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

The recent motion by "Young Liberals" to privatise the ABC, no matter how vigorously repudiated by the government, is political poison.

Voters have watched as the Abbott-Turnbull administrations have cut the ABC's funding by \$338 million since 2014. They have watched as the ABC has been used – in Guthrie's words yesterday – as a punching bag by narrow political, commercial or ideological interests.

That hostility has been demonstrated not only by the funding cuts but by sustained carping criticisms, vexatious complaints and political stunts exemplified by the current competitive neutrality inquiry.

The hostility to the ABC shown by the government over the past four years will reap a political harvest. I, for one, will certainly not support this government in the ballot box!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should never be privatised

I rely on 4 corners, the 7.30 report & insiders as my most trusted news source and also a times the radio. On the weekend I love ABC digital without sponsors or ads because I can listen to alternative programs from the football without being bombarded with commercial marketing. The public broadcaster in it's current form underpins Australian democracy. Vested commercial interests would meant that ABC independence would be no longer. Political parties of all persuasion would no longer be held to account to the same degree. Oppositions and independent parties as well as governments must be held to account.

Any Liberal/National coalition would make a big mistake privatizing the ABC. The evidence when we look at other public assets that have been privatized such as gas, electricity and Telstra strongly indicate that consumers are fundamentally disadvantaged through by privatization through both cost and access. Less than 10 cents a day from my taxes for all the ABC services is absolutely economical and incredibly efficient.

It would also be electoral suicide to the lib/national coalition.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands of our public Broadcaster

The public broadcasters in this country provide an broad range of news and just because they don't follow the conservative values of the right wing politics is not a reason to sell them off to a company that has the values of the owner. So keep your hands of the ABC and SBS.

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NSW 2062




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: do not privatise the ABC!

I have grown up with the ABC. watching childrens programming, was part of my childhood. now as an adult, i still love and trust the ABC to provide me with diverse, interesting and quality programming. I love the documentaries they regularly show. As i move into being a young mother myself, i do not want my children to grow up not knowing and enjoying our ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise the ABC

Do you really want to go down in history as the biggest cultural vandals this country has ever seen? You should be extremely ashamed of yourselves.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in the public domain

If the ABC is privatized, it becomes a business, no longer a service to the people of Australia. Profit becomes part of the equation. Services, particularly to rural areas will inevitably become threatened. But that's not the most serious risk, is it? As we see with the fossil fuel industry, the scene would be set for that "business" to influence government with the aim of enhancing profit. NO WAY!!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ACB must remain in public hands.

The motion supporting the sale of the ABC as voted on by members of the Liberal Party at their Council meeting over the weekend is nothing but preposterous. Liberal Party members do not have the right to even consider carrying out this action.

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia from the cities to the outback not to power hungry parliamentarians many of whom are hell bent on changing the essence of this country.


The sentiment of the motion is clear, destroy the independence of the ABC and place it at the vagaries of the commercial market place.

This proposal must not occur. I am an avid listener and watcher of the ABC both National and regional programmes. I am already concerned about the substantial funding cuts by the Government already in place and the effect being felt by the ABC and its supporters.

We must ensure that the privatisation does not occur thus destroying the "peoples" ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]


I ask that you re-consider any thoughts of privatizing the ABC as it would hurt TV across all networks in Australia.

The ABC is currently one of the few news and entertainment channels not fighting its way to the bottom of the barrel. The others are frequently foisting either second rate american shows on us or cheap reality TV garbage. If the ABC goes private that process will only accelerate. That will lead to many people, particularly the older generations, abandoning TV altogether.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The Liberal party is hell bent on destroying the ABC they don't like being scrutinized by an independent media. Guess what nor did Labour when they were in power. Its a perk of power that the government of the day should be held to account by our independent ABC. For many of us the ABC is our lifeblood to news and entertainment. As with all things in the ABC out here in regional Australia there is a radio station for all, local, radio national, fine music, triple J and news. Recent cuts have seen programming in all radio stations reduced with repeats now a normal part of broadcast. In TV the cuts have reduced the amount of Australian drama we have that is so important for our national identity. The vote last week at the Liberal party Council was the last straw. You have lost my vote.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Do not privatise the ABC as to do so would ruin what is left of decent television. Does the Liberal gov want to dumb down Australians and prevent them from having a voice.
This action has a fascist element to it equivalent to Hitler burning books.

To appease Pauline Hanson is criminal.

You've certainly lost my vote!!

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NSW 2022 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our A B C in Public hands

I would be so angry if the A B C was privatised, how else could I get the truth of what is happening when the likes of Alan Jones lies.

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VIC 3154



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC only


I detest the way this present coalition government is hell bent on gagging its critics. This is just another way of muffling social advocacy. What happened to democracy? The ABC and SBS are the only places I can gain a balanced news and current affairs. Sometimes it criticizes the government or opposition but that can only be a good thing as it forces the polities to have a conscience when making any policies. 4 Corners is an ongoing example of investigative journalism and should be modelled by the commercial stations instead of the biased, sensationalized rubbish they provide!

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.

Only tyrants and their despot regimes gag criticism or honest questioning of their policies!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: How lucky we are having the ABC.

How distressing it is to think the ABC could be sold off. Beside the fact that it is the only balanced news source in the country, for much of the rural areas, it is the only news and entertainment source. Furthermore the ABC is the envy of most other countries. Whilst there is an important roll served by commercial radio and TV, this sector is becoming dominated by one owner, the Murdock Organisation. This world conglomerate has shown that it likes to be involved in influencing politic, as it did when Fox made an early called of George W Bush's election win. Also the illegal operation of News of the World in the UK was not in the public interest. Despite the government reduction to the ABC budget, it has continued to produce quality material, which has enabled it to be the media supplier to the largest percentage of the population, from the very young to the elderly.
The ABC is not for sale.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC just as it is!,

Shame on you for trying to hijack our only unbiased news channel! The ABC has stood the test of time and all australians know its reports are fair and honest.
politicians don't like criticism but they all like money.
So,what next? Sell the Harbour Bridge? or the Opera House? What a disappointment the NLP has turned out to be under Malcolm Turnbull and Barnaby Joyce - silly man! Why will you not listen to the people?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in the public domain and owned by the people of Australia

