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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia needs a public broadcaster

As an Australian, I am proud of the ABC. As a journalism student in the 1990s, I learned that the ABC was the most independent source for news and current affairs coverage. I relied for many years on the ABC to keep me informed and to provide impartial but indepth analysis of current affairs in Australia and from around the world.

A public TV station is the mark of a developed and advanced society - please don't destroy the ABC.

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VIC 3199 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Please do not sell off the ABC

Just because you don't like everything they say does not mean it is not worth saying

We need honest, independent reporting

I have just read all the tributes to Mark Colvin. That is the quality of independent honest reporting that exemplifies the value and quality of the ABC

There are thousands of liberal voters like me that will vote for labor in the next election if you privatise the ABC. Even considering doing it is a disgrace

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC a public entity

The ABC was created as a public broadcasting resource. It is not a tool of any government. It is not open to any government to attempt to privatise the ABC because they perceive it to be biased. Bias predictably is in the eye of the beholder, one person's fish will be another's fowl! The ABC may not be privatised by this Coalition Government which has the privilege of representing the people for the time being. You are a democratic representative government, the clue is in the name. You must seek the mandate of all Australians prior to taking any steps in relation to this or other public entity. Do we need to drag you kicking and screaming to a postal vote yet again.

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VIC 3000



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

I am appalled by the extreme right wing political players in this country (and now the rank and file of the Liberal party) again trying to nobble and privatise the ABC.

The government has a responsibility to maintain (at realistic budget levels) an independent national broadcaster.

I am sick and tired of the misinformation this extremists use when doing this, and their repeated assertion that there is a left wing bias to the ABC.

This is simply rubbish, and very reminiscent of the similar claim by that other right wing extremist Donald Trump.

I and my family only watch the ABC, and find it the only credible and trustworthy news provider and analyst in the market.

When the IPA talks about bias, it seems to conveniently forget that the IPA itself is very very biased, as are the many of the non- independent broadcasters/media. The Murdochs of this world are just one example, and are unrelenting in their continual attempts push to influence politics to suit there own agendas and self interest.

Without a significantly funded and strong ABC, Australia will simply decline to an environment that exists in the USA, which is totally unacceptable. Much has been said about the long term bias of the US media, and the impact it has had on choosing governments and presidents, and hence public policy.

Apart from news reporting the ABC is critical in solid and quality entertainment. It's drama, and light entertainment, along with childrens programs is certainly far a head of the private operators and I would hate to see this go.

The only reason the question of reducing/privatising the ABC is brought up is that the extremists such as the IPA, Hansen and right winger Liberals such as Abetz, is that the ABC holds them to account and they are unable to curb the ABC's intelligent analysis by trying to influence a media mogul who is susceptible to political attempts to influence political discourse.

With such biased private media players he country simply must have an independent broadcaster to bring some honesty to the fore.

Please resist all attempts to water down/privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3350



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

Please do not privatise the ABC. One of the great things about Australia is the ABC. Having lived overseas, I really value the work the ABC does in presenting Australian content and impartial reporting. Radio National programs were my life line in keeping up to date with Australian news and hearing the aussie accent.

Also programs like Four Corners and 7.30 are envied by the world for their coverage on issues that are not even on the commercial networks radar.

My kids and I grew up with Playschool, an essential part of every Australian childhood. I am concerned what will happen to the Australian content on TV if we go down this road of privatisation. What will happen to Triple J, ABC Kids and some of the regional programs? This is really serious stuff and will change our culture as we know it. We don't need more rubbish from the US on our TV.

Already the ABC have had funding slashed, why do the Liberal Party hate the ABC so much - because they don't kowtow to them like the commercial radio shows and Murdoch press do. Not a real reason to sell it off.

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VIC 3016



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster


The ABC is a critical media outlet for all Australians the is governed by its charter and not by profits or owners political bias.

Having an independent public broadcaster is a must and it should remain so.

In addition. The ABC is a critical link for regional Australia and in times of emergencies becomes the main source of reliable news for people in effected areas.

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NSW 2102 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC - AuthenticBeneficialConnection

The ABC is the home of authentic, open-hearted Australian stories. Watching Mystery Road, Australian Story, The Drum, Four Corners, we connect to the courageous, vulnerable lives of decent, ordinary Australians. These stories benefit us all, encouraging us to be better people, a better society, to be fair and to care for others and our world. Without this free and open connection to our stories we are diminished as human beings. Authentic Beneficial Connection. ABC.

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NSW 2034



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep ABC in public hands

We need an independent broadcaster to promote accountable politics. I think it's important for everyone to have a voice, not just mainstream Australia. The ABC is unique and special and we need to protect it.

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VIC 3068



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off Our ABC!!

The ABC is the backbone of our national media. It is the only media outlet offering impartial news coverage in the hands of the Australian public. It offers wonderful Australian drama, locally-focused programmes like Back Roads, and current affairs programmes such as 4 Corners, Media Watch and 7:30. Regional Australia relies on its ABC. Like many Coalition supporters, I am a staunch supporter of our national broadcaster. The funding for the ABC has already been slashed, compromising its broadcasting range and abilities. Hands off our ABC or expect a public backlash from a diverse voting spectrum across Australia!

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NSW 2447




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I depend on the ABC

Living in a rural area, the ABC is the lifeline for me and my family on a huge range of issues including mental and general health, science, current affairs, weather, the arts and of course quality entertainment. It's independence and intellectual rigour are something I simply couldn't do without. Please don't deprive us of this major part of our lives by commercialising it.

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NSW 2460 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: hand off ABC

I'm a first Australian, an aboriginal man, who can not stand commercial TV , commercial TV does not stick to fact, encourages racism for ratings, its self serving and panders to the rich, ABC is my TV, Australian TV and should never be commercialised, its the voice for and of the Australain people. Who ever votes to commercialise the ABC I will make it my life mission to encourage all First Australians NEVER vote for that political party / parties again.

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VIC 3219 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!!!!!

WHY DOES THE ABC NEED TO BE PRIVATISED?????

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WA 6100




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am stunned and deeply saddened at the mere thought of our national hero, the ABC, being privatised. But this has surpassed thought, the fact that the Liberal Party has voted affirmative to such an abomination is the terror of the future under a Liberal government. Does government in a democratic society not stand up for the people any longer? Can you not hear the multitude of people across generations, religions, cultures cry out against such an abominable action? It is the last bastion of freedom, and you choose to sell it off? Have your government not learned from past actions of the folly of the glib selling of assets? Do not privatise the ABC!

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TAS 7000 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC should not be privatised

I'm worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC.


When I lived in a regional area the ABC was my only non-commercial source of news, and I remember with fondness the after school programmes such as 'Round the Twist'.

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

I believe the loss of the ABC and SBS will have a detrimental effect on our democratic society, and furthermore that commercial media are perfectly capable of looking after themselves and don't need the Government making it even easier for them to dominant the news and entertainment industries.

Stop allowing corporations to chase the "almighty dollar" rather than placing the needs of wants of Australians at the centre of their focus.

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WA 6110 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

As someone brought up on the UK's BBC I am very conscious of the need to maintain control of our ABC. As academics in the Melbourne University explain many years ago, when privatisation was all the rage, there were no recognised benefits to the general public. They just didn't work.

We only have to look at what has happened to the Commonwealth Bank. Corruption, deceit, misinformation etc. Now we have Telstra going down the same path reducing staff just to improve the bottom line at the expense of workers and Telstra customers.


Do we seriously want another biased owner of the ABC, currently the only source of balanced reporting. Yes balanced.

In your deliberations please consider the extent of the ABC's influence across a whole range of activities, drama, comedy, education, through the development of Australian writers, comedians etc.

Don't let the red necks win.

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WA 6153 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should remain public

The ABC should remain public. It is the most independent media body that Australia has. We the public, especially those in the bush, need independent and Australian sourced information and entertainment to stay informed and on top of current social issues.

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NSW 2040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC from being privatised!

All my life the ABC has been there - representing both sides of any story, giving voice to those whose voices I'd rather not listen to, but - well - free speech is a fundamental of a healthy democracy so
Please do your best to keep the ABC from being privatised.
It's too important a national asset to hand it over to an oligarchy.

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VIC 3071




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need our ABC owned by the public through our government, not private hands

It would be foolish of any government to sell off the ABC. The public is waking up to the damage privatising government assets is causing. Selling the ABC would be the final nail in the coffin in any government, Liberal or Labor. Both parties have been stupid about privatisation. It does not benefit us, your primary constituents, but only the companies the governments sell out to so public monies go into private hands which is inequitable. Furthermore, it is our right to have a government owned media station to provide us with impartial coverage of news and impartial material generally. I feel very strongly about the outrageous sense of entitlement people with private interests in government party memberships who feel that Australian taxpayers have no rights in relation to government assets and I will keep on using social media to discuss these disgusting attitudes as well as in private conversations.

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WA 6102 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

It is our democratic right to have an apolitical body highlighting and describing any sensitive issue regardless of which party is in power. We cannot rely on most of the commercial radio and TV stations in Australia to fulfill this need devoid of bias one way or the other. We need the ABC to be kept as a public service and sufficiently funded by our our public tax funds, in order to ensure the wide range of sensitive issues are fully examined. If any party in power or otherwise feels 'allergic' to criticism then members should seek a career change.

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TAS 7109




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public and free to air!

I grew up in rural Australia and in my later years have returned. The ABC is crucial to those who need weather reports, warnings, market reports and the occasional good or at least encouraging story with a regional focus. Not to mention the educational programs and quality Australian drama. The ABC MUST stay public.

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WA 6333 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have been listening to ABC radio programs for 75 years and watching ABC TV programs since they began. In my estimation, no commercial radio or TV medium comes close to the ABC in terms of consumer enjoyment and quality.

Just think about it. Even Trump's USA has public broadcasting !

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NSW 2106



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC has been an institution for as long as I can remember. It is the television station I watch 90% of the time and the radio station I listen to. We don't need more commercial stations cramming sub standard programs down our throats and bombarding with ads. ABC offers quality programs on a shoestring budget. It's the taxpayers money paying for this. What right does a political party have to take away our national broadcaster. Let's not politicise this and keep a quality station in the hands of the people, not another media mogul with deep roots in the Liberal Party!

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QLD 4061 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

HI,
I am in my 30's and through most of my life I thought I would never listen to the ABC but I got sick of the commercial media with its often inaccurate and misleading coverage of events. I now love the abc the variety of content and the balanced view it gives. I can get the depth of a news subject and have some variety to my TV not just american crap. Dont privatize it! Help it and support it we are all better for it even if we dont realize it. I dont think the commercial stations want another competitor!
Thank you

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VIC 3197 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!!!

As a small farmer living in rural SA, I depend on the ABC (both radio and TV) for news and current affairs analysis. The alternative would be the Murdoch press, but this is of such poor quality that it is not worth considering. The ABC also provides well researched programs, again on both radio and TV, on matters of interest to farmers, but also on topics of general interest, providing some intellectual stimulation not found on commercial media. Finally, the ABC radio provides a range of music not usually played on commercial channels, and supports Australia's symphony orchestras in so doing; a major contribution to our cultural life.

Perhaps naively, I believed PM Abbott when he told us that there would no cuts to the ABC. Unfortunately this is not a promise honoured by the current government!

The ABC and SBS are not simply competitors with commercial operators, but an essential part of Australian life.

Please keep it safe from the city-based ideologues who want to reduce its coverage and contribution to our society and democracy.

Yours sincerely

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SA 5157




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC plays the most important role in our democracy. Personally, I can't imagine my life without the ABC. As an example, Four corners is essential viewing as our most trusted news source. Australia needs our ABC.

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NSW 2040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC as Public Broadcaster in Public hands


The ABC was set up as a cultural, educational and informational communications outlet with a real hand in its formation by Sir Robert Menzies, a Liberal man. We need more than ever to have a news source on which we can rely.

I lived in Northern Tasmania in the 1980-90's and relied heavily on ABC radio for my entertainment and information. In Springton, SA

I lived behind a large hill, and for 10 years did not have TV, so again, the ABC was my daily fix.

There are so many wonderful programs on the ABC- couldn't imagine life without 4 Corners, and radio National programs like Off track, Philosophers Zone, God Forbid, Country Breakfast, Religion and Ethics and so many more, which I am sure would disappear off into the ether, if a commercial enterprise took over. Seriously, if this is a policy of the Coalition, I shall post my vote to a party or group prepared to keep the ABC intact. The possibility of fake news and influencing the general population with false statements is a very real threat. I am concerned.

