very concerned.

From a young age I have been an avid ABC fan and have watched hundreds of ABC programs, being educated and entertained commercial free.


As a country and government, there is much to be proud of our national broadcaster and why the Liberal party would like to privatise it is beyond me. Media, in particular, is less biased on the ABC than privatised channels.

Public broadcasting plays such an important role in our nations democracy and should be celebrated and not associated with the commercial media. It is a fabulous resource for all members in society and we should be protecting it rather than selling it off.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I hope you enjoy the rest of your day.

Yours kindly,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC a public broadcaster

Honorable Members of the Australian Parliament,  
Please keep the Australian Broadcasting Corporation public. I have always been a supporter of the ABC. It provides me with so much that the private channels never can, as they always depend on advertising money and therefore broadcast programs that have high ratings. The ABC has over many years provided talks on philosophy, science and medical matters and many lectures and talks of an educational and intellectual content that the other channels rarely provide. It is also the only major broadcaster that provides programs of classical music. I will very much miss this rich content if the ABC is privatised. I know many people who share my concern and anxiety that we will no longer have this rich content that the ABC has given us over many years.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

There are 6 reasons why the idea of privatising the ABC is nonsense:

1. It produces very different news/current affairs and drama content than do any of its commercial rivals--in effect, they have not chosen to compete with it, and if it was to go that whole dimension of immense informative and cultural value would go.
2. It follows from the above that public broadcasting is differentiated from commercial broadcasting, and it would be to our detriment to narrow options.
3. Public broadcasting maintains a diversity that the commercial outlets have not attempted to match.
4. In many comparative countries, governments have been forced to subsidise forms of public information (including in the print media) that commercial outlets will not attempt because commercial media cater to specific interests, rather than the public interest. Those governments have recognised that a public sphere for debate and opinion aggregation has not been adequately served by leaving it to 'the market'.
5. In fact, that realisation was precisely what persuaded the Menzies Coalition government to continue strong support of public broadcasting (and the ABC) in the debates over the introduction of television in the 1950s. The Liberal Party faction backing this absurd proposition is (once again) demonstrating a lack of awareness of its Party's history.
6. Every public opinion poll shows significant public support for maintaining the ABC. Again, the Liberal Party faction behind this motion is badly out of step with the majority--and seemingly the Party itself has no means of disciplining these minorities. This goes badly for restoring faith in governance and the Party.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a publicly funded broadcaster

I am a regular listener to ABC radio and find ABC television essential viewing both for news, with public debate, and culture-shaping drama and comedy. Robust democracies require robust public debate and publicly funded media provide the most practical basis for such debate if we are to hold together as a community. The example of the USA, which lacks anything comparable to the ABC, shows how divided a nation becomes when there is no nationally operating media with a commitment to fairness and objectivity. There is no reason to think that privatising the ABC can safeguard these essential features of the current contribution of the ABC. There is a strong whiff of political myopia and ideological bias coming from the right wing of the Liberal Party which seems to think that the ABC is its enemy. My view is that the ABC is as searching in its questioning of left wing spokespeople as it is of right wingers, so that the real issue becomes whether or not we think it appropriate for government spokespeople to be subjected to robust questioning. To doubt the value of this is to risk a drift into authoritarian despotism. I see no value in the suggestion of privatising the ABC and trust that a truly objective and independent inquiry will show that there is no need for fundamental change to current arrangements, other than safeguarding the adequacy of the public funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The people of Australia own the ABC

For more years than I care to count, I have depended on the ABC for full, professional news and current affairs coverage. The ABC has consistently employed some of the best journalists around. My son - now nearly middle-aged - watched PlaySchool, and still remembers it with fondness. This Federal Government's increasing attacks on the ABC is deeply disturbing. It looks, with little concealment, like an attempt to shut down independent journalism and investigations. Follow this direction, and the current government looks like it's trying to muzzle any opposition. Odd that it looks like that? No, because that's what's happening. The ABC is in public hands for good reason. To sell it would be to kill the last free and independent TV and radio service. The ABC plays an irreplaceable role in Australian democracy. Under no circumstances should it be privatised - ever.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public ownership and fund it properly