I rely on the ABC to provide accurate information about activities within Australia and to do so with no ulterior motive. That is, I could not contend with a biased ABC which allowed owners to broadcast whatever information that was to be disseminated irrespective of its accuracy. I have always relied on the ABC to give unbiased opinions and factual detail, without fear of the information reflecting the person/s or group which are trying to foist inaccurate information onto the public. I haven't always agreed with various members of the ABC team and have seen some relatively minor biased reporting, but if the ABC was sold off, then there would be no reliable source of even moderately accurate information. Hands off our ABC and stop the movement to allow power brokers to sell their wares and philosophies to a public which has no alternate source of accurate information.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

It is extremely important for our democracy that the ABC is not privatised to become another tool of vested interests.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

An independent Fourth Estate is crucial to any democracy and besides who else will make worthwhile dramas that employ Australians and are about Australians.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

I find the information I receive on abc current affairs programs to be reliable and a serious analysis of a situation

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Publicly funded ABC for a healthy democracy


The ABC is a huge asset to Australia. Where else can we get the range and depth of coverage of news, science, arts and culture from ALL over Australia? And who else keeps us informed of local as well as national issues, provides essential coverage during emergencies and tells the stories of ordinary Australians from all walks of life? Living in regional Australia as I do, having a trustworthy source of news is essential. However, perhaps the most important contribution of our publicly funded ABC is to the stability and health of our democracy. We should not take our democracy for granted. It is precious. I believe it is critical to a stable democracy to have journalists we can trust to report on all governments, Federal and State, and to investigate difficult issues without thinking first about ratings.

We know we can trust ABC journalists. We know the ABC values unbiased and accurate reporting and is not afraid to ask difficult questions wherever they need asking.

Commercial broadcasters fulfill a different purpose. We cannot have the same level of confidence that they will investigate and report as widely and without bias as the ABC because, by their nature, they must be more influenced by ratings, advertisers and shareholders. Commercial broadcasters may produce quality programmes but they do not cover the same range and depth of issues across the whole of Australia as the ABC.

All our parliamentarians, whatever the political persuasion, should value our publicly funded broadcaster. It strengthens the very system they are part of.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

We all including the ABC are entitled make FAIR and REASONABLE comment be it praiseworthy or otherwise. The ABC does JUST THAT.

To Privatised them and so eliminate a source of FAIR but UNWANTED comment is the act of a FASCIST REGIME.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC needs to stay Our ABC!

The ABC as a publicly owned resource is enormously important in Australia, both as a source of accurate information, and culturally. The information is sometimes political, but it also relates to things such as prioritising up to the minute reporting when we have bushfires. We need it, and we need commercial priorities to never triumph over community needs.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC for the Australian People

Dear Prime Minister Turnbull,

The last time I wrote to a Prime Minister was to thank John Howard for his brave decision on new gun laws. I see this issue as important. I am a female living in a rural location and the ABC is like a lifeline for me to be educated and kept up to date with new ideas in science, literature etc that will end if you privatise Our ABC. It would be devastating to have our national voice diluted down (and dumbbed down) if you are the one to sell it off. I plead with you to show Statemanship and stand up to those in your political party who would destroy a fundamental Australian right to our precious national broadcaster. If you privatise it you will make this country a less educated society. During local disastors such as fire it is the ABC that keeps us up to date and safe.... No commercial version would do this and our society will be diminished. You will be remembered for this very important decision. It is the main issue my community members are talking about this week, their rafio and television lifelines.

Yours Sincerely

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TAS 7215



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

I wish to convey my disgust at attempts to privatise the ABC. This would be one of the worse decisions to affect our country. ABC needs to stay in the public hands. It's helped generate free speech, supports all industry without bias and has been a huge platform for success for the Australian film industry and actors and actresses . The content and quality of all of the shows can only be developed in public hands, not private as shareholders & profit is the main driver so all the public will suffer the loss of these great programmes because of privatisation. Only keeping ABC in the public hands will save the dignity, quality and content & unbiased content not Related to big businesses whims. I strongly urge to uphold the ABC into public hands & quash the whole idea and attempt to privatise. Our ABC should be definitely kept in the public hands only .

Regards

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NSW 2153




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I arrived in this country over 30 years ago and I will forever be grateful for the ABC.
It helped me to raise my children in a positive, caring way with shows like Bananas in Pajamas and Play School.
The ABC also has educated me in the fair go and the compassionate Australia in which I found myself living. The ABC is essential to us all, city and regional.
The quality of news reporting and investigating keeps us honest!!
Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

The public broadcaster is a pivotal to my well-being.

It keeps me informed on bush fire alerts and social, cultural and political issues that otherwise I wouldn't be aware of.

I am passionate about issues affecting our First Nations People which don't always get the air or coverage in a meaningful way with commercial broadcasters.

I am now a city dweller after many years of country life but the routine of waking up and ending the day with the National Broadcaster hasn't changed.

We live in an increasingly disconnected society but the ABC offers great current affairs, comedy, drama, documentaries ,sport commentary , gardening and information on the The Arts and so much more.

Hands off my ABC.

It is a National Treasure that unites our country -city divide and should be funded and lauded appropriately.

No way will I tolerate this threat from the Liberal Party Council and thank you Get Up for giving me the opportunity to express my outrage and my increased disillusionment with politics in Australia.

I end with THANK GOODNESS FOR THE ABC>

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save Our ABC - It Belongs To All Australians!

When I was a child my Grandma always had ABC radio on for company. I grew up with the news bulletin playing hourly and now I am 44 and listen to the same station daily, as does my young son. I rely on ABC as I live in regional Victoria and we get all of our bushfire and strong weather alerts as needed. The ABC is part of my family, my country, and our culture and I could not imagine life without it, nor do I want to!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't commercialise the ABC!

I am scared by what is happening in politics across the world and in Australia. All sides are getting more extremist, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. There is less and less compassion and everyone is out for themselves. Politicians are not in it for the greater good but to further their own careers. The dollar is everything.

The ABC being a non political and not for profit, not commercialised entity is one of the few important safeguards that we have that protect us from corruption, intolerance and a reduced quality of life.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC!

The very scope of this inquiry is a blatant witch hunt. “explore the practices of the national broadcasters and advise the Government on whether they are operating in a manner consistent with the general principles of competitive neutrality”


The government are cutting the ABC/SBS funding leaving them with no choice but to compete with commercial broadcasters to survive and this same government is now questioning this competitive neutrality? What a joke!

This government needs to support the national broadcasters, continue to provide this service to taxpayers and ensure that this service is of a high quality standard. If commercial media companies have an issue with this then they need to work harder and survive in the old fashioned way, by working hard and providing their own quality content and attracting advertising.