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SA 5034 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC ours not yours

It's the real news not the news our government wants us to believe

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SA 5062 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Dear sirs/ladies

Corporate interests must not prioritise one of most valued icons.Damn those moronic liberal pushing its extinction

Yours

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VIC 3451



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: IMPORTANCE OF ABC AS A PUBLIC BROADCASTER

I am 76 years old and cannot overestimate the importance of the ABC to me throughout my life. I grew up with the Argonauts, am an avid view of arts, quality drama and political commentary. Yes our taxes pay for quality broadcasting. They also pay politicians who have no business pushing their own agendas and antipathy to public broadcasting. The ABC is not a plaything. It is an important and trusted source of information, news and informed commentary. It must stay in public hands to ensure fairness and fearlessness. Already the signs of cutbacks are obvious. Restore funding and stop interference in our loved and trusted ABC.

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VIC 3182 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I live in SE NSW, our ABC local radio is exactly that - a broad-ranging conduit for local information pertinent to almost every area of our lives.


The key word for me regarding the ABC is 'Trust.' A trusted source. I'm 65 and have watched and read with dismay, over the years the consistent whittling away of the ABC mainly because of politically motivated attacks on our ABC's mandate of trust by it's audience - we trust them because they tell us what's going on, without the spin. Time and again those who have called loudest for cuts or demise of the ABC have been shown, usually by the ABC, to be liars, hypocrites and cynical opportunists who have only one agenda - their own or those they are mouthpieces for. Time passes and usually, they do too - but the institution of the ABC remains, as it must. Now more than ever before.

To privatise the ABC would be to lose our national conscience, our national imagination, our fair go, our trust in truth, our - selves's independence.

the photo of the Liberal Party council shows besuited upper middle class looking white men (any women?) this indicates to me that we are involved in a class war - there are no representatives of anyone else. How, given the arguments put forward by these people, can we trust them to work for the benefit of all?

The ABC needs more funding, not less in these cynical, corporate times of 'fake'.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the only media group that broadcasts nationally and provides news, current affairs and entertainment available to all Australians wherever they maybe around the nation. The ABC journalists challenge politicians to provide the answers the community needs to decide critical issues that affect the Australian society. Compare that to the cheap and nasty reality TV offered by the commercial media stations.

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NSW 2040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Australian not taken over by big business

The ABC remains the broadcaster for me at every level. It provides non-partisan news in a world where the powerful control the spin that is put on commercial news. The problem is that the rich and powerful expect reporting to favour them and can pay for it to do so. The ABC is also the best broadcaster of sport, music and cultural affairs. It is a safeguard for our democracy and a reliable reporter of news.

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ACT 2614 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC

The ABC plays a central role in keeping me and my family connected to our country—from local morning radio, to kids apps, to the national evening TV line up. I value, above all else, that it is owned by the people of Australia and that it tells our stories without bias, without fear or favour. I value that it has a mandate to represent ALL Australians. It serves only the interests of everyday Australians, NOT corporate vested interests.

I reject the Coalition's attacks on the ABC. The recent Liberal Party Council vote to privatise the ABC does not represent me or my family. It favours only those business interests that seek to profit from a privatised ABC—either through its demise or its ownership. This is not a move that serves the Australian people.

Keep the ABC public. Australia's democratic health depends on having a non-partisan, market independent national media broadcaster.

Regards

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WA 6070




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep ABC on public hand

- a) The ABC is important to our family. Our kids loved and grow up with Bananas in Pyjamas and other children cartoons and programs.
- b) We loved 4 Corners as most trusted news source.
- c) We are concerned that the present coalition govt can't handle any criticism of their failure and blaming ABC for providing the correct news on those. We are very much worried and concerned with Pauline Hanson and Coalition's attacks on our ABC. ABC is not for business.
- d) ABC needs to stay in public hands for it to provide independent and correct news & analysis. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be handed to the rich people for business.

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NSW 2195 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

Hands off our ABC!! We don't want Rupert telling us the nuff nuff news he & his mates want to dumb us down with.

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VIC 3151



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

It is ABSOLUTELY essential that the National Broadcaster is NOT privatised! All other media outlets are privately owned and thus their coverage reflects the views and ambitions of their owners. The ABC is not constrained by commercial influence and is able to supply a viable vehicle for questioning and exposing views which may not always be in the general public interest. To suggest that the ABC has an undue advantage is risible! It does not have the wealth of private owners behind it and its resources have already been cut, although promises were made that this would not happen!

The opposition to the ABC seems to be coming from the far Right political spectrum who see any criticism of their, not generally held, ideas as tantamount to treason . If their views cannot stand up to public scrutiny and debate , then their solution is to shoot the messenger! This is not democratic and shows a deep-seated paranoia which must not be pandered to!

I don't always agree with the commentaries provided by the ABC on some issues but believe that this what democratic, free-thinking journalism is all about.

HANDS OFF AUNTY!!!

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NSW 2072




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

Ever since I was a child the abc has enhanced my education and understanding of the world around me in a impartial manner and with quality programming and dedicated journalists.

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VIC 3121 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is more than a city based broadcaster

My wife and I are currently travelling through outback Australia. And something very interesting is noticeable - there are very few commercial radio stations in the sticks. This is presumably because there is not a lot of money to be made providing such services. If the ABC was to be privatised, then this service will clearly end. There are many thousands of people out travelling this awe inspiring land, listening regularly to ABC radio who VOTE. Far right lollies need to keep that in mind as they pursue their vindictive campaign against what is the least biased media outlet in Australia.

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WA 6004 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Against Privatisation of the ABC

I do not have any personal experience or anecdotes that inform my opinions of why I am personally against the privatization of the national broadcaster, instead I am informed by a deep understanding of how private companies in a capitalist system work, and how human nature informs the actions of those individuals that have a personal stake in the success of those companies.

One of the keys to a healthy and engaged society is the access to good, unbiased, objective information about what is happening in that society, be it local national or international. Unbiased journalism is a very hard ideal to live up to, as ultimately it depends on each individual in the process to put aside their own opinions and prejudices, to present the news with equal consideration to all sides of an argument. When you add in the pressures of a commercial enterprise, and the personal opinions and desires of owners / major shareholders etc, that pressure can be irresistible.

While there are many fine news outlets that operate in a commercial environment with little or minimal bias, they are still known to be "left" or "right" leaning. The ABC along with other national broadcasters, is in the unique position of being free from outside influence. The loss of the ABC's Independence would be a major loss for everyone, and I would argue against it vehemently.

Thank you for your consideration.

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SA 5031




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public, NOT corporate hands!

The ABC is the voice of, and belongs to the people of Australia !□!□It is about freedom, information, debate & communication. To hand over these fundamental rights to private hands would be to dehumanise our nation.


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NSW 2110 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

I only watch ABC TV, and I rely on it for a balanced view of national and international news and current events. I also enjoy their panel discussions, opinion pieces, local and world entertainment, kids shows for my grandchildren, and no advertising! This is an important Australian institution and should not be meddled with by partisan politicians of any persuasion. I live in a regional area and enjoy rural programs also. I believe a democracy needs an independent broadcaster both on radio and television. Keep the ABC in public hands please. [REDACTED]

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VIC 3820 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatisise Our ABC

The ABC is what makes each and every day of my life more stimulating, inspiring and comfortable. It is where I get my trusted balanced news, new ideas and best of all the music that brings stimulation, comfort, peace and general well being.

What a fantastic contribution to make to a person in her later years. Such a trusted tonic that ensures my well being.

There is no other source in this country that can do the same.

I am extremely worried about the Coalition's baseless attacks on the ABC merely because it tells us the truth. It seems that the hard right of the party is desperate to get rid of such truth telling.

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

Please never privatise the ABC. Instead increase its funding to protect our democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I am absolutely opposed the privatisation of the ABC.

The ABC should continue to be a public broadcaster, funded by our taxes. It is an invaluable public asset that is one of the key institutions that upholds and sustains an open, free, accountable and democratic Australia.

It is part of our continuing history, almost 100 years old now, that has provided and continues to provide invaluable news and information to all Australians no matter where they live.

It is overwhelmingly the most respected and trusted source of news and information for Australians.

Programmes like 4 Corners and 7.30 Report have investigated and broken major stories over the decades which has exposed major corruption, misused and wasted public resources, and illegal behaviour by politicians, corporations and criminals, both locally and overseas. This has led to prosecutions, Royal Commissions and ultimately resulted in a better Australia and a better world.

There is no other media outlet that has this record and on-going capacity to execute this indispensable service to the Australian community.


The assumption that the ABC (and SBS) have a major advantage over commercial media completely misses the crucial point of what makes these institutions so important. As public broadcasters, they have an irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

I condemn any politician or political party that tries to push the agenda to privatise the ABC. It is a misplaced and ill-informed agenda, and will ultimately undermine the integrity of Australia.

The ABC unites Australia. It is the single most binding, cohesive and trusted public institution we have. It needs to be well-funded and supported, and remain as a public broadcaster to continue its invaluable work.

Do not privatise the ABC!

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NSW 2031 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC MUST REMAIN IN PUBLIC HANDS!

PM Turnbull,
Our national broadcaster, the ABC, MUST NOT BE PRIVATISED.
Research shows that public broadcasters give fairer coverage of all news. I do not want to see one of our national treasures owned by a private corporation!
If the coalition government goes ahead with this, it is a sure way for you to lose votes!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

the ABC is very important to me, its important to democracy; its important to "keep the bastards honest". programmes like The 7:30 Report, 4 Corners, The Nightly News, Australian Story, The ABC is fare and balanced - it alone tells the truth. Australia is become too much like America and look what a joke America is now. I am concerned that the People of Australia will be lied to, manipulated with fake news; will be manipulated by Murdoch press as he has always done to get his own needs met. THE ABC NEEDS TO STAY IN PUBLIC HANDS - the very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

THE ABC needs more money, more support, not less. and the Government, good Government should want that too; only a government with something to hide wants to get ride of the ABC.

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VIC 3122 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public ABC

I have lived 40years in a regional area (North NSW). We depended on the ABC for information, factual & concise My kids & I depended on the entertainment & educational input mid-morning with Play School, Sesame St etc. Radio National allowed me to feel I was part of a country that considered intelligent questions & information as well as keeping me connected to important events even though we were not in the city.

The thought that all that would be just let go in the interest of the "market" adds to my fears for the future. The "market" will certainly look after itself, & in the process deliver the cheapest & most appealing content in place of the intelligent, trustworthy & unbiased delivery we get from the ABC as it stands. We have enough commercialised living, we have refined 'commercial' into a culture.

Comparing commercial & public broadcasters misses the point.....they are not the same thing, public broadcasters are not businesses. They are a public service we choose to pay for through taxation.

Without a public broadcaster there will be no un-sponsored content, no critique or arguement of policy brought to the public, which of course is the point of the extreme right raising the privatisation of the ABC in the first place.

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NSW 2042



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC

I need to know that the information I get from the ABC has not been influenced by a commercial organisation which depends on a profit.

To privatise the ABC would mean the loss of their independence both politically and commercially and that is not in the best interests of all Australians.

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NSW 2429 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC belongs to people

ABC is by far the only trusted, unbiased and worthy News source in Australia. It belongs to people, not government. Its entertaining yet educational shows are unparalleled. Government do not have the right to expose us to another superficial commercial TV channel. People of Australia are those who should decide the fate of our beloved ABC.

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WA 6155 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc out of private hands

I love that the abc is the people's channel. Not as commercial as the other channels. Please don't privatise

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NSW 2111




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Support

I am almost always tuned to the ABC radio (as I am now) and usually to ABC channels or the SBS in the evenings. The wide range of subjects and the presentation of information not opinion on a broad range of local and world-wide topics is vastly superior to the opinionated, strident and narrow offerings of commercial stations. Public broadcasting without the inevitable bias of commercial stations is essential. Value cannot be measured in dollars. Opinion is made, not given.

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NSW 2083 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in buplik hands

I have always been a Liberal voter, but wanting to privatize the ABC is unthinkable. If that happens, I'll never vote liberal again EVER. Some institutions are sacred and the ABC is that.

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VIC 3068



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is extremely valuable

I believe the ABC, as a publicly funded broadcaster is very important to Australia and resent how it is being used as a political football, often by those with commercial and ideological motives. It has a long track record of celebrating and showcasing Australian culture in its comedy and drama programming. Just look at the recently screened 'Mystery Road' series. It does more than the other TV stations in children's programming. What other station would run Play School? It pilots new programs that when proved popular migrate to the commercial channels, Andrew Denton now doing his interviews on Channel 7. It was the ABC that first supported sports broadcasting before the commercials realised how lucrative it could be and took it on. So the ABC then supported the VFL in Victoria when Channel 7 wasn't interested, and now 7 is and has picked up broadcasting the VFL. And so on. The ABC can also be brave enough to try something that others may shy away from. E.g. 'Please Like Me'. The ABC provides a lot of employment for Australian actors, writers and production crew. The ABC is able to run programs that will never have mass appeal, Sunday morning religious services for example, Parliament, Press Club and other important though more specialised programming. And of course, the ABC does news and Current affairs broadcasting better than anyone else. Who else will do a program like Q & A? Who else will do 'The Checkout' or 'Gruen'?