The ABC in all its platforms is my constant companion. For the last 25 years as an international trend forecaster for some of the largest global firms I rely on the tremendous variation of information sources that the ABC offer. From The Science Show to Australian Story, the ABC cover subjects and issues that NO OTHER broadcaster here or overseas does. Including the BBC. This coverage is immensely valuable and without it my job would be almost impossible.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC

Privatising the ABC is one of the most stupid things the Liberal Government has come up with. We must have a large organisation that will keep any government from any wrong doings and that is vital. Commercial newsagencys will only follow what the owners want to be shown so corruption is a real possibility. Only a large organisation capable of getting to the facts is able to expose wrong doing.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

I have listened and watched The ABC since arriving in Australia in 1989 it keeps me informed it gives both sides of an issue. It showed Australia made wonderful series, comedy's foreign affairs items investigative programs excellent. Recently visited Canada there is no free to air tv or radio found people less informed and really concerned me that the younger generations were only exposed to fantasy not reality and debate on world issues. I could add more but please save our ABC so many peoples sanity channels.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am turning 86. All of my life I have listened to the ABC and watched it after TV started. I rarely listen to or watch commercial sources of news or entertainment. I would never ever vote for any Party that closes the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep the ABC in public hands, no privatisation

the ABC is the only truly independent voice Australia has remaining

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC "OURS"!

The ABC through it's charter and not being tied to the vested interests of commercial advertisers is my only legitimate , reliable and unbiased form of news. Keep your hands off it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privitisation for the ABC!

To Whom It May Concern

I am adamantly opposed to and deeply concerned about privitisation of the ABC.

The ABC is a counterbalance to privately owned media, which must always cater to the primary goal of raising profits. Privately owned media can be used as a vehicle for the political views and objectives of its owner/s. The history of media ownership shows us that media owners are always wealthy and usually white men.

In a country which has become significantly demographically diverse, we need media which reflects that diversity. We need media which informs us about the lives and issues affecting other Australians. We need media which holds the government of the day to account, whatever their political flavour.

We also need to protect our existing assets from the ravages of the neo-liberal ideological agenda, which seeks to privitise everything. In a media context, this means lowest-common denominator/mass ratings rule. Niche programming disappears. Intellectual programming disappears. I gave up watching commercial TV years ago because they seemed to assume they were broadcasting to a footy-following white suburban family with 2.5 school-aged kids, two cars and a mortgage. This did not speak to me.


I don't like everything on the ABC. I preferred it when it still had a decent budget and had fewer re-runs. I only watch the ABC or SBS. Commercial TV lost me years ago because I didn't fit their audience assumptions, it tends to sensationalise in order to drive ratings and in aiming for a mass audience it dumbs down issues so that they are rarely covered in depth.

The ABC is funded as a national asset by the government. Privately owned media is funded through advertising. All Australians pay for both: corporations recoup their advertising costs by raising the prices of their items or services.

I urge you to defend the ABC from privitisation and to protect diverse, in depth and challenging programming.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising ABC

This is an independent public asset and the government (who are employed by us the voters) have no right to sell this independent broadcasting network

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC integrity

The ABC has been a part of my life and my families life. It is an integral and unique institution that sets apart the Australian democracy. Who would benefit from a privatisation of this asset of the Australian peoples? Only special interest groups and private media owners who cannot compete with the intelligent voice they provide in news and entertainment for Australians. I would vehemently oppose any move to sell off the ABC and SBS for that matter, they are a voice of sanity and intelligence in a market of media mediocrity. They are also institutions that support our unique Australian identity, which would be lost if political ideologues gained their way to remove them. Privatisstion has failed the public in so many ways up until now, do not make the mistake of thinking that voters will accept this outrageous suggestion of a privileged few in Canberra.

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