The government needs to be the ones held to account not the national broadcasters, the government is required to provide emergency services such as the ABC radio station that I depended on during a bush fire where my home and family was under threat, or the television programs with the highest amount of Australian content supporting Australian actors and production companies. Or the SBS bringing international documentary content to the Australian public.

If the Government cannot do what it was elected to do then it is definitely time for a change. The Coalition will find that this is a bridge too far, they just don't seem to realise that they are merely place holders for a period of time, this does not give them the right to interfere with Taxpayer assets.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC - need to keep Public Funded and Non Commercial


The ABC is an asset to the Australian people. It needs to be publicly funded, and never beholden to commercial interests by taking on advertising.

As far as some people thinking it is biased - anything can be seen to be biased if you are looking at it solely from your own viewpoint. Of course the far right think it's biased - The ABC charter is to question everybody's views. And will give a voice to the different and the marginalised. Some people would much prefer that every body conformed to their beliefs - and do not like that the one public broadcaster that can be relied upon to look at an issue from as many angles as possible, will try to force them to open their minds.

Keep the ABC and it's Charter and support it better.

Thank you

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VIC 3196 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I have watched with dismay over recent months as the Prime Minister, members of his Government and other members of Parliament rally against the ABC, calling for story retractions, changes to focus, a review of the ABC's performance etc. but I assumed that this was an example of the Government and more marginalised politicians playing 'politics' rather than a serious threat to our national broadcaster. Now to hear that the Liberal Party Council and senior figures in the Liberal Party have voted to privatise the ABC, I am shocked and frightened at the direction our democracy is taking. I can't remember a time when I felt so concerned and unsure about the safety of the heart of our Australian way of life. Because that is what the ABC is - a fundamental component of the heart of our Australian way of life. An independent national broadcaster that the people can turn to and trust. The key source of local, regional, national and global news, political, economic, social. Fearless and unable to be 'bought'. Having no agenda other than exposing the truth and bringing truth to the Australian people. Then, on the entertainment side: quality dramas, quality shows of every kind, supporting local content and local talent. Giving Australian actors, playwrights, musicians, comedians, a place, a home and a voice. Needless to say I watch ABC and listen to ABC radio more than any other provider, but for many years this was not the case. However if this issue had arisen in those years I would still have responded in the way I am now. The ABC is vital to our identity, it tells our stories, it tells our truth. How dare one small group of politicians, feeling insecure at this point in time, want to, and potentially have the power to take this away from us, from me. Where will I go for my news, my story, my truth if the ABC is no longer ...

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep The ABC in public hands.

A non-commercial ABC is a corporation that I can trust. Public bodies are so important to the health of Australia. I listen or watch the ABC everyday and i wouldn't want it to be like Channels 7, 9, 10 (dumb and dumber) or even suffer the ghastliness of ads on SBS. The ABC is one of Australis's national treasures. My granddaughter watches their programmes. Ones that I can trust will not be puerile or interrupted with ads.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC free to report independently

The ABC is my major source of news and current affairs as well as entertainment. This is because I can rely on it not being biased by commercial advertisers or other biased individuals.

If biased individuals want to express their views they have every opportunity to do so on commercial channels, and of course they are free to express them in an appropriate way on the ABC .

There is no "undue advantage" to an organisation which has a mission to report independently and honestly to the public.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is so much more than just political commentary so to have politicians ruin it - so that no one will tell the country how bad they are - is to have them ruin a good thing for Australians of all walks of life.

The ABC provides content for small children and for the most elderly people in our country, and everyone in between. There's Triple J for the twenty and thirty somethings (that don't care about politics and don't engage in it on a large scale), Double J for the forty and fifty somethings (a service that's not very political), there's classical radio, children's television, sports coverage, local television production (drama productions featuring a lot of indigenous peoples), country music, jazz music, comedy. All of this is in danger because some politicians don't want people being told how bad they are at their jobs.

We have enough embarrassments in this country, we don't need another one. Imagine the international chatter that would happen if we let our national broadcaster - and one of the only decent media outlets in this country - fall at the hand of incompetent politicians.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: What sort of a country will we be if the ABC is lost as a public forum. What would we watch for honest news then just a whole lot of mainly American rubbish on the other channels? Never !!.

What sort of a country will we be if the ABC is lost as a public forum?
I am 86 years old and have been watching the ABC since its opening day and been proud of it . I believe the currant affairs programs which is more than I can say for the rubbish you see on the other channels, this certainly makes sure which party I vote for in the next election.

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VIC 3225 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please don't privatize the ABC. We LOVE the ABC. Keep it in the hands of normal Australians.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

My husband and I would be devastated to lose the only broadcaster that we trust to give us a balanced view of current affairs. We absolutely do not trust the big media corporations because they are totally motivated by commercial interests. The ABC uncovers bad behaviour in both public and private agencies which would otherwise remain hidden and ignored by the government of the day. It uncovers unpalatable truths which both sides of government would rather ignore. Thank you 'Four Corners' in particular. It is the only news outlet which provides us with unbiased news. It helps the country retain a semblance of democracy in a world run by huge corporations.

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NSW 2088



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Please do not privatise the ABC as I do not trust the market to operate this valuable resource. Just like the so called 'trickle down' theory it does not work or benefit the majority of thinking and caring people.

[REDACTED] MBA
Assistant Professor.

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NSW 2090



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC was my mother's lifeline in the country
alone most of the day a long way from civilisation .

The ABC Radio National is my University .Sciencec,law ,religion ethics ,philosophy ,politics are subjects
that are rarely discussed in any depth .As Plato said " money makers are tiresome companions as they have
no standard but cash value " .Or as we say in marketing "the bitterness of poor quality remains long after the
sweetness of low price is forgotten".

The ABC is part of our cultural fabric .It would be equally absurd to put a price on love ,or parenthood .

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NSW 2121 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC.

We are extremely concerned that our ABC is in danger of being privatised by the government. We see not a shred of evidence of bias in their programs and indeed would not be interested in watching such programs if this were the case.

Keep your grubby hands off our beloved ABC Mr Eric Abetz and co.

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VIC 3230




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Democracies are about people being in charge of their own communities - making decisions for the betterment of all human and non-humans - putting the ABC in the hands of of private companies takes away significantly from this ideal. It is anti- democratic and does what the Liberal government does so well - looking after the wealthy and powerful. A desperate NO from me.