If the commercial stations are complaining about the ABC, perhaps they should look first at what they are offering by way of programming and stop looking for scapegoats to explain their own failure to attract the audiences (and commercial revenue) they want. And the relentless attacks on the alleged ABC left wing bias by a small but noisy group simply don't stack up against the facts. But they are an easy and lazy allegation to make. Australia is fortunate to have the ABC as an important part of the glue that can hold a complex country together, to cover important, but less watched matters, and be able to nurture Australian talent and culture. It deserves more support from government rather than less, in terms of both funding and moral support in regard to the value of its role in Australian society.

Yours sincerely,

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Ascot Vale 3032

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VIC 3032



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

How dare you even think about making the decision to sell our ABC - everything the government has owned and sold off has turned to rubbish. For Heaven's sake do not sell the ABC!

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NSW 2290




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Strong Independent Public ABC

A healthy democracy is critically dependent on sources of independent and well checked reporting and investigation. No organisation does this better and with more transparency and accountability than our ABC. With the trend in the private sector to more concentration and less diversity this is even more critical. This on its own should be enough to satisfy the question over retaining a national independent and public broadcaster without having to enter into the many other diverse areas of return on our public investment. Does the ABC make mistakes? Of course it does. Every organisation has to work hard to ensure its standards and processes are implemented successfully. However, I have worked in private enterprise as an engineer for 30 years with close links to senior management and leadership and I would argue that none of these organisations would attain the standards achieved by the ABC. Let's stop fuelling these ridiculous conspiracy theories of ABC "bias" and "political agenda" and start supporting the ABC to contribute to a better educated and aware public and hence a more effective democracy. Maybe if our politicians had the same level of transparency and accountability as our national broadcaster they wouldn't need to be throwing stones when a light is shone on them?

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WA 6155 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Coalition hands off the ABC

I watch the ABC and listen to the ABC. I live in regional Australia. I am convinced the Coalition political parties will dismantle and sell the ABC. Our country needs an independent public broadcaster performing a trusted and irreplaceable role in our society. Our public broadcaster shall be free of interference from governments and shall not be coerced into promoting the government line on issues of the day nor blithely bleating potentially toxic ideologies or agendas. The Coalition parties have tried to assure Australians that the sale of the ABC will not happen, yet historically, budget after budget as seen reduced funding to the ABC. These actions are precursors to preparing the ABC for dismantling and privatisation. One less voice to challenge the government of the day. The ABC must remain in public hands. The Coalition detests the ABC's existence so it must be doing something right.

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VIC 3690



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain in public hands

Dear Madam/Sir


I lived in remote NT for 6 years and the ABC. Radio National and Classic Fm and local ABC were vital for my mental health and feeling of connection with the rest of Australia.

A private ABC would not invest in remote aust due to low population.

Aust is more than the East Coast. The ABC is essential for national security in remote aust.

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VIC 3450 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I have been a fan of the ABC for as long as I can remember. Appearing on TV as part of a birthday party to a 56 yr old immersed in Sydney's 702 radio programs and ABC TV. The ABC's rich history and continuing program content cannot be reproduced by commercial stations.
Keep your hands off our ABC ... continue fully funding this institution so that it can maintain its integral part of many Australians lives

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NSW 2112



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OFF OUR PEOPLE'S ABC

Its the last stand for non-commercial TV. I enjoy every single thing on ABC with true media and stories against the propaganda of commercially owned greedy businesses who all want a piece of the ugly pie

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NSW 2750



[REDACTED]

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

I urge you not to privatise OUR ABC. As a taxpayer I am more than happy to fund it through our taxes. This is an important issue to many of us who watch, listen and view the ABC whether it's TV, radio or online. It would be a travesty to change it and have it commercialised. Hands off our ABC!

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NSW 2780



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Lay off the ABC

The ABC is our major reliable daily contact with the world. It is the only media outlet that presents news, reports, discussions over a wide range of subjects. All is presented by reporters well researched in their material in moderated voices, raising issues that we all need to think about in full.

Compare this with the highly sentimentalized, sensationalized shouting delivery of commercial stations and TV channels. On top of this is the added dose of pushy often untrue commercials. We never, or very rarely if we are desperate, listen to commercial radio stations or watch their TV channels. Doesn't take long to switch off in disgust.

I shudder to think how much we will be isolated if the ABC is privatized lowering the country to the lowest intellectual common denominator. We depend on the quality presentations made by investigative journalists such as Sarah Ferguson, Sabra Lane, Leigh Sales etc. If anyone wants to see the castration of a public broadcasting service just take a look at the CBC in Canada. Or Knowledge Network that runs mainly by subscription. Not only are their programs full of very old movies or American 50's sitcoms, there is a virtual drought when it comes to analysis of the news or current topics. When a major horror story emerges, for instance, such as high school shootings in the US or extreme weather situations, these are constantly reported over and over throughout the day until this news is superseded by some other dramatic event. They are shown with all the highly emotional rantings without any sensible and often factual material, squeezing the maximum sensational response for the audience who apparently, like ghouls around a road accident, can't get enough of the gory details. This kind of journalism is relatively absent in the ABC.

It seems clear these right wing Liberals are concerned that honest reporting more often presented by the ABC is undermining their power base - and of course in the case of Mad as Hell, lampoons, with brilliant satire, those obviously 19th century thinkers who are just plain stupid, nasty or ridiculous. This program, which I have recorded and resort to in times of depression at the state of the world, restores my sanity with laughter.

If there is any move to privatize this Australian icon, the envy of the world, I and my wife will be out there demonstrating with all the other defenders and use every protest method we can to wake up Australians to what they have and what they stand to lose.

We are extremely angry and feeling more than a little powerless at the proposed loss of something that gives us such thoughtful information and enjoyment and is as much of our daily life as fresh air and good food.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent, balanced and honest by not allowing it to become privatised.

An authentic, objective, independent voice is crucial to a decent open democracy. The ABC provides this voice to all Australians and we are so fortunate to live in a country where big business and big money don't control one part of our media. The ABC has an extremely important role to play in providing emergency information to rural and regional communities as well. There are many other reasons to support the bid to retain the existing ABC. However I am time poor at the minute and can't put them all down. The fact that there have been huge cuts to the ABC is something that is also a major concern to me.

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VIC 3678 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC a public broadcaster! DO NOT SELL!

I have worked in commercial radio all my life - I have seen how manipulated media can be by those who own it! The ABC is the only true way to ensure bipartisan journalism. It would be a very dark day for all Australians if this was to happen.

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NSW 2560 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in PUBLIC HANDS

Here they go AGAIN selling Australian ICONS off to the highest bidders.


If the LNP think that would stop criticism of them, then they are fools. Private ownership of OUR country is ABHORRENT. The PUBLIC own the ABC NOT the politicians.

The ABC is an important part of Australia and, if privatised, will no longer be the same.

Politicians have NO hesitation in taking their YEARLY WAGE INCREASES - they make NO sacrifices - LET THEM START ADDING MONEY TO THE COFFERS BY TAKING A WAGE CUT AND ENDING THEIR CRIMINAL PERKS.

HANDS OFF OUR ABC.

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NSW 2325 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the last TV station without a private agenda. It needs to stay a public broadcast system.

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NSW 2220



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to Australia, not your favourite political doner

Have some pride in the fine Australian institutions we have built! Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. The ABC is a deeply personal part of our lives - it is part of our culture and a continuum in times of massive change. National identity grows with relationship to common and continuous institutions. Shame on you for even considering privatisation and working so obviously towards it with cuts and sustained smear campaigns. I can think of better ways to save dollars - like examining the price of political salaries, health care and super.

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NSW 2032



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

Every country needs a public broadcaster free from commercial or individual influence. The public needs access to unbiased information and that can only be delivered by an independent authority. Furthermore, the ABC needs to be adequately funded; I have witnessed what happened to TVNZ when they were required to earn their keep. It was dreadful and there was no opportunity to enjoy advertising free broadcasting.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2500 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC as a voice incentivized differently

Hi,

The ABC is an important voice simply because it has different incentives than private media. Namely programs and news that goes against prominent advertisers have a place to be voiced. If it were privatized then as an advertiser I could pull significant budget if they do any news against my company or don't otherwise show me in a light that is not what I like.

Kind Regards

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QLD 4300



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

I have been astounded over the past months at the attack on the ABC by the LNP members and the Pauline Hanson One Nation Party. There can only be one reason they want to cripple the ABC. It is because it fearlessly presents the truth. Something which is difficult to find amongst the garbage presented on most other t.v. stations and radio. I very seldom watch or listen to anything else except SBS and the ABC as I want news and current affairs presented in an unbiased manner, which is how the ABC presents the news and current affairs.

What right do a few far right parliamentarians have to privatise an institution WE pay for, not them. This move to privatise OUR ABC must not be allowed to occur.


I demand the views of ordinary people be listened to instead of the dogmatised views of a very few politicians such as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (as a Social Worker I was taught to observe the family of origin as they influence the person's views) and other far right people whose views DO NOT represent the majority of everyday Australians. I want to continue having the ad free pleasure of enjoying MY ABC for years to come. I want funding restored to my ABC to allow it to present the good programs we formerly had. I want more of the content the ABC was able to present before it was crippled by lack of funding. Afterall WE ARE THE PEOPLE PAYING TO FUND THE ABC. What right do these politicians have to destroy OUR ABC.

I have been an avid viewer of the ABC since the inception of Australian television and I want this to continue. As an Aged Pensioner the ABC is one of the few luxuries I can afford.

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VIC 3338 

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

The ABC is the only station that provides an overseas service for Australians living away from their homeland. It is also the only service which provides an unbiased view of events, within & outside Australia. If the Hard Right get their way we, the public, no longer have a broadcasting organisation we can trust

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WA 6025



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

I would be devastated if the ABC was privatised. It's bad enough that so much money has been cut from it's budget, which turns me against this present government to start with. Apart from loathing commercials, I always turn to the ABC (and sometimes SBS) for the news and current affairs programs such as 4 Corners and the 7.30 Report. ABC staff have proved themselves with their in-depth representations of matters which are important to all of us. Commercial channels provide only a pale copy. This is THE policy which will decide how I vote. Please, please don't privatise the ABC.

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QLD 4883



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why a trusted public broadcaster is actually good for the government too

The present Coalition government is shortsightedly focused on closing down critical attention to its operations, for example legislation to gaoil charities and environmental organisations who don't declare overseas gifts.

Dictators which oppose opposition and critical engagement from their citizens fall in the end, e.g. Stalin. Democracy requires eternal informed vigilance. Attempting to deny citizens of information and the capacity to hold their politicians to account is shortsighted, as well as unbecoming of a government committed to freedom of speech.

The ABC news and current affairs provides a platform for conservative opinions from the IPA and suchlike. The ABC's clientele are probably the least likely of all Australians following civic affairs to be confined in an echo chamber of their own prejudices and perspectives.

This is also a service to our country, asking us to understand what drives those who have different political positions from our own. This is also necessary for acting collectively which is the role of government.

The ABC has been a constant background my whole life. Privatising it or continuing to dismember it as the government is doing with savage budget cuts, will cost the nation - and I hope any government seeking to make their lives easier in the short-term.

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WA 6011 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

Should the ABC be privatised, it would be a national disaster. No other broadcaster is or can be so comprehensive and authoritative on so wide a front. And so painstakingly even-handed.

The ABC should be freed from party-political interference, and (if the Coalition has its way) death by a thousand cuts. Perhaps we should look again at the BBC funding model, which seems to provide more independence from political interference and funding uncertainty.

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VIC 3450 


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

The ABC is my main source of news as I trust them to present me with the truth. I also go to the ABC for quality entertainment and a refreshing lack of commercials. Privatising the ABC would destroy it.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: TRUST OUR ABC

I am 72 years old and have had to sit on a daily basis with my 97 year old mother who has dementia. As her disease has progressed she has watched more and more commercial television and I have watched with her. I have been staggered by the loud, in your face, titillating and fear-inducing nature of both the content of the programmes and the news - indeed the interplay of the the programmes, the spruiking of future programmes and the news is both relentless and lowest common denominator. Add to this the constant advertising breaks to sell products that few need and often which encourage the obesity that is epidemic or promote an unhealthy lifestyle to which I would partially attribute the worsening mental health crisis . It makes me feel physically sick and I understand now the quickening lobotomisation of my mother. Commercial television has become a cultural cesspit where 80% of the population follow like lambs to the slaughter. When I get home I watch the ABC or SBS and the quiet intelligence of most of the programming is a joy to myself and my family (although I am watching less SBS due to advertising). For the mental health of the nation and to have at least one organisation you can TRUST the ABC must be retained in its current form. There are so many programmes on the ABC that elevate and inform people rather than pandering to their baser instincts. The ABC and all it stands for furthers the cause of common decency - the only hope for the future. It is a bastion of democracy by looking above self interest and towards a common good. The very thought of privatising the ABC into the hands of the self-serving commercial television brigands makes me 'mad as hell and I'm not going to take this any more'. I voted Liberal before - I will never do so again

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NSW 2024 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is very important to me. It is a reflection of Australian culture and provides quality, intelligent content. The ABC is unique - it showcases Australian talent and has created some of the best shows Australia has seen. Commercial television channels are awful. Selling the ABC is selling out on Australians. Any government who privatised the ABC would not get my vote.

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NSW 2297



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I grew up with the ABC. It was the only channel that provided real educational material.


As I grew older I turned to the ABC for news. I find the ABC news to be of a much higher quality than the commercial stations, purely because they did not need to sensationalise their news to sell it to the public.

Despite what hard right conservatives say the ABC provides an unbiased view of the world. They are currently under attack from a side of politics that find it increasingly difficult and inconvenient to hear the truth. They seem to prefer their news provided by Rupert Murdoch's network. A more biased view than that you would be hard pressed to find.

We live in a dangerous world where the media is increasingly private owned and unhinged. You only need to look at the influence of FOX in the US to see the damage that a private media can weild, even on politicians.

Do not privatise the ABC for a small but very vocal minority of Australians that increasingly put their ideals before their country.

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VIC 3145 

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

I believe it is in all Australians interests to have a publicly funded national television, broadcaster and internet service dedicated to independent, objective and impartial programmes and news services free from commercial considerations and control. I am most concerned with the extent of Rupert Murdoch's control and ownership of print and television and news services which through his columnists promote a very right wing agenda which includes privatisation of the ABC which is most unfairly cited for its alleged left wing bias. News Corp controlled by Murdoch takes a very partisan position during election campaigns and his near monopoly of ownership of newspapers means that without the ABC there is little scope for alternative news which the ABC in my opinion provides to a very high standard and must continue to operate as a public broadcaster. Commercial television does not provide well researched programmes such as ABC four corners which provide in depth analysis and commentary on vital and important public issues for which there is no equivalent on commercial television with 60 minutes its rival being no competitor and 4 corners is not driven by popular ratings as much as quality current affairs which is totally absent on the commercial networks.. I believe that it is also important to cater for minorities which the ABC television and radio does quite well for which there is no commercial advantage and who would otherwise miss out on a privatised ABC which would be driven by commercial considerations.

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VIC 3046 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC MUST remain in public hands!


In today's world of Business Interests, the ABC is like a breath of fresh air - this is where Australia gets it's real news - not the news that the business community wants us to hear, because it supports their own ends. The ABC is the broadcaster and Telecaster we can trust. It is imperative that it remains in public hands and is not influenced by big business.

Here in Australia we need a society that can look at facts and make decisions for themselves, not a society that is only told what is what Big Business wants it to hear.

Further to this, I, my children, and no doubt your children grew up watching the ABC's, ad-free, educational and enjoyable television. My grandchildren, and yours, and their children, deserve the same. They don't deserve to miss out on it because it doesn't suit Big Business's agenda.

Please leave the ABC in public hands, for all Australians.

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SA 5243 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The need to keep the ABC in Public Hands

As an 86 year old, I am not prone to write submissions. However, as the ABC has always paid such an important part during my lifetime, I feel compelled to

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

We must the PUBLIC keep the ABC for the sake of DEMOCRACY.

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NSW 2017 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatize the ABC

I want to pay my tax to continue the public owned ABC. The freedom I equate with parks, beaches etc is the same with the ABC. A peaceful period listening to the radio or watching TU without interruptions and ads. I can also have stimulating subjects to stir the brain. It is obvious many people in the Liberal Party want the ABC to remain free of vested interests

So many of the women at the Liberal function did not vote for privatisation. The elderly men certainly did, this needs to be looked at. Is this to prevent ideas being discussed and only blandness to keep the people under control.

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VIC 3995




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

For as long as I can remember the ABC has been central to my life. It has accompanied me for through my childhood and my adult life as a trusted companion. I have been deeply disturbed by the repeated attacks made on the ABC by conservative sectors of Australian politics. Now, after endless mean-spirited blows to its financial well being, its very existence is being threatened. Any government who cares about the electorate should cherish and protect the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC provides alternative programming that is not subject to commercial interests. My kids can watch quality programs without being blasted with adverts every 6 minutes. Public broadcasting is incredibly important to our country. It provides services to regions and demographics that would be completely ignored if left to commercial interests. Public broadcasting serves a completely different, and orthogonal role to commercial media and should not be compared as a direct competitor.

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SA 5008 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't commercialise the ABC

We strongly protest against the privatisation of the ABC. While we now live in the national capital our families lived in the country. ABC provides rural news on local stations as well as state/territory and national news. Most commercial channels provide state/territory news and national news but not a great deal of local news. Commercial channels seem to have the idea that Australians are unintelligent and incapable of thinking so provide a steady diet of "reality" tv. Incidentally "reality" tv that is carefully crafted via a matrix of traits and characteristics chosen to "reflect" the population. ABC provides a wide range of programming content, some specifically Australian in content in drama and the arts. Commercial tv doesn't. ABC through radio and tv has in the past provided solid content on science and health matters through programs such as Catalyst on tv and Dr Norman Swan's radio program. It has greater diversity of presenters better representing our country's population. There is also a greater diversity of world news presented on ABC through programs such as Foreign correspondent, this is not seen very often on commercial channels. We note that the United Kingdom has not commercialised the BBC and Public Broadcasting is still available in USA. Contrary to the opinion of certain members of Parliament we find the ABC is less biased in its reporting than any commercial channel. It is essential in our media to maintain at least one voice that is not subject to the vagaries in opinion of whichever owner is in control at any given moment, something very evident in the reporting seen currently in print media and commercial tv and radio. In doing a simple analysis of tv programming this week commercial tv devoted 1 channel to horse racing, 1 channel to "lifestyle" programming, basically American lifestyle, 1 channel to UK tv, 1 channel to American comedy, and the list goes on. Some of the "reality" tv programming was demeaning to both the viewer and the participants and clearly carefully edited to create the "heroes and villains". Much has been removed from the independence of the ABC in recent years since the strident calls about the so called bias of the reporting. We maintain it is necessary for ABC to retain its independence from commercial interests to enable the indepth reporting on issues of the day that leads to excellence in journalism such as Four Corners. Socially, politically, culturally Australia needs one media organisation that firstly reflects OUR national identity not America's, secondly doesn't answer to advertisers or media moguls, and thirdly can be a light shone on all aspects of the nation both good and bad because with that light comes joy and pride in what we do well and an energy to change the things we do badly. Long may our ABC be that arm of the media. Yours sincerely,

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ACT 2611



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

When my children were small, they loved the programmes like Play School, Bananas in Pyjamas and Thomas the Tank Engine and I liked them watching it because there were no ads. As for me, I prefer watching the ABC because there are no ads, the programmes are of a higher standard and the investigative reports are well researched. The local content, everything from comedy to drama, is a celebration of the talent of Australians in the arts industry and should be strongly supported. I trust the ABC because it gives a balanced and unbiased view of Australia - something commercial stations are unable to do. The ABC should NOT be privatised for it provides an important contribution to our democracy and the provides the forum for a full and frank discussion of the issues Australians face.

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NSW 2111



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Submission

I live in rural Tasmania and have done for 37 years. The ABC TV has been the most reliable and trusted source of local news across that period of time. In times of crucial emergency information such as floods or fire, ABC have been the media that have kept communities informed, continuing to broadcast local facts and news, for those living under those threats. Four Corners is an ABC current affairs program that has proven time and again of its integrity and that it is the most trusted news source. Many ABC programs have launched the careers of local performers and without them, Australian TV would be the poorer.


I find it abhorrent that the Turnbull government would even entertain an inquiry on the ABC as part of a deal with Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party. This political party is a complete anathema to Australian Politics and is not to be trusted. This deal is contrary to the democratic principles of Australian society. Shame on you Prime Minister!

The ABC needs to remain in public hands. This organisation is a reflection of Australian society. The ABC is independent of commercial interests and so tackles stories that the commercial networks would not touch. The BBC in Britain has been instrumental in representing the United Kingdom abroad through its World news broadcasting and been very successful. The likes of Sir David Attenborough attest to this himself. The ABC continues to be cobbled by budget cuts yet still is the most quality network on Australian TV. The recent debacle of coverage of the FIFA World Cup proves that a public broadcaster (SBS) can perform far better for the people of Australia than vested interests.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media.

Leave our public broadcasters alone!

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TAS 7216 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: In defence of the ABC (&SBS) and in opposition to privatisation

Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Department of Communications and the Arts
GPO Box 2154
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Do Not Privatisise the ABC!

Dear Chair, Officers and Appointees of the Inquiry,

I wish to make a submission to this Inquiry concerning the future of the ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) and to a lesser extent SBS (Special Broadcasting Service) (which is hybrid-funded) – this in the context of the recent Liberal Party Motion (carried) that the ABC be privatised.

I am intensely and bitterly opposed to the privatisation of the ABC.

These are some (not all) of the reasons I oppose privatisation of the ABC:

The ABC Charter is a comprehensive document setting out a series of responsibilities including

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

- A privatised ABC would have no obligation except to its shareholders, to provide profit.
- All sense of national cohesion or ‘balance’ would be lost.
- As it stands, the ABC is required to provide ‘Balance’ – by contrast, ‘Rupert Murdoch, Alan Jones, (insert name of mogul or shock-jock here)’ would not.

As it operates currently, the ABC is at the forefront of investigative journalism in Australia. For-profit media organisations are not, in part because the moguls who own them are likely to be the target for an independent investigation into conflicts of interest.

The ABC as is exists to serve the entire nation;
A privatised ABC would serve its shareholders only.

The ABC as is informs the so-called ‘national conversation’.

When a topic is raised by the ABC, the commercial broadcasters leap upon the work done by the ABC – witness the Moonlight State – profiting from work done by others.

One way to look at is this:

“There are effectively only two broadcasters in Australia – ABC/SBS and commercial – because all the commercial broadcasters are almost indistinguishable.”

For example, no commercial broadcaster would produce anything as thought-provoking or aboriginal-centric as ‘The Slap’ or ‘Mystery Road’. These are World-Class productions; the envy of countries like the US (which produced its own watered down ‘The Slap’) and the rest of the English-speaking world, lacking an interaction with a 60,000 year old culture.

In fact, the terms of your Inquiry are asking the wrong question:

It does not matter if the ABC and SBS are competitively neutral – because the functions of SBS and the charter of the ABC have so much less to do with selling soap and automobiles.

We need the ABC and SBS (to a lesser extent) as is.

At the moment we have one (bought and paid for) voice in the commercial sector, and one (required to be neutral or balanced) voice that is publicly funded. I'd pay more taxes to ensure that this remains the same.

Privatise the ABC and this will silence many voices that deserve to be heard; we will wind up with a less just, less equitable, less vibrant nation than the one that has evolved under the gentle and at times confronting information flow enabled under the current arrangements.

Hypothecated funding is one solution. Please examine that, if possible within your terms of reference – or note that it should be examined.

I do hope you have the courage and morality to see how damaging the ABC (and SBS) damages our nation for the future. I want my grandchildren to hear the reporting that comes from the ABC – and if the ABC is a thorn in the sides of ALL political parties – so be it!

Yours sincerely,

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ACT 2903



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation would kill the ABC as we know it

Do we really need another useless commercial channel with no interest in doing the serious work of journalism or of telling uniquely Australian stories? There are plenty of people in this country who do not watch Channels 7, 9 and 10 because of their lightweight, lowest-common-denominator programming. Their idea of what a news program is is laughable. The ABC and SBS are the only options for serious news. And without the ABC's hard-hitting journalism we may as well just sign a bill letting our politicians get away with anything they bloody well feel like. Somebody needs to keep them accountable. So no more funding cuts, no more loss of talent, no more trying to mould the ABC into Fox News. Let the ABC flourish. It's already starting to become a shadow of its former self. If the ABC is privatised, it will have vested interests running it. It needs to keep its independence.

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NSW 2062




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatisise the ABC

The publicly funded ABC is required to maintain the democratic status of our country - to give voice to those not in a position of economic or political power to bias government decisions in their favour rather than the public good.

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NSW 2264 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep My ABC in public hands!!!!

DO NOT PRIVATISE MY ABC!!!!!!!!!! The Liberal Party have no right to take what is ours. Stop immediately!

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VIC 3934 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC provides quality programming without commercial interruption. It caters to all of us, children to adult with unbiased information, children's quality entertainment and excellent news. In private hands it becomes another money spinner for the already rich who can offer cheap programming, usually foreign, and any bias they may hold.