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SA 5152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC and SBS are crucial to the Australian media landscape and to the culture of our nation. Public broadcasting plays a very important and irreplaceable role in society. That is, to be free of commercial imperatives so that news can be reported fairly and in an unbiased fashion. Comparing the ABC to commercial TV networks misses the point of the ABC and therefore should not be compared to commercial media. The ABC is a trusted news source and is essential to the Australian way of life. The likes of a 60 Minutes will never be able to do what 4 Corners does. No commercial network will offer a platform of public debate such as Q&A, where all participants are free to express their views, opinions and policies.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do not diminish the capability of our high quality asset, the ABC. At worst boring at its best an integral reflection of the viewing needs of Australian people from all backgrounds and ages. So nice to have just one Chanel at least to rely upon to deliver funny, diverse, sensitive yet appropriate material. Often whose popular shows are 'sold off' to commercial Chanel's when the gem is uncovered. I believe the govt shows complete disregard for its constituents by posing to downgrade this asset. Many people would be at the mercy of infomercials without it. Brain numbing stuff that cannot inform. Imagine if the government cultivated this instead, it would have a fabulous platform to inspire a nation. Unafraid of computing ideas, it could use the Chanel to support its major projects and champion this great nation. Instead it seems afraid of anything that upsets its media moguls who buy their way into power. I would support a government that was not for sale.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Aunty is part of our family!

I am extremely concerned that if the Federal Government freezes more funding and then privatises the ABC a gaping hole will be left in what was once an excellent free to air television and radio provider.

I am from the over 70yrs demographic and always watch Channel 2 news and tune in to Classic FM during the day. This is not a Political Party argument but a heartfelt plea to properly fund a media that I happily contributed to when paying taxes.

My children and grandchildren grew up watching early childhood programs and now my 10yr old grandson and I watch "Think Tank" together and vie with the competitors for correct answers. There is more than just no ads making the ABC the best television to watch. It produces top quality Drama Series, excellent Current Affairs and Discussion Panels and the News provides more factual detail on issues with its foreign correspondents than any Private channel.

So much advertising on Television is detrimental for children as in all the Sports Betting promotions and many include attitudes that badly role model behaviour as in the "Purple Bricks" Ad. Worst of all are the Food Ads that promote obesity when it is a major health issue.

My passion is classical music and only the ABC provides support for our Australian musicians and orchestras. Just this week our young Queensland violin virtuosi, Ray Chen was played throughout the week accompanied by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, who also encourage the young generation to enjoy classical music with their John Williams concert and The Harry Potter movies accompaniment.

There are so many reasons why the ABC should be better funded as a Public Media organisation and definitely not privatised. To continue this debate would certainly make it a political issue when it comes to elections.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privitising the ABC

I watch the ABC and rely on the ABC for my news. I believe that if the ABC is privatised programming will be determined by ratings and sponsorships. I watch the News, Business and other current affairs programs and I am concerned that if the ABC is privatised these sorts of programs will be reduced or eliminated. The ABC is unbiased but if it is privatised this would change to comply with the needs and wishes of the owner. Please do not privatise the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the abc

the abc is an open University for me, absolutely irreplaceable. i am outraged its sale is being contemplated.

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VIC 3450 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC as a Public Broadcaster.

I am dependent upon the ABC as a retiree who doesn't have a lot of money but needs intellectual stimulation. The ABC meets that need all day and everyday and into the night. Both on the National Radio division, Radio National and the tv channels. !BC1 & ABC 4.. I trust the ABC, they apologies when they make mistakes and they don't thrust advertising down my throat.

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VIC 3084



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatize the ABC

I am a pensioner living on my own.

I rely on the ABC as my source of information about the outside world.

I find that programmers covered by the ABC are more informative, seldom bias and give opportunities to start conversations and take part in discussions.


In my experience, commercial TV and news papers reflect the opinions and preferences of their readers and watchers. The information they give out is often alarmist and designed to create divisions and unrest amongst areas of the community. Their articles are often sensationalist and designed to make sales or increase ratings.

To find out more carefully researched articles, to get a variety of opinions ABC programmers give more depth

, better presentations are more informative details. It also covers a wider area of news. The cities are not the only places in Australia where things occur, disasters happen and people battle to keep afloat. These are the backbone of the nation and ABC makes a bigger effort to bring this area to people's notice.

The government should listen to the people and stop lining the pockets and pandering to the so-called elite.
DO NOT PRIVATIZE theABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

There is a saying "you never know what you will miss till it is gone". Oh how true this will be if the ABC is put into private hands. Good quality programming for all ages is the tenant of the ABC unlike the trash we are fed on commercial radio and tv. What is it about our society that we think that privatization is the answer to all things. We need a balanced mix of ideas and content yes, but do we really think that this will be the case if this proposal is allowed to go forward. I look forward to seeing and hearing the ABC well into the future.

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VIC 3782 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as it is

Please do not privatise the ABC. There is no way privatisation can help, it will only go into decline. The Libs have already screwed the ABC over many times, cutting funding. The ABC is an institution and must stay as it is. I find the ABC non-biased, the presenters have a reasonable/excellent education and can hold a fair conversation and interview. No one wants the continual mindless advertising that one gets with commercial stations along with the mindless drivel that assumes all the listeners are idiots. Adelaide 891 and Radio National are excellent = please do not change the format. And do not privatise, its one of the last places in Australia that has some quality!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Must Remain A Public Assets

To ABC Inquiry


I am appalled at the Political push to privatise the ABC. I value the depth and spread of ABC programs available especially in rural areas. The time devoted to International affairs and in depth investigations is also not replicated in the commercial arena. Australia's commercial news publications and broadcasts are very poor in providing detailed information to the Public. The ABC must be preserved in order that the wider population can remain well informed.

Sincerely

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Caulfield Sth 3162

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VIC 3162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

I'm listening to Radio National now as I do every day. It's painful to think that the ABC could be privatised. I will contact everyone I know (all are ABC lovers) to say NO!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The public broadcaster, our ABC, must stay!