Our ABC is very important to me and to many of my learned friends. It would be an outrage to sell it off.

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TAS 7150




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Public

I am a passionate supporter of the ABC. I trust the work that they do and I am in awe of the tremendous job that they have done in investigative reporting of important public issues. They are a pillar of our culture. When the ABC is diminished by funding cuts and restriction of access to the powerful and restriction of their field of operation WE are diminished as a people. Australians rely on our ABC. It must be kept in public hands.

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NSW 2540 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never privatise the ABC

There is no reason to take the public broadcaster out of public hands that does not rely on ideological warfare against the notion of the public good. The ABC is a national asset owned by the Australian people, not the government. It should remain as one of our few public assets, untainted by commercialisation. The 'market' is an ideological construct invoked by the enemies of public life, and it has no business being unleashed on the ABC which is a deeply successful organisation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Inquiry into the ABC - it must never be privatised

I write this as a submission into the inquiry into whether the ABC has an "undue advantage" over commercial media.

The ABC is by far our most trusted source for news, current affairs, high quality investigations into vital matters such as corruption, as well as arts programs such as comedy and music to help cope with the depressing stories coming out of the aforementioned programs.

So I am highly concerned about the Coalition (as well as the ironically named Institute for Public Affairs) declaring their wishes to privatise our ABC.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy, one that cannot be filled by commercial media which are mostly so very biased in their reporting.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands.

The ABC is essential to balance out the total broadcasting market. If we didn't have the ABC, we'd be at the mercy of all of 'Murdoch's Rubbish' - what a horrible prospect!

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NSW 2518 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am 66 years old and I've lived in Australia for 38 years, I have a husband, 2 children and 3 grandchildren; the ABC has been in my family's life from the very beginning, starting with Play School, BTN, Good News Week, Rage, Four Corners, the Science Show, too many to mention, some of them of course, no longer with us, and no doubt, mourned at the time of their disappearance, but the ABC has never failed to re-invent itself, to stimulate our interest with new ways of explore culture in all its manifestations. We look on with horror as the ABC comes daily under sustained attack from politicians and narrow commercial interests. The moves to de-fund it and now even worse, the threats of privatisation make us more determined than ever to fight for its survival with all the means at our disposal.

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NSW 2065



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell off the ABC

I came to Australia as a migrant some 21yrs ago,
My husband and I are regular ABC watchers, even my children grew up on the excellent ABC programming for kids. Programs like 4 Corners, Q&A, Media Watch are vital for us the public to know what is actually happening, what is being misrepresented and to have a voice about issues we care and are concerned about.

In keeping politicians of all hues and from all parties honest, the ABC has a key role in giving us confidence and trust that the systems of Government are working as they should. Which is why from time to time politicians from just about every party have hated the ABC, so the issue of left wing bias is absolutely ridiculous. I can recall Labor politicians so furious with the ABC they would not appear on it.

The continuous and sustained attack on the ABC from the hard right has got to stop. If politicians feel they should not be held to account they should not be in democratic politics.

I also find it ironic that the most strident supports of free speech are the one who are the most active in trying to silence it from the ABC. What they seem to support is not free speech but just the parroting of their own views, with no diversity of views tolerated. That actually is the exact opposite of the true values of 'Free Speech.'


The ABC is reliable, responsible and trustworthy. I do not trust any of the commercial channels. They are beholden to their owners and shareholders and cannot be trusted to tell things as they are, in addition they are very given to sensationalising events.

My trust in the Coalition is being eroded by the promised made by Liberal leaders, only to dishonour them when in Government. In particular Tony Abbott's pre-election promise of NO CUTS TO THE ABC. After forming Government there were cuts in the very first budget and since then a sustained attempt to undermine it. The board has been stacked by the Government with people who share their views not a diverse representation. All of this makes me and my family less trusting of the Government and more reliant on the ABC.

The argument that it is costing the tax payer a lot of money is also not valid, the recent report that the ABC returns material benefit of 1 billion dollars shows it is not the drag on the public purse the Government makes it out to be. So the misinformation on that should cease immediately.

The ABC and SBS play a vital and much needed part in our democratic process, something that commercial channels do not, so the two should not be compared. Making the very premise of this enquiry questionable.

Lastly the ABC and SBS are the asset of the people, only the people should decide if there is to be any major change. Have a referendum and let the people speak.
Till then HANDS OFF OUR ABC.


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VIC 3133 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in private hands

As an elderly person living alone, the ABC keeps me in touch with the world, with all that's best in literature, music and the arts, and with current and historical events. It is my mainstay and it could never be replicated by any commercial venture. Its worth cant be measured in dollars.
Im shocked to hear glib statements about privatisation, which could not possibly replicate the rich content of the public broadcaster. I sincerely hope that any such idea will be rejected out of hand.

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NSW 2010 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: FUND THE ABC FULLY AND PROPERLY: DESIST FROM THESE ATTACKS

Please stop these blatant ideological attacks on the ABC.

Everyone - including your supporters - is aware of the reasons for these attacks.

1. Your party's media backer has an historical obsession with destroying the ABC: this is and has always been a key Murdoch family priority. Therefore, sadly, it has become your priority. Sir Robert Menzies who distrusted Keith Murdoch profoundly would have been appalled.
2. The fact that sometimes ABC content does not reflect your policy agenda - such as any policy programme can be said to actually exist.
3. Your shameful deals with the overtly racist Pauline Hanson.


You and all of your party should be ashamed of yourselves and of what you all are trying to do it to an Australian institution - one of very few which are still respected by the majority of us.

If you do not change this vicious approach, this will very likely be the end of your government: something for which many of us profoundly wish.

yours sincerely

Dr [REDACTED]
Deans Marsh

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VIC 3235 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only Australian media outlet that provides a balanced adult debate about the issues facing our communities. It does so because it is free from commercial interests which would seek to influence the debate in their favour. It must remain free from commercial interests in order to provide unbiased, objective commentary and facilitate fair and balanced debate. [REDACTED]

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NSW 2077



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The privatisation of the ABC

I would like to express my deep concern about the privatisation of the ABC. The removal of the most important non-commercial national media outlet in the country exposes the public to blanket social engineering by private interests with political & ideological agendas.

Manipulation of the public mindset jeopardises public safety, civil rights, and political & social stability. Should a monopoly gain control of all major media outlets in the country, the public is at the absolute mercy of one private organisation. It's an Orwellian nightmare which cannot be allowed to occur.


We all know that the situation with Murdoch is already bad enough - the ABC is the last real bastion of objective journalism, and its death would be a devastating blow to the quality & integrity of journalism nationwide.

Clearly this attempt at media suppression is intended to silence 'dissenters', and it's a socially criminal, morally bankrupt action, bordering on fascism. Shame on those that would support this action in the interests of bolstering their own political positions.

Surely even they must realise that being in charge of a diseased country is actually worse than not being in charge of anything.

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NSW 2026 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands!


To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my alarm at talk of privatizing our ABC, coming from the hard right of politics! The ABC's job is to serve the public by looking closely at, among other things, our own government. It is one of the few voices in news media which is not under extreme corporate influence, as it is owned by the Australian people (not the liberal party!) if it appears to be left leaning, it is only in contrast to a majority of right wing media, which has accumulated as more and more media fall into the hands of a few, private, massive corporations which have strong ties to other corporations and wealthy individuals. It is impossible for these outlets to remain unbiased under these circumstances and they become nothing more than propaganda machines for their corporate ownership. They have an extremely detrimental impact on our democracy, as corporations benefit greatly from influencing policy. Our democracy and our society is very, very sick when corporations and wealthy individuals have greater influence in politics than voters! That is the opposite of democracy! The ABC will undoubtedly degrade into a corporate cheerleading farce, should privatization become a reality. I urge our government, in the strongest possible, terms to serve the PUBLIC by nurturing the national broadcaster to be a strong INDEPENDENT voice for DEMOCRACY! Please reinstate its former funding levels which have been STOLEN and given as tax relief to the wealthy and corporations! Despite the governments ongoing efforts to blind us, Australians are watching.

Regards

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VIC 3184 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC Honest

Shame on the government once again ... What do "THEY" want kept OUT of the PUBLIC EYE ...
Privatisation can only lead to the downfall of public opinion ... Shows like Four Corners would be axed ...
Turnbull's statement whether public broadcasters have an "undue advantage" over commercial outlets ...
Does he really mean over the "Murdoch Press" ... WE DEMAND KEEP THE ABC PUBLIC ...

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WA 6006



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands! SAVE THE ABC!


I think it would be first and foremost of interest to me if you explain what the 'undue advantage' is? The Australian public's last avenue of uncorrupted investigative reporting must not be closed down. This is a blatant subversive activity that is designed to keep Australian's as uninformed as possible. We are fast becoming the very unlucky country unless you are wealthy, and Paul Keating's 'Banana Republic' is becoming more and more the reality.

Shows like Foreign Correspondent and Four Corners allow us some avenue of true information on what is happening both in Australia and the World at large. Their investigative reporting allows Australian's to have a say, such as in the scam regarding the Adani mine loan. This obviously is counter to what our Liberal government wants. They are quickly becoming a dictatorship and we are quickly losing the essence of a democratic society. Shareholders are the only ones who have a say in the government. Shows like the Weekly, Gruen, Checkout, and Andrew Denton's incredible skill in interviewing are all highly informative entertaining and insightful. There is no comparison in quality of content to anything dished out to us on the commercial networks. Instead we are flooded with trashy reporting and reality shows, with a large proportion of the content being recycled endlessly with old movies and sitcoms.

Save the ABC - it is the only network worth watching, the rest are just working on dumbing us all down so that we don't care what the government is doing.

SAVE THE ABC!!

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NSW 2486 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We love our ABC

Dear leaders, i have travelled the world and our ABC stands alone as a quality presenter of not just news but wonderful programs on science, health, children's entertainment and education, indigenous life, music to list just a few. I live in the country and our local ABC is a source of information I have grown up with and rely on. The diversity of this broadcaster astounds and delights me and my family, every generation. Please do not privatise. It would destroy something most Australians see as essential to their wellbeing.

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NSW 2441



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off!!

I feel as if I have listened in one form or another to our ABC every day of my life. Consequently, I believe I have a right to speak! The ABC must not fall into the hands of the private market, which has no regulation. Look what happened to Facebook. Look at the control Google has over the information we receive. This must never happen to our ABC!

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SA 5051



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I'm very concerned about the ABC being dismantled in any form whatsoever.... It's the only independent new source in the country

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TAS 7253




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retaining world class broadcast service

The ABC is one of the few Australian owned and managed institutions left to us. It allows for stories, news and opinions from regional and remote areas not just urban to be told and heard. It's reputation is unlike many others remains - as public polling shows. It's expertise in broadcasting and development of digital platforms is to be applauded - as it has by generations of Australians. In an era when there is such disquiet about the integrity of 'leaders' and loss of community - selling off the ABC is the issue which will decide our voting intentions.

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NSW 2478 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Public

In regional areas the ABC is the only source of news.
Public broadcasting is the only news that can be trusted.



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


I am completely horrified at the thought of the ABC being privatized. All my life the ABC has provided well researched, fair, balanced news I can trust. Programs including Four Corners, Insiders, 7.30, Q and A and for children Behind the News are an unmatched source of news, informed opinion and debate. I shudder to think of getting my 'news' from a commercial channel or a privately owned ABC, which will have vested interests.

The funding cuts suffered by the ABC as a result of the Coalition's attacks are a scandal. Sadly, any potential private buyer will expect to acquire a run-down ABC for a knockdown price. This in itself is of great concern to me. An iconic institution like the ABC, as it was when adequately funded, will not possibly be replicated when it is privately owned. I have no doubt at all that the ABC will be radically changed should this shocking change occur.

The ABC must stay in public hands. It plays a vital role in our democracy. It is an institution to be proud of in a world where so many countries lack a news service of its calibre, and indeed lack a reliable, truthful news service at all. A week spent in, for example, the US viewing what passes for news in the US is enough to convince me that the ABC must remain in public hands. Moreover its funding should be restored to pre-Coalition levels immediately.

Does the ABC as a public broadcaster have an 'undue advantage' over commercial outlets? No. But if it did I view this as a distinct advantage, rather than the reverse. The ABC does not need to pander to anyone and nor should it. In a democracy this is as it should be.

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NSW 2060 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only intelligent, honest, television channel reporting current events and news, devoid of commercials. Without the ABC we would all be subjected to the inane rubbish that is only available on the commercial, privately owned channels, and also subjected to more viewing time of long, loud commercials, longer and louder than the programme. Without the ABC, we would all then have to pay for Netflix or sell our TV's, because there would be nothing worth watching on non paying TV. The accusation that the ABC is biased is totally ludicrous. Without the ABC, as a nation we would all be the controlled puppets of the megalomaniac media moguls. Privatising the ABC is an act of blatant totalitarianism.

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WA 6162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

The ABC is the most trusted and reliable source of news for Australians. It is only able to maintain this integrity by being a public service. Privatizing it because you don't like them reporting the news in a factual manner just highlights the corruption in our government. I have zero faith in our government in doing what is right by Australians on any issue, but ask anyway that you do not privatise the ABC.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2518 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!!

The ABC does NOT have an "undue advantage" over commercial channels Mr Turnbull. An overwhelming majority of Australians hold the ABC dear to their hearts - where else can we get hard hitting and insightful current affairs, great dramas, great kids TV - NOT on commercial TV that is for sure. It is not about advantage it is about choice for the thinking consumer!! Hands OFF!!

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QLD 4865 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC "Privatisation"

I have great respect and admiration for the ABC and would hate to think of it being in the hands of people who would be pushing their own agenda as we see with private radio and TV at present. I would be ;distressed to lose Landline, Songs of Praise and the many programmes which bring the country to the city. Before savage cuts they were also producing great drama. Radio- wise I love Conversation Hour.

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NSW 2151



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is the most trusted news source and covers all of Australia. What kind of a country would we become if NEWS corp. was our only source of news?

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NSW 2594




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must not be privatised

Privatising the ABC would in my opinion undermine freedom of the press and our democratic system by making it a servant of commercial interests. It would silence a crucial voice that balances the power of capital.

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WA 6163 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public hands

To the Government:

Please do not privatise the ABC. It is a worthy institution that serves All Australians, with cultural benefit, of music, recordings, interviews, drama, current affairs, comedy, and non biased viewpoints. Important reporting on current affairs. It is quality.
It is important to me and all those in the communities across Australia.
thank you.


[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NSW 2042 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is a vital link between Australians and their local community, national affairs and the world. Its unbiased and factual approach is good for the community, it is a world leader like the BBC that we all should be proud of. The ABC is a public service and like most public services is best served by remaining in public ownership. Those of us who have been paying tax for many, many years have been happy to see those taxes funding a world class media operation, and would like to see that continue. Those wanting to see the ABC privatised are obviously troubled by the fair and balanced approach to local, national and world affairs the ABC takes. It doesn't fit their narrow view that every Australian must aspire to more money and ignore their fellow community members to "get ahead" (Scott Morrison). The ABC is for ALL Australians and must remain so.

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ACT 2615 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Prioritise our ABC! Fund it more and keep it in public hands.

The ABC is such a huge asset to our big country. It keeps me company and it keeps me connected and the trust I have in it will only be continued should it stay in public hands.

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TAS 7004



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC.

When i do watch TV it is the ad free ABC!!!!

It has had the most amazing programs over the years..especially Playschool for our children..I just love the authentic Four Corners and 7.30 reports for their investigative powers and their willingness to ask politicians the difficult questions. Not to mention Tony Jones Q and I, Landline, Gardening Australia and the newly produced program Mystery Road.Likewise the Radio Programs are produced with evenhandedness and with great professionalism.Congratulations to the ABC for such variety and stimulating programs...

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NSW 2445



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC Alive

I want to send my personal request that funding should not be cut to the ABC Broadcasting Commission. ABC is the radio station I listen to every morning and watch at night. We live in regional QLD. It has such wonderful programs and conversations with amazing people in our country who are doing so much to help others and help make Australia a better place. I

My Grandchild love to watch ABC for Kids. By watching Pepper Pig my 3 year old has learnt about France and that in Paris he could go to the Eiffel Tower. What wonderful kids programs which you know children can watch that are educational and they are not being influenced by advertisements.

My concern with the Coalitions attack on our ABC means the Australian people don't have the freedom to watch these amazing programs which extend our understand of issues here in Australia. Lots of the ABC programs would not be aired on free to air commercial channels because it would not have a larger enough audience. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

Please save the ABC

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QLD 4560 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't you dare sell off the ABC

For 80 of my 85 years I've heard and seen Australia in the gentle, firm and dignified tones of the ABC. It can only maintain its power to strengthen the national psyche if it remains true to its charter - and if the charter remains intact and robust. To destroy the ABC would profoundly corrupt the Australian spirit!!!

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VIC 3777 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC as a public funded broadcaster is essential

In this era of an ever fractured information stream, with the 'fake news' phenomenon creating distrust and uncertainty in our population-a trusted, well researched, non-biased source of information is an essential ingredient to the stability and fortitude of our democratic system.

In addition, the ABC is a fundamental source of information and provider of services to Australia's geographically dispersed population and serves to equalise the information imbalance between our large coastal cities and rural communities.

The ABC is at the forefront of technology and information provision-as an Australian taxpayer I see real value for money in the spending of my tax dollars!

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NSW 2107 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation

I will vote against any government that attempts to privatise the ABC. The ABC must remain in public hands to ensure that its content can remain objective and unbiased whilst presenting the public with a very real alternative to the biased rubbish provided by commercial stations.

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VIC 3095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: our public broadcaster must NOT be privatised!

A knowledgeable electorate and an open society are the bulwarks of a democracy. A vigorous media environment, with a variety of outlets across a variety of media, with minimal ownership concentration, is vital to this process. This means it is essential to have a well-funded public broadcaster in the mix, especially in an age where private media outlet ownership is becoming more concentrated. While public broadcasting is crucial for urban audiences, it is absolutely fundamental for regional and rural Australia. The recent motion passed at the national Council of the political party currently in government to privatise the ABC would, if it became government policy, be a giant barrier to the concept of an informed Australian population. It must be resisted at all costs.

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NSW 2107 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The need for an independent ABC

I have travelled and lived in various English-speaking countries. An independent national broadcaster is priceless - a source of serious, informed, disinterested commentary and reporting, as well as good quality drama and entertainment. Commercialisation brings programs of vested interest, anti-intellectual pop quality, and cannot be seen to do deep investigative journalism. ABC analysis programs have launched many necessary enquiries into iniquities and improprieties in Australian customs and institutions. Any country should be prepared to pay for an honest and serious eye on behalf of an honest and decent culture.

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ACT 2905




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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: hands off the ABC you right wing carpet baggers

we need a fair commentator not a murdoch advert

[REDACTED]

SA 5171 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands & NO to privatization.

ABC is the channel I watch with my family not interrupted by commercial brainwashing advertising. We switch off to such bombardment of commercialism. My grandchildren love programmes as Peppa Pig & Bananas in Pyjamas Whilst we view 4 Corners & Media Watch both trusted information & news source versus the biased opinions overrun with the Murdoch Newcorps. Other channels steeped in American jargon & our Aussie culture lost with words adopted into our language such as "Awesome" or "Have a nice day" or "Guys" replaces "You Beauty" or "G'day" or "Mates" Aussie terminology is being laid to rest whilst American idioms are uttered from the lips of our youth. Our specific cultural expressions disappearing. We need to sustain a democratic choice of maintaining & funding OUR ABC by comparing commercial channels is not a valid point of the inquiry as it is about offering a freedom of different opinion not answerable to the almighty dollar & the wealthy corporations. Finally, "No Worries" "Sh'll be right" Keep the ABC in public hands. [REDACTED]

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SA 5091 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC.


I live in Falmouth in rural Tasmania and central Fremantle in Western Australia. The ABC provides a great service in both rural and urban environments but has the additional role in the rural environment of providing much needed updates on fires and floods.

However in recent times the news has been reduced to the level of the commercial stations due to the disgraced bullying from a cowardly government in the form of threats and funding cuts. The ABC has an important role of inclusion and reflecting the whole of society which it still does to a large extent. It's investigative arm for 4 corners is small but excellent but it's news and analysis has been savaged. In the age of rising tribalism in the private mainstream media there is more need than ever for an inclusive national voice asking deep questions and attempting at least to explore the complex answers. The most basic need for news today is from a trusted source. Due to funding cuts and threats of more the ABC is less so than before and resorts to either the banal or sensational in news broadcasting.

For the nation to make good choices both individually and at a national level in this time of real impending peril it is so important that we have a trusted source of news. A nation of cynics and disheartened people is not a nation that can flourish in the hard times ahead, or maybe even survive.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6160 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have relied on and trusted the ABC to be one of my primary daily news sources and to provide high quality drama and comedy programs for most of my adult life (40+ years). Intrusive and abrasive advertising, the drive to capture attention through increasingly outrageous and provocative presenters, and control from billionaire overseas owners, characterises commercial media. The ABC must be kept as independent and publicly owned and funded.

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VIC 3350 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Enough! Leave our ABC alone!

I was appalled by the recent vote by the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC. I do not believe the current Prime Minister when he says he will not do as his party requests and privatise the ABC. This is because our last Liberal Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, said there would be no cuts to the ABC and yet there has been dramatic cuts. I grew up in the UK and there we feel such a sense of pride in the BBC, when I moved to Australia I felt the same pride for the ABC, and its quality programming. I don't know why the Liberal party would want to ruin it by privatising it, other than they fear it to be too critical of them. Shame on the Liberal party! The ABC is part of my daily life- listening to the radio, podcasts, TV, website. I miss the hour long radio news at midday which I presume was affected by the cuts. I watch with horror what is happening with America and the blatant lies put forward by privately owned Fox news. The way Fox News turns the news into right wing propaganda demonstrates that now more than ever we can not trust private companies only, we need the ABC as a balance. I am not some radically lefty, I don't protest, but I am utterly sick of the cuts to the ABC, and if the ABC is privatised I will happily join in any street protests.

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SA 5415 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC needs to be in public hands, NOT privitised!!

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NSW 2324



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't let THEM privatise the ABC -

We MUST have a non-commercial channel available to us for obvious reasons, one that cannot be dictated to by big bosses. We live in the country and find the ABC the only trust-worthy newscaster. Please don't take that away from us - for the sake of all free-thinking people country-wide

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NSW 2539




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in Public Hands

The ABC should remain in public hands.
We need at one station that is commercial free, especially for children. We adults are being driven mad by commercials on private channels.
Commercials free is ABC's point of difference and our society needs that.
As taxpayers we pay for it, and I am happy to do so, so I can watch commercial free TV.

The claim that ABC is left wing is ridiculous.

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VIC 3130 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain public.

I work in the Children's Television sector and if the ABC were privatised I know from experience that the private owners would compromise the quality of kids programming for grubby free market reasons. Our children need to be able to be entertained without being affected by advertising directed at their young and impressionable minds.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2204



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

I am appalled that this government is considering privatizing the ABC.

I have grown up with the ABC. I have grown up with its child-centred programs, its drama programs, its news services, its radio.

I lived in a small town where the ABC was the only TV station; where the ABC was the only place on radio with good news coverage, or with alternative music choices. I grew up knowing there were two or more sides to every story, because the news programs my family watched were full of debate.

A few years ago I visited New Zealand. One of the things I noticed missing was an impartial New Zealand voice in the media. What was apparent was a media controlled by power groups with highly obvious agendas. New Zealand has no public broadcaster, and it shows.

I am aware that private media groups have been attempting to dismantle the ABC for many years, It is a publicly funded, not-for-profit media outlet with high production values and a mission to be impartial. It is, therefore, both a competitor for viewers, and a non-partisan observer and critic of society. It is an ideological thorn, as it were. No wonder the private media want rid of it – or better still for them, control of it.

The ABC services the whole country and its charter insists that impartiality be respected; that opposing sides in any argument or issue are given the chance to put their case. The few times this has seemed to be in question, the ABC have undergone massive public, external and internal reviews and investigations.

The privately owned media are not subject to any such overview.

The ABC are the only service to broadcast without commercial advertising. The capability to watch programs without being forced to watch a series of adverts begging me to buy stuff is bliss. Our world is full of the pressure to buy, buy buy. I resent being forced to undergo that pressure during my own leisure time.

As a result, the ABC is the only station I watch. It is the only station my children watch – they too dislike advertising, and they too have grown to appreciate considering more than one side of an argument.


Privatising the ABC would be a mistake driven by a flawed ideology and a scared and vengeful political party. We will never get it back. Media wise, it is a national treasure. It has already suffered major cuts to funding and is struggling to maintain its charter. It looks to be decimated further by more cuts as the current political regime continues to try to dismantle it.

Please understand the ABC is highly popular, highly appreciated, and is the sole large public media outlet the country has. The private sector is not interested in doing what the ABC does; what the ABC does doesn't drive profit. The ABC services as many people as it can, regardless of the profitability or lack of profitability involved. It provides an objective voice. It encourages an Australian industry. It helps provide a national identity.

Don't sell it off. Don't keep cutting it's funds. Don't fold to corporate pressure.

Sincerely,

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Randwick
NSW 2031

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NSW 2031 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am 90 years old and my wife is 86, in a wheel chair. We both depend on the ABC for accurate and unbiased news, as we have for almost the whole of our lives. When we compare this with the USA scene we are shocked that there is a move to privatize our Australian ABC. There are plenty of commercial stations but only one ABC.