The public broadcaster is the only way in which Australians can be sure there is no behind the scenes corporate profit making from communication that we all have a right to receive. Equally, should the 'owner' of a broadcasting corporation go broke, we would not be prevented from getting news and programmes that further our understanding and knowledge of what is going on in the world. When operations are privatised there is always the danger of losing them altogether and the very real danger of changes being made such that what the public is entitled to receive is biased, coloured by particular political views or reduced significantly by constant advertising. I almost only watch the ABC and I don't watch programmes online or via iview as I do;t have the capacity for these modes of communication. Privatisation of the ABC could render me unable to access the more balanced news and current affairs that are of interest to me. And I would much prefer to pay my taxes to retain the ABC in public hands rather than enter the risk environment that the commercial channels operate within. No more privatisation - it does not save us \$s in the long run and leaves us vulnerable to commercial interests that are not in the public interest. One doesn't have to look very far to see the negative consequences f many other privatisation 'deals' that have not benefited our communities.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

i have grown up trusting the ABC. sesame street and playschool and it was joy sharing these with my child as a parent.
i could trust the content on childrens ABC was appropriate and quality programming. what a relief!
i still gather with my family to watch ABC shows and miniseries. again, trusting in the quality of the content.
i have brought up my family, teaching them they can trust the ABC, that they can expect independent journalism and content.
We LOVE the ABC, and family traditions of sharing with the ABC, my parents, grandparents, grandchildren and family all benefit from our commerce free Broadcaster.
Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, support our ABC. keep it in our hands. we love Aunty, we trust Aunty.
do not take this away from us.
there are a lot of commercial broadcasters, but there is only one ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian people

I consider the ABC to have quality programs on TV and radio. I listen to JJJ, JJ, ABC Classic and 702. I read ABC news online. My child was brought up watching ABC kids TV programs - as I trust the content is not only suitable but challenging.


Should the ABC become privatised we, will no longer have an unbiased, advertisement free, quality broadcaster.

I strongly believe, and I would cast my vote to reflect this, that the ABC should remain a public communications source. I couldn't care less if public broadcasters have an advantage over commercial sites.....so they should! Why should commercial ventures get an even placing with a broadcaster who is reliant on funding.

Please keep the ABC public!!

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NSW 2103 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC


The ABC must NOT be privatised.

We are all familiar with the rubbish that is broadcast on commercial TV and radio - the ABC is the best source of UNBIASED new content and many categories of quality programs.

In spite of the continual accusations of bias from extreme conservatives, many inquiries over the years have confirmed that it's news is unbiased - something that cannot be said for commercial media of all types.

The ABC must continue as a public service.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC (and SBS) are the primary sources of accurate information ranging from the news to science and medicine to discussions on every imaginable topic.

Equally important - there are NO ads!

The coverage is rigorous and in no way based on the populist opinions reflected in commercial media. The ABC journalists do not express personal opinions and present both sides of arguments wherever possible (when other parties agree to respond). I, my friends and family, cannot live without the ABC. We profoundly regret any curtailment of services (eg the overseas services) as it lessens our world influence. My 12 year old grandson and I listen without fail to ABC National at breakfast. He is better informed than most of his peers (a statement from his teachers).

I cannot imagine being reduced to a similar state such as for example, the people of Turkey, where the population is subjected to biased media.

I will never cease to fight for the ABC. I will never cease opposing any government that continues to underfund and undermine the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

To whom it may concern,

I am strongly against the privatisation of the ABC. I have been watching ABC since I was a young child and I am worried that the Coalition's attacks on the ABC will start the demise of the channel. I can always rely on the ABC for the truth, and view it as one of the most trusted TV channels (along with SBS). ABC Breakfast is by far the only breakfast show I enjoy watching and one which actually increases my IQ. Public broadcasting plays an important role in the democracy of Australia and should remain this way for generations.

Thank you and regards,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

Dear Law Makers,

It is with great distress that I hear on the ABC news and other media that the ABC is yet again being attacked now with the apparent intention of PRIVATISATION. The ABC produces many and diverse, interesting, educational, enjoyable programs that the commercial networks are either unwilling or incapable of doing e.g. Landline, Q&A, 4 Corners, Back Roads, Australian Story, Child Prodigy, Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery, Catalyst, Gruen, numerous NEWS and Current Affairs Programs, Parliament Question Time, 7:30 Report, Australian Drama like "Mystery Road", and so many other Programs too numerous to mention. I realise that the sometimes cause both Government and Opposition Embarrassment, but someone has to keep the members in line, if not the ABC, WHO. I am an avid ABC viewer probably 88% 10% SBS, 5% other, the other channels, to my mind being unnecessarily sensational.

Should the ABC be privatised businesses will then be forced to either increase their advertising budgets or split existing budgets to include the ABC or lose custom. Were I in business using TV to advertise in yet another station I would not be happy as at the moment most profitability at best is pretty thin. One would wonder if the government really supports Small Business?

These are just a few of my thoughts / reasons to keep the ABC in public hands

Regards

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why we need the ABC

We need a public broadcaster to give us factual news, apart from entertainment, free from any commercial or ideological bias. We can see how poor is the coverage of local and world news on commercial broadcasters. Pope Francis has recently issued a statement in which he strongly supports the need for a public broadcaster because its removal would be the first step on the road to dictatorship.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands

To all our political leaders!
Please do not privatise our national broadcaster. Since I was very young I have relied on it as a reliable, balanced source of news. I value it's investigative journalism. I enjoy it's panel discussions it's comedies and it's dramas uninterrupted by adds!
My children grew up watching it and now my grandchildren.
Privatised, it would just become another commercial entity. We have enough of those.
Please dont let this happen.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!!!

The ABC is a wonderful public broad caster and should remain so. To privatise the ABC is to cause an injustice to the Australian public. We need an independent ABC, were Australians can receive quality programs, investigative journalism. Both on T.V. and Radio. The ABC provides the country and regional areas of Australia with a quality product. The ABC are doing more more work with less staff and funds. We the Australian people do not want you, the Liberal National Part Coalition to privatise the ABC. Please hear the voices of the voting Australian public, young and old, from every country who call Australia home.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the abc safe!

The ABC must never, never be put into the hands of greedy corporations. The move towards this is driven by neoliberal extremists who dont believe in any public services and corrupt right wing powers who are rightly scared of any scrutiny - which the commercial networks will never offer . The ABC provides an invaluable service to Australia and Australians, along with SBS they give us the only intelligent and watchable television in this country. To cave in to this frankly appalling partisan pressure would be to do a huge and infamous disservice to the nation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

Government policy in privatising its public assets has backfired in many areas and the public broadcaster should not be risked. A small but pertinent case in my local town of Nelson Bay was the sale and privatising of a publicly funded marina. Sold in the late 80's for \$4.5M to d'albora Marinas, it was resold 5 years ago for \$20M to Ardent leisure who also own Dreamworld where 4 people died a few years ago. I know from running a commercial vessel from this marina that Ardent did no maintenance on this marina in all the time they owned it. The dock my 2 vessels are on is very old and only 2 metres wide, one of the dock fingers broke away recently due to corrosion of brackets with one of my vessels attached in a gale and it could have easily caused a fatality. At times it carries up to 700 passengers on it at a time in the summer. Despite countless warnings from staff and vessel operators that the dock requires extensive emergency maintenance the company only wanted to strip profit. It has now changed hands again for \$26M and I doubt there will be any maintenance until someone is hurt. This although perhaps a little obscure to the ABC privatisation plan highlights that there is no guarantees that private enterprise and "the Market" can be trusted to tell the truth or act to benefit the community. Now it might be justified financially by governments to sell material assets but the risk to our democratic system in flogging off our National broadcaster would to my mind be lunacy. Please don't do it!!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DON'T SELL THE PEOPLES ABC !!

To whom it may concern,

The fund cutting of the ABC has left me feeling sick to my stomach. However, the selling of the ABC is beyond incomprehensible!

The ABC has been an Australian PUBLIC Broadcaster since 1929! And was modelled off the BBC in the UK. Can you even fathom the outrage if the UK went down this path?

The ABC, for my friends, work colleagues and myself, voters of both parties, has been held in extremely high esteem for their unbiased journalistic independence. I have very vivid memories of both parties being roasted by journalists.

It seems to all of us that the reason for this cry to privatise is because the investigative journalism has revealed situations that have made life very uncomfortable for some people in power, and the easiest action is to be rid of the PUBLIC ABC and sell it off to someone that will be more controllable, exactly like every privatised radio, newspaper and tv station in Australia, which is all of them!!

This is a disgusting act that reeks of a move in a propaganda war, and that move is against the people of Australia! Very Berlin 1930's

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands.

I am personally so outraged by this governments brazen self interest and it's IPA agenda. Never in my memory has a Liberal Government acted so selfishly to pursue its own ends. It seems Australian people are not permitted to question any government policies and so discussion is being squashed. ABC attracts people who question all sides of politics and needs to be a ground on intellectual discussion, entertainment and education for all Australians. It's seems like the old adage.." you are either with us or against us" when it comes to Liberals and Nationals dialogue. Many Liberal voters are equally dismayed by your actions.

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VIC 3461



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep pur ABC in public hands


I am a professional who has lived in regional NSW my entire life (except for attending University (then free - the only reason I was able to attend)) in Sydney. The ABC was my ONLY source of news as a child (RN, ABC TV, Local ABC radio). My family's only entertainment came from sitting around the tele watching the ABC! As A child I grew up digesting Play School, Adventure Island et al. As an adult I look to the ABC for reliable news and analysis. It is a statement of the boringly obvious to note that the ABC is free of corporate influence in its presentation of news and current affairs. The attack by conservatives is based ENTIRELY on them not liking that a view that is not fashioned by corporate Australia (and the disinformation of Fox and others) is being presented to the population. The thought of flogging off Aunty is petty, small-minded, vindictive, dangerous, stupid, ill-conceived, ideological, reckless, contemptible, self-interested and without any sensible rationale.

An Australia without the ABC independent, fearless and well-resourced would be an impoverished, insular and ignorant island watching the future pass us by.

Hands off my Aunty!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Not Again

Various Governments of all persuasions have tried to nobble the ABC. The ABC presents the only broadcaster that presents a true feeling about the real issues. It may be biased, we are all biased in some way, but at least the ABC airs issues that the commercial networks would not dare to raise because of their affiliations with their "benefactors". Just look recently at concerns Four Corners has aired on several fronts that have then gone on to be debated. Most free thinking democracies have a public broadcaster, and with good reason. On a lighter note do people actually watch the crap that is served up on commercial channels?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC a PUBLIC broadcaster

The ABC is our public broadcaster.

It is NOT the "child of" politicians, to be chided, brow beaten and punished for perceived wrong doings. The ABC is NOT owned by politicians..

I watch and listen to the ABC.

Firstly, because it is the most trustworthy and reliable source of real local news and its breadth of foreign coverage is unfettered by interference from foreign entities.

Its news reviews and commentary are skilfully presented and thoughtful and reflect the public right to know; to question and inform.

It is a valuable producer of quality local drama. Only on the ABC are we able to watch such heartfelt and natural everyday people and events such as Australian story; Back Roads; Gardening Australia, Playschool. ABC Radio too offers broadcasting that is simply out of the realm and ability of commercial concerns to provide: radio national, Triple J; Classic FM.

I have listened to and watched the ABC all my life and value its contribution to my everyday life.

The ABC is needed in the Australian way of life, the Australian psyche.

It has an imperative to present facts and commentary without interference by politicians or wealthy "friends" or allied "countries" interference.

The ABC represents our Australian Democracy.

The right to free speech.

The sale of the ABC to private concerns should not even be being considered, it is not owned by politicians.

For what purpose, for whose gain is the ABC sale proposed?

It is not in the public interest.

The public own the ABC, politicians need to fund it appropriately and defend it.

Thank you

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NSW 2261



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be kept in public hands

Dear Enquiry,


The ABC needs to remain fully government funded. We already have newspapers and other media owned by corporations and controlled by wealthy individuals, eg. The Telegraph and The Australian controlled by Rupert Murdoch which have their editorial policy set by these individuals and clearly have the agenda to further these individuals corporate and profit aims. They already have a great influence on our democracy but selectively reporting and emphasis on issues.

The ABC is often the one unbiased voice that is prepared to speak out against the corrupting influence of big money. A couple of examples are their recent reports via the Four Corners Program on water stealing in the Murry Darling Basin, on Dodgy Sales practices by the Big Banks, on Illegal Waste transfers and Dumping from NSW. The list goes on and on.

No doubt reporting from individuals within the ABC is not perfectly unbiased but is is significantly better than the extremely biased reporting that we get from corporate privatised media such as The Telegraph or radio 2GB which blatantly represent the big business interest of their corporate owners.

We must keep the ABC in public ownership and funding and if it occasionally appears to have a socialist bias then this is no doubt a reflection that that the privately owned corporate media have a clear and blatant bias in favour of big corporations and the interest of their wealthy owners.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is vital for independent reporting, quality programming that explores the lives of ordinary and extraordinary Australia, and helps us to reflect on historical events that have made us.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

I rely on the ABC every day and I want it kept in public hands and definitely not privatized.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's our ABC, not the current Governments

I grew up in Country Victoria listening to Blue Hills and the news on ABC radio. It helped mould my opinions and outlook in life. To suggest that it is sold off to become a for-profit entity is heonious. it is our ABC, not the LIberal and National parties and definitely not Murdoch Presses ABC. Keep your grubby hands off one of Australia's treasures.

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VIC 3072




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC Must Remain Totally in Public Hands

In this time of false news and corporate greed and wrong-doing, our public broadcaster, beholden to no-one, can provide the type of unbiased news and entertainment to the tax-payers whose money pays for it. Should it be split up or privatised, there is no reliable source of information not affected by profit motive or political manoeuvring.

The contention that the ABC is biased is because comparing it to commercial channels which usually only present one side of any issue, the ABC presents two sides. This is seen by the Murdoch press as bias. We need a public broadcaster more than ever.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Gov funded and in public hands.

As an Aus citizen and a tax payer I urge the government to keep the ABC in the public hands. I do not want it to be sold off privately and I do not want it to be floated so that the public can buy shares. I want to remain government funded and owned. They shall remain as a pillar of democracy keeping all aspects of Australian life informed. I would be more than happy paying more tax to fund the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to keep ABC in public hands


As a regional listener to the ABC, I greatly value its respect and services to regional and rural areas. Commercial enterprises would find it “uneconomical” to so. Especially in times of disaster, when the ABC comes into its own.

Many of its programs would not see the light of day if done by the mainstream media. Programs like “Employable Me” and “War on Waste” would not happen on commercial stations. TV drama is enriched by the ABC.

The ABC is our national broadcaster and needs to remain independent of interference by which ever government is in power or by commercial interests if they were made to run commercial advertising.

Our national broadcaster must forever remain as first envisaged by the forerunner of the Liberal Party, including the Liberal Party icon, Robert Menzies as new broadcasting service “... organised on an independent basis and that cultural potentialities of the Broadcast Service be considered a matter of primary importance”.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The abc has always been owned by the people of Australia and must be retained by them. IT IS NOT OWNED BY THE LIBERAL PARTY .

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NSW 2100



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Instruct the government to end the gradual privatisation of our Public Broadcaster.

The ABC and SBS serve to keep our democracy, our economy and our society healthy.

It does so by being a not-for-profit public broadcaster that has a mandate to serve citizens, not shareholders. It also tries to or should be independent of the government of the day in order, in part, to hold government to account.

It also works to hold powerful vested interests to account, to shine a light on malfeasance and corruption, and to give voices to citizens across every demographic.

No privatised 'public broadcaster' would or could do this. A public broadcaster whose functions all lie in private hands is a simple contradiction in terms - the two functions of serving citizens versus serving the interests of shareholders are fundamentally at odds.

The ABC and SBS also serve the economy by the provision of ideas, talent and skill-sets, all of which allow commercial broadcasters and news outlets to draw on and use in other ways.

A healthy democracy needs the ABC, and the 'death by a thousand cuts' to our national broadcaster currently being implemented is essentially anti-democratic.

I urge the inquiry in the strongest possible terms to instruct government to restore funding, independence and end their agenda of the gradual piece-by-piece privatisation of our public broadcaster.

Thank you for listening.

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QLD 4565 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

The ABC must not be handed over to the private market.

The ABC serves a very important role which can only be sustained if it remains an independent service

Parliamentarians who vote to privatise the ABC will be doing a great injustice to the future of Australia. They will be remembered, and will be over run at the ballot box.

The ABC is a great public institution, and one of the last that can be relied upon to provide services to all Australians. Those services will be lost under privatisation.

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NSW 2549



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands.

i grew up on the ABC in the sixties and seventies and both my children grew up on the ABC childrens programs in the eighties, nineties and the 2000s. there are so many programs that are actually worth watching on there as an option against the commercialised overseas shows on the commercial channels. The ABC belongs to us, paid for by us, and no government has the right to sell it to any private organisation. The government should be told to restore all funding the LNP have cut from them, and the IPA needs to be told to butt out of the political arena.

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VIC 3156



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC should stay in public hands, to serve the public.

An article by Denis Miller (The Conversation, 21.06.18) highlights the reason for creating the ABC in the first place:


'The bipartisan political vision for the ABC was that it should not be vulnerable to sectional interests or commercial pressures, but should exist to serve the public interest in the widest sense. The first paragraph of its charter captures the essence of these expectations:

"The functions of the Corporation are to provide ... innovative and comprehensive broadcasting services of a high standard ... and ... to provide broadcasting programs that contribute to a sense of national identity and inform and entertain, and reflect the cultural diversity of, the Australian community; and broadcasting programs of an educational nature."

No mention there of economic criteria.'

Enough said.

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SA 5152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission into Senate Inquiry into the abc

i love and trust our ABC – because it is in public hands.

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ACT 2602 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must remain public

At an early age, I learned to appreciate the independence and integrity of the ABC. Especially news broadcasts. And music. I may not agree with everything that's done or said on my ABC, but I do trust the essential truth of its news, and the robustness of its analyses and the quality of its judgements. The ABC is excellent value and a very important informational organ for the people of this nation. Please, don't let crazy Right-wing nutters privatise the ABC.

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TAS 7310 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only tv station available to those of us who hate good programmes being interrupted by mindless advertisements. And the best Australian shows can be found here.
Why on earth would you want to debase an icon of the media industry by making it just like the others?

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VIC 3073 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone!

My radio is permanently tuned to Radio National. It provides me with news I can trust and grown-up opinion. I am appalled that any group could contemplate privatising the ABC, and I will certainly do my best to see the Liberals voted out at the next election if they continue to pursue this.

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NSW 2041




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay public

The ABC is relied upon by myself and millions of other Australians as the most reliable and trusted source of news and current affairs. It is also the most reliable source of quality broadcasting generally. The thought of it being privatised and dragged down to the level of existing privately owned broadcasters is appalling.

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NSW 2280 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privitisation of ABC

Privitising the ABC is an attack on democracy. Where else can the populaton get reliable news without bias or agenda, things which are so important in informing the public and creating a culture of fairness and inclusivity?


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VIC 3136 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell off ABC to money makers

I have and still do value the ABC as my number one station to view. This is because I trust its content, I enjoy its unique content, and I value that this resource is one the Australian people own. I resent the idea that it should be sold off and privatised. Next thing you know we'll be bombarded with commercial advertising, cookie cutter approaches to programming following 'majority' values (or so they think) and excluding many. The unique approach to programming, valuing diversity and difference is a powerful reason why I watch the ABC. I would be considered the majority (white, speak English, heterosexual) but I REALLY want to hear stories of diversity and difference, I really want to view programs that don't always fit in mainstream. I don't want to watch Home & Away approaches to programming where there is glaringly obvious 'majority' storylines that exclude many voices. I don't want to watch 'current affairs programs' that merely advertise products and shows the station are affiliated with or have interests in. I have been supporting campaigns to protect the ABC since as long as I can remember and I am tired of the Hard Right cronies (who I DID NOT vote for) planning attacks on those things Australian that I have valued all my life. Show some patriotism, show some commitment to Australian television, show some value for a station that is iconic and unique to Australia! Don't let yet another unique brand of Australia be sold off to offshore money makers. Don't let your contempt for the ABC be reason to take from Australians like me what we really value!
Thanks.

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[REDACTED]
NSW 2147 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Government Inquiry in to the ABC


I'm a rural supporter of the ABC, my preference is to watch ABC TV and listen to ABC FM. My opinion is that the ABC is impartial and is not swayed by commercial or extreme government interests, giving me a balanced unparalleled media coverage.

We don't need another commercial media organisation and we definitely don't need to follow the American model for everything. Australia has a unique place in the world that we need to maintain. Unbiased public reporting is a fundamental right of this country's population

It is in the current government's interest to maintain and support the ABC, as it can give insight to policies that are sometimes biased and not clearly thought out. The ABC broadcasts many programs that would not be shown by commercial broadcasters, such as Q and A, Anzac day services overseas, Insiders, Media Watch, ABC Kids, Australian Story, local radio, there are so many unique programs it is difficult to name them all here. Personally, I can't see any advantage to Australians in losing a public broadcaster

As uncomfortable as the ABC might make the government feel (at times) it is an essential part of the Australian culture. It is already run as a Corporation with a functional commercial arm. More changes to the ABC will be seen as a government trying to gain advantage and control media to promote it's own interests.

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NSW 2540 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

ABC belongs to us the tax payers,you don't have the right

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NSW 2099 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC independent

To whom it may concern.

The ABC is my main source of political social and cultural information. After having lived all over the world I find it one of the best independent journalistic and entertaining organisations I came across. It's independence is vital for it's quality. All the commercial media are of bad to abysmal quality the information one sided the entertainment low grade.

The idea of privatising the ABC only serves one purpose: keep the people misinformed.

Please note

i am not a Labor voter just an interested and educated citizen.

Thanks for giving me the chance to make a submission.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2372




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never privatise ABC

I'm aghast the party of little trumps would try this trick. If they don't want to watch serious news or quality content they don't have to. Let them stay stupid and self-serving. I cannot watch or listen to the commercial claptrap. SBS has already gone downhill with this same silly notion. Nothing good has come from privatising public assets since that craziness began. I'm very happy my tax dollars go toward the ABC. I can think of a number of other things I'd prefer not to subsidise; especially politician pensions.

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VIC 3113 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I'm no fan of Trump but fake news is rampant in private media. The ABC must stay in public hands.

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QLD 4567 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC MUST REMAIN IN PUBLIC HANDS

LEAVE THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS OR YOU WILL NEVER HAVE MY VOTE AGAIN.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2480 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

I was appalled to hear that a majority of the Liberal Party Council members voted in favour of privatisation of the ABC with talk such as 'a waste of taxpayers money' and 'unfair advantage' over the commercial sector. The most trusted news service in Australia is that of the ABC and where would we get such programmes as Four Corners and top quality investigative journalism? Not on Commercial TV! They would hardly be funded by many advertisers. My children and grandchildren were and are devoted to ABC Kids. I would not be happy with them watching programs interspersed with targeted advertising. In a democratic society it is so important that there is an independent voice in broadcasting.

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NSW 2021 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Please do not sell off the ABC or cut any more funds. It is the only station that produces TV dramas as against the reality shows on the commercial stations that cost them nothing and have no entertainment or general use. Children's TV is wonderful on ABC and kids do not have to sit through commercials which create difficulties with little ones as they see the sales pitch and think they can have it.

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VIC 3145




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!

I am thoroughly outraged that the government is pushing for privatisation of the ABC. All of my family and friends agree with me. It must remain in the public and continue to provide an independent non commercial option for us all.

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WA 6007 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

An independent voice of the people is now more important than ever. Just because that voice does not suit a government is no reason to shut it down.
The ABC is a cornerstone of our democracy.

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QLD 4066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

Have you seen the rubbish on the commercial stations? What other reasons do we need?

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NSW 2065




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Ensure ABC remains property of Australian Public

Don't privatise the ABC, and stop cutting the funds to it, you money grabbing dickheads. You're going to ruin the future of millions of Australians (white people included) if this happens

[REDACTED]


WA 6169 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain public

As per the original motivation for establishing a public broadcaster as a corner stone of democracy - free of vested political and monetary interest - it is crucial that the ABC remains a properly funded public institution! Our democracy depends on it - these days more than ever.

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NSW 2206 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I've word in urban Australia, in country Australia, in PNG at Independence, and spent some time in the UK. The importance of a independent public broadcaster was obvious to all who wanted freedom of speed and freedom from the tyranny of cash for comments. It is clear from commercial TV and radio practices in Australia at present the the integrity of so many commentators are ruled by vested interests in Australia and overseas. The ABC is free from bias, free from overseas influence, but not free from dishonest politicians.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatised the ABC at your electoral peril.

The ABC continues to deliver its charter. This is being done despite the unwarranted attacks by sections of the Government and continued cuts in funding. In the hands of anyone but the public (Citizens) the ABC will by definition no longer be a national broadcaster. It will be just another vehicle for advertising and cheap programming. Any Government pursuing the privatisation of the ABC does so at its electoral peril.

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NSW 2204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why the ABC should not be privatised.

I know the LNP wants to privatise the ABC because they believe that everything is better managed in private hands, but that misses the purpose of the ABC.


Without the ABC ALL information would come from and be derived from commercial interests. This would focus ALL personal and social issues around commercialism. That is not in the interests of anyone.

Even Adam Smith said "that to see all aspects of life in terms of commercial transactions is PATENTLY ABSURD."

Democracy needs a public sphere that is objective and as impartial as possible. That can hold government to account and think about the common good. THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE WHEN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS ARE AT PLAY.

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NSW 2444 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Absolutely no privatisation of our ABC


I have lived my life with the ABC—and so have my children. The consistent quality of their programming, coming from a place of responsibility and integrity is something I rely on every day.

I have been concerned to hear the constant attacks on the ABC from the current government. Financially and verbally, they have