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QLD 4819 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone

I am in my 70s and have been a lifelong ABC fan. That commenced in the late 40s when I started to listen to the cricket broadcasts, learning enough to (a few decades later) obtain a cricket umpire's ticket. In those days women umpiring men's matches was a rarity. I was a faithful Argonaut, loving the program every day, sending in contributions and learning to appreciate music, writing and so on. I became a lifelong lover of classical music (except for a brief flirtation with the Beatles) after hearing the Beethoven Violin Concerto. ABC Classic FM plays constantly in my home during the day until I switch on to News 24 and eventually the evening programs beginning with the News and 7.30.


The ABC is trusted, and non-biased. It is not at the whim of some media mogul. The lack of advertising is an enormous plus. When one occasionally has to watch a sporting event like the Australian Open tennis, the intrusion of the ads while one is trying to follow a game is very distracting as one loses viewing time whilst some company or other is spruiking its wares.

Public broadcasting is a public good. the ABC emergency broadcasting during the 2003 Canberra fires was essential listening. Who else can one trust when emergency situations arise?

The ABC should never be privatised. It provides services that no commercial organisation is going to care to do. Please enshrine it in public hands for the benefit of future generations.

Thank you in anticipation .

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ACT 2612 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I strongly oppose the privatisation of the ABC

I am disgusted by the fact that the Australian Liberal Party Council has bowed to the pressure from its hard right members to vote for privatizing the ABC. It is clear to me that the pressure for privatization is ultimately coming from privately owned media organisations with a deeply conservative and reality-denying agenda, which have a track record of denial important issues - most especially climate change - and are seeking to suppress any media which they cannot control and force to present their deeply ignorant messages. If the Liberal Party does end up privatizing the ABC, the damage they will do to credible and intelligent media in this country will never be forgotten by those who value the existence of unbiased media.

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TAS 7001 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

It is deeply disturbing to hear about the ongoing cuts to the ABC and now even the push to privatise it. The ABC is a phantastic broadcaster with high standard journalism and nearly the only radio and television station I listen to and trust.

Don't we have sold out enough community building organisations? Look what happened to Telstra, the banks, energy providers, the public service, jails, detention camps etc.

Privatisation stands for selling out community commons to greedy profit making. In the case of the ABC we would loose critical mindful journalism to marketing political spin. It would undermine our democracy irreparable.

Yours, Dr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2060



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please maintain a strong and independent public ABC.

It's vital that the ABC stays public and well supported, to maintain integrity and quality of independent journalism and a broad and balanced schedule of high quality programs, currently unavailable on privately funded stations. We are extremely fortunate to have a strong public broadcaster, unlike the US, where reporting is tainted by the political bias of the network ownership.

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VIC 3123



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Dear Members

It is vitally important to me personally that the ABC remains in public hands. It is the only news source that I have consistently watched for the past six decades. My mother is 96 years old and still watches the news on the ABC. It is reliable and informative and generally trustworthy. Where other MSM are not.

I recently attended a Hearing Clinic and the clinician told me that her, her teacher husband and children all watch the ABC - the only channel they watch! The ABC is popular because it does not have advertisements and it is Australian content and popular with the public - it is our broadcaster!

Not to be sold off to private enterprise which already has a monopoly and is unreliable in content.

The ABC is owned by the people of Australia. It is our reliable news source. 4 Corners, Australian Story Q & A just a few of our favourites and I still remember when my children and grandchildren use to watch Bananas in Pyjamas etc.

The publicly owned ABC plays an important role in our democracy and it is imperative that it remains so and never be compared to commercial media. We rely on our ABC. I know how strongly the Australian people view this issue - it's historic and psychological importance for our democracy is not something to be meddled with.

Very sincerely

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NSW 2283



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Coal mines should not be nationalised and the ABV should not be privatised

I am in my 50s and we grew up listening and watching the ABC. My own children have also grown up in this way. Remarkably for its budget, the ABC provides viewing pleasure suitable for my parents (in their late 70s), for myself and my husband (in our 50s), for our children (in their 20s) and for my nieces and nephews (from 0-18).

What a wonderful public service.


What a perfect use of our taxpayer dollars.

Don't hand over the organisational value of our taxpayer dollars built up over decades to corporate interests. We don't need profits, we don't need the ABC to be silenced.

We need a public broadcaster that delivers real value to the constituents - the same constituents that vote in (or out) our politicians.

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NSW 2621 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public ownership

The ABC is a valued, reliable and trusted news source. It's analysis and research into key news issues is unmatched. The quality of programming is unique. World wide, it is seen as an impeccable news source and an icon for excellence in reporting, research, analysis and consistency.

It provides balanced reporting and many of its reporters are highly respected for their strength in interviewing and persistent pursuit of truth and plain speak.

Privatised equals compromised.

Allow the ABC to continue, with increases to its current stifling funding level.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

WA 6006



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC, our Cornerstone of Democracy

My submission is to fiercely defend our ABC from the scurrilous attacks by those who would wish to privatise it under the masquerade of achieving monetary efficiencies.


The ABC, our flagship of democracy will always be a reasonably expensive service to the nation but one that time after time the nation has supported in its retention. If there are objections to or a case to make for better use of the funds the ABC receives then let the evidence be presented so that the people can decide its merit. The carping and whinging of the political far right about the tax payer getting value for money from the ABC is clearly understood by the majority of Australians to be no more than their hostility and perception of unfair comentry of their government and the desire of a hard core of their right faction to get their hands on the most valuable asset of the nation.

I say let them dare so that the clear minded, fair go mentality of the Australian people can wipe them aside at the poll. Shame, shame, shame on them.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3011 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Donor privatise ABC

The ABA is a treasure , provides great service to Australia in a multitude of way: music, reliable news, thought provoking material that all helps to create an informed society. & that is why the Liberala want to demolish it.

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NSW 2204 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is an essential service

Any survey taken in high income areas will find that due to the correlation between wealth , education and the need for high quality media, will support the retention of the ABC in its current form.

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VIC 3018 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is vital for my radio,[Classic FM Music,] & news other ABC & TV broadcasts. The news is "real" news & not sensationalised by trivia & not constantly interrupted by adverts.I only ever watch the ABC & SBS TV channels.The programmes such as the 7.30 report are well researched & informative as well as other current affairs programmes like 4 Corners, Catalyst etc. The dramas are of good quality.Again, very importantly, they are not regularly being interrupted by adverts! I cannot understand why the Coalition constantly attacks the ABC - it belongs to US!! This Government is just our elected representatives and have no right to decide to privatise our ABC. Public broadcasting plays an important & irreplaceable role in our society and should never be compared with the commercial media.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3153




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Threat to our ABC

All reporting must be factual and not biased for a democracy to flourish. Wednesday's Age newspaper was full of concerns about the threatened privatisation of the ABC, whereas the Herald Sun never mentioned it. This demonstrates the conflict of interest of commercial concerns purporting to inform Australians of factual evidence-based events without fear or favour.

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QLD 4101 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I am opposed to the privatisation of the ABC as an independent and government funded broadcasting corporation ensures no commercial interest or countries outside Australia can change the nature and freedom of journalism and programming for all groups in society is firmly in the control of the Australian government and its people.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2641 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

This is a no-brainer !




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Liberal Party push to privatise the ABC

The ABC, both National C Classic FM are the only stations I ever listen to or channel I watch (the latter already reduced to 'Four Corners' on Mon nights since the quality of programmes has already deteriorated). There are three strong reasons why I am horrified at the notion of privatising them. First, the ABC is our only non-commercial, independent media voice, SBS being compromised by commercialism. Secondly, I am an avid fan of quality classical music, which Classic FM alone offers. Thirdly, To deserve the name 'democracy', it is VITAL that we have an independent, non-agendered public forum which the ABC alone currently offers. A final comment I would add is that the musical programming and the speech qualities of announcers and commentators is already in sad decline. DO NOT ALLOW FURTHER DEGRADATION. IT COMES AT A HIGH PRICE.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3446 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please allow all voices to be heard and keep our ABC in public hands

I could not have raised my children to be as well-rounded and knowledgeable without the ABC (and I would have gone insane without the break the quality ABC viewing gave me!). I trust my ABC to give a voice to those who are often silenced including those who would not have the financial clout to be heard if the ABC was privatised.

[REDACTED]


QLD 4520 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I have only marched on the streets on one issue over my long life and that was in defence of the ABC when Tony Abbott broke an election promise of no cuts to the ABC and to SBS. Subsequent cuts in the Hockey Budget were a betrayal of our democratic processes of casting our votes on the basis of promises made by a candidate Prime Minister. The ABC is the people's media. We pay for it. There is no large scale objection from the public that the ABC is not doing its job according to its Charter. There is no call from the wider electorate to privatise the ABC. Rather, it is a segment of elected parliamentarians who are objecting to their policies being fairly examined and questioned. If the ABC appears to be leaning left, it is because it holds to account Government policies which are leaning right. If a Labor Government were in power it would be questioning policies that were leaning left. That is its Charter. If you believe the ABC is not acting impartially, the solution is simple. Identify the alleged inappropriate commentary and explain how it is at variance with their Charter. The public then can make its mind up about alleged bias. The ABC is the most valuable instrument of our democracy and if it is threatened again, I and many others will take to the streets again.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4122 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has been a part of my life since I arrived in this country 45 years ago. My son grew up watching Play School and other quality children's shows. His partner is about to give birth and it is my fervent wish that my grandchild gets to watch the type of quality shows that my own son enjoyed. The ABC has also educated generations of Australians and brought into our lives a richness that could never be replicated by commercially owned profit driven broadcasters whose vested interests are on display for all to see. I love the ABC. It is a public utility that should remain in public hands because it is part of the fabric of our Australian way of life. It holds a mirror up to our society in ways which commercial enterprises do not.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3052



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising our ABC

The ABC network provides critical community news. It represents Australia and any move to sell it off is solely motivated by those who think it threatens them in some way. The ideology of the current Coalition Government is to sell anything that is publicly owned so their rich friends can profit and or not have to face interrogation from an independent public broadcaster.

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NSW 2537




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public (no privatisation please)

The ABC is not only important to me personally it is an important part of our culture and our democracy. It is, sometimes, the only place for accurate balanced news and commentary. It also performs a vital role in times of emergency, no other outlet provides accurate, timely information like the ABC when fire or flood is threatening

[REDACTED]

ACT 2605 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC has recorded and encouraged Australian culture and content for donkey's years; it's a service for all Australians. As a country, we need this.

[REDACTED]

WA 6230




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT PRIVATIZE MY ABC ! PLEASE

WE need to have a watch dog for the unbiased truth

[REDACTED]

NSW 2130 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep out ABC in public hands - Please.

Put simply, (and once more), our elected government is making decisions based on what is best for the party, and their jobs, rather than for the needs and wants of the Australian people. The ABC is so very important to all Australians - It provides varying and local content, it provides platforms for politicians and public figures to be questioned (and explain their ideas, motives and plans). And is a brilliant avenue for discovering and supporting up and coming artists and performers that commercial avenues deem to be not profitable. Nearly every person I know listens to either Triple J or ABC radio on a daily basis, has a child that is enthralled with one of the ABC2/3 channels, loves the style and straight forward nature of the political discourse available throughout the network, and is able to access all of these things with remarkable ease due to the array of options in accessing the ABC. This could not be possible if profit is the sole driving factor combined with the will of the majority stock holder who controls the very business they own. Restore the funding to the ABC - And read the Deloitte report just released on the far reaching effects and opportunities this Public Service provides. The ABC is an amazing and brilliant thing Australians utilise and are proud of - Can the same be said of ANY other commercial network?

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VIC 3225 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off our ABC

I would like the enquiry to reminded that there has been no public or voters demanding that the abc be privatised at no time in the past have i come across apetition or survey in the street or social media asking for this. This policy if it is an actual policy is coming from the far right of the liberal party who have forgotten that they are there for us the voters . [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TAS 7320



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I have and continue to enjoy the ABC on a daily and regular basis. It provides me with an unbiased account of what is happening both in Australia and around the world. This cannot be said of the commercial channels. The ABC must remain in the hands of the public, properly financed by the federal government and free of advertising.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7249




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission into keeping the ABC in public hands. The ABC is a quality broadcaster that kept my children entertained with quality local programmes like Play School and Bananas in Pjamas, and then as they grew older Belle and Sebastian and Tin Tin which were far more desirable for them to view than the commercial programmes that are just long commercials to buy endless plastic toys. As they grew older there was Quantum, Catalyst and the New Inventors. All without the commercials encouraging them to buy food that is full of sugar and lacking nutrition or ads for toys. Now that they are adult they join us in watching news, The Drum, 4 corners, the 7.30 report. All are quality journalism that present both sides of an issue and are willing to present issues that owners of private stations won't allow to be broadcast. We do miss Lateline. I also enjoy Gardening Australia, which is by far the best quality gardening programme on free o air television. I would also miss Landline which has no equivalent and I imagine is very useful to our farmers. Who will broadcast Parliament Question Time and National Press Club without the ABC? Not to mention the enjoyable debates and ability to interact with Q & A. The only news worth retrieving if the ABC is privatised will be to subscribe to the Gaurdian Please keep the ABC in public hands so it can continue to provide us with quality local programmes and is not afraid to broadcast the difficult issues.

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VIC 3108 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Dear Leaders

ABC is an important asset for our country and people and should not be privatised. It provides unbiased educational and informative viewing. It provides viewing without commercial advertising, we should have the choice to be able to watch quality tv without bias and advertisements. ABC do not have an unfair advantage.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TAS 7250




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC. It belongs to the people!

The ABC is a voice of Australia and has shaped our culture and our unique Australian qualities. We have all grown up with the ABC as the common backbone of who we are throughout the country. If you privatise the ABC you will be destroying the heartbeat of our voice and this will impact on how the world sees us as well. It is through the media through our films and our writing that we become visible to ourselves and others. The ABC has given the opportunity to explore and develop this voice authentically . Destroy this voice and we will be in danger of becoming another mass produced commercial. Do not destroy our nations heartbeat and voice. Sincerely

[REDACTED]

WA 6056 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Democracy and the ABC

The outcome of privatisation of the ABC would almost certainly be a move toward a News Ltd media monopoly in Australia. A free and well funded ABC which, unlike News Ltd can look critically at both sides of politics, is essential to maintaining a well informed electorate.

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VIC 3500




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC

Please don't let our ABC be privatised. It needs to be there for everyone.

[REDACTED]


TAS 7050 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC as an Independent Public Body

In a commercial and highly political world, it is important to have an independent broadcaster who is not beholden to whomever pays for editorial - the bias and propaganda of Fox News in America is a strong case in point

[REDACTED]

NSW 2021 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands.

Keep the ABC in public hands.

We have enough privately owned media outlets (but controlled by only a few) with all the editorial independence baggage that comes with privatisation. At least a publicly owned ABC can provide another view in the mainstream media to the corporate media outlets. It does very much appear that Liberals are behaving like spoiled little children. They don't like any voices of dissent like the ABC or GetUp. Grow up and stop behaving like a party of bad sports? This policy has certainly helped in determining my vote, as a swinging voter, at the next election.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2213




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

I have heard news of an inquiry into comparing ABC and commercial media. Please realise that public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. For example, I find ABC news coverage more relevant and less sensational than commercial news. It would be a mistake, not only to privatise the ABC, but to misunderstand and undermine its unique role by investigate it's "advantage" over alternative media.

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NSW 2112 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

If the ABC is privatised it will become beholden to commercial interest and will lose its independence.

We cannot afford this. We cannot afford to lose the voice of the public broadcaster and the equity of access it provides to all Australians.

I call on you to resist this push for privatisation and keep the ABC in the hands of all Australians.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2032 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

Too much of the public's owned companies are being sold off, in fact these business's are owned by the original public that bought them into being.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7150



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC should not be privatised
Government departments should not be corporatised
Look what happened in US
The country has been taken over by big business and the government is in their pockets
The government should be working for the people not the elite companies that donate money to them
Wake up Australia
Get rid of these callous nut-jobs

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VIC 3166



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is ours!

It is time that you accepted that some of Australia's assets need to be owned by Australia. The idea that outsourcing everything will cause future problems.

My grand-children deserve Australian assets

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NSW 2041 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of the ABC

I strongly oppose any move to privatise the ABC. it is the only channel of TV I watch because of its very high standard of shows things like Four corners, 7.30 report, Australian story, landline, You Can't Ask That, excellent news coverage and wonderful children's shows that are also of a high quality. I think it is absolutely appalling the liberal government are cutting so many things that are valued and needed by everyday people. Liberal party are so out of touch with the everyday person it is beyond belief. The ABC must be preserved in its entirety.

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VIC 3460




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is my asset, not yours. It provides services across the country that we can not do without, especially the news services to the whole of Australia. This is a spiteful proposition.
yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3183 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I love the ABC, its the soul of Australia.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6008 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep or ABC in public hands

The ABC is crucial for defining Australia's culture and as an extension character in a more refined and in-depth way. And run for the benefit of the Australian people not shareholders and or the new owner.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2044



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The abc is the only station that I watch BECAUSE it is not like the commercial stations with their mind numbing content . Please don't privatise the ABC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6181



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatizing the ABC

The ABC's role really is to provide the public with a non-commercially biased perspective. This is essential in a well functioning democracy as otherwise we would drift into a fascist state run for the business world run by politicians supported by the business world. Neglecting social values will destabilize countries and in the end the planet as past revolutions (French, Russian, American Civil War, Nicaragua, Portuguese carnation, Arab spring etc.) have shown.

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[REDACTED]

SA 5033




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our future, don't be a disgrace to our future children

Save ABC, Don't sell us out to corporate scum.

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VIC 3149 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

I am 64 and self employed over the years I have witnessed over and over again private media organisations be so miss leading with the coverage of the news. I have also heard both sides of politics attack the ABC . I both sides are complaining I think there got it right, Australia is a fantastic country lets not turn it into a county where the people have no say. Treasure the ABC

[REDACTED]

QLD 4161



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is an important linchpin of our democracy which is under attack from the ultra - conservatives whose complaint about bias Don't stand up to the realities and instead come from their unwillingness to accept any criticism of their views.

The ABC carries out an important role under the supervision of govt. keep it in its current form but provide the resources to do the job well.

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NSW 2578



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

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The ABC carries out an important role under the supervision of govt. keep it in its current form but provide the resources to do the job well.

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NSW 2578



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must not be advertised

I am upset and confused why politicians are trying to privatise the ABC. Australian's should feel proud and privileged to have the ABC and we need to do everything in our power to protect it.

I live in regional Victoria (East Gippsland) and ABC Gippsland is my main source of how to find out about local news & issues.


I do not want to end up with a dumded down ABC which is just like all the other Australian TV channels that shows nothing but reality TV shows and imported US sitcoms. We will be so much more poorer without TV shows such as Four Corners, Q&A, Gardening Australia, Compass, Clarke & Dawe, The Chasers War on Everything, the list goes on & on.

Not to mention the innovation that was shown when the ABC iview was created, it was and still is light years ahead of the other TV stations.

I am more than happy for my tax dollars to be spent on the ABC as it is a benefit for ALL Australians. Please leave the ABC alone and leave them to get on with what they do best and stop politicians from interfering.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VIC 3875 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain a public institution

I am very concerned regarding the talk of privatizing the ABC. As a tax payer and voter, I see it as the government's responsibility to ensure that the people of Australia have access to impartial and of fluency free news and current affairs.

It is fairly apparent that the government's underlying concern relates to criticism of their own actions, which in my opinion is not unjust!

We have enough commercially driven media and cannot afford to lose the ABC.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

PS It is fair to say that this is an issue that many people feel strongly enough to take it peacefully to the streets... Oh wait, you want that to be illegal too.... totalitarian state anyone?

[REDACTED]

NSW 2107




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

Our ABC is my trusted avenue for news and information where there is a commitment to a balance in reporting. All sides of government have felt they have been targeted in reports but they have merely been called to question on their actions and statements - surely this is the task of the media. I for one will be on the march to maintain our one source of intelligent reporting of the affairs of my country. Surely we won't descend to the ridiculously biased reporting happening in America, and other countries averse to free speech. HANDS OFF!!!

[REDACTED]


SA 5214 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Don't even think about privatisation what a ridiculous idea. You are a bunch of wallies and cowards.

[REDACTED]


SA 5253 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC, our national broadcaster in public hands!

I watch very little television other than what is on the ABC these days. Put quite simply the quality of commercial television is very poor, while the ABC as a government funded and independent broadcaster produces content that still interests me. Please do not destroy the ABC by privatising it. I live in Australia and pay high taxes so that I can enjoy this uniquely Australian service. Might I add I have voted for the Liberal party in the last two elections, but if they privatise the ABC it is highly unlikely that I will vote for them in the next.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2508 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Keep your hands off our ABC! It's all we have left that isn't full of commercials, inane content and (mostly) reality crap! Leave it as it is for goodness sake!

[REDACTED]

SA 5016 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retain and properly fund the ABC

Commercial interests that want a level playing field would not deliver better television. They're interested solely in profits and would deliver the same low calibre television they deliver now. Likewise, to privatise the ABC would be to lower it to the level of commercial television.

People watch whatever they're given. They come home from work tired and simply watch what's available. It's important that at least one of the options provides quality news, information and entertainment. This is certainly in the interest of the nation.

Do NOT privatise the ABC. Do NOT reduce its funding.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4852 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

ABC radio has always been my boon companion. And ABC tv at night. No to privatisation. Libs if you want to keep my vote- lay off the ABC!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3000



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is the best thing about Australia

Dear Sir/Madam, The ABC provides informed views on all national and world events. Without the ABC we would be like the United States of America, swamped with fake news, misinformation and here say. We wouldn't have our own culture. ABC provides local content so necessary to our identity as Australians. ABC is the voice of sanity and culture in a sea of noise from other countries. Without Four Corners for example we would still have a corrupt Police Force. The ABC is innovative and intelligent, providing a deeper perspective on the world around us.

I cannot imagine an Australia without our ABC. It is what makes us Australian. The ABC helps us to keep learning through out our lives.

I would die without the ABC.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4101 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is inconceivable that any government could consider selling or even giving away the ABC as suggested by the IPA, when it is so highly valued not only by many Australians but by people in SE Asia, Pacific Islands, Canada and the USA. It would be lovely to live in a country where one could debate a matter without it being labelled right or left. That surely depends on where you are starting from. Fascists would probably think Eric Abetz is a left winger.

I cannot envisage life in Australia without my ABC especially Radio National. It is my window on the world; it introduces me to some of the best minds both from within Australia and around the world. The Religion and Ethics Report helps to widen my horizons, understand different points of view and above all makes me more compassionate and empathetic. Surely a plus for Australian Society. Geraldine Doogue and Phillip Adams don't just educate me; their guests lead me to an incredible reading list which I will never be able to complete.

People in the regions depend on the ABC not only for their news but for sheep reports, weather reports, intellectual stimulus and culture etc? There are not only older citizens dependent on the ABC, younger people listen to RN and/or podcasts and use them in their work e.g. educating students, teaching English to Migrants and even discussing them at their dinner tables. Australia would be so much the poorer without the ABC. It would sink even further into the abyss.

I do not want commercialised news and information in my home at all.

Keep the ABC in public hands.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2256




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: valuing Australia by keeping ABC in our hands

it's interesting the liberal thinking is the free market and unrestricted economy yet they try to stop competition in the TV space by saying undue advantage? the ABC is just another TV station providing shows to a different demographic, its a shame commercial stations are incapable of providing quality shows as the ABC ,this is typical class snobery!,liberal hypocrite`s and vested interest , by white Australians who should value our country better!, un-Australian!, it`s a shame they are not a better informed minority!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone -- and fund it properly!

This is just another attempt by the Liberal/National Party government to silence independent and unbiased questioning of their actions and policies. And you argue for freedom of speech?? What a duplicitous bunch you are!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands!

I am exceedingly dismayed by Senator Abetz's continued attack of the ABC, supported by others in the extreme right of the Coalition. I am a regular listener of Radio National and the ABC's Insiders, Four Corners and other current affairs programs - the reason I favor these programs is for the high quality and trustworthiness of the journalism and drive to provide an impartial view of issues addressed. Interestingly I teach within the university sector and I am amazed at the number of young people who also trust the ABC's reporting over that found on commercial channels. Privatisation would of course put at risk the quality of the ABC's programs and compromise the crucial role of public broadcasting in our democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

All broadcasting are real and straight to the heart of the issues that concerns regional Australia. ABC is the ONLY real connection that regional Australia has with the rest of Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

The ABC was not started to be an economic success. The essence of public broadcasting is to be free from commercial interests and influences. We have seen what happens overseas when the Murdoch press has too much influence. Do we really need a repeat of the phone hacking scandals and the Fox News excesses here in Australia. The ABC belongs to all Australians not politicians. Leave the ABC alone!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

Australia needs the ABC, the ABC is Australia largest media organisation and it is involved in reporting on most communications platforms, if not all. For me it is the most trusted media organisation, providing balanced points of view for the viewer, listener, reader etc to make up their own mind or form a position on what is being reported. The ABC must stay in Public Hands. No privatisation of the ABC. I am worried about the consistent political attacks from the current coalition govt, which has already seen millions of dollars stripped out of its funding.
No more funding cuts for the ABC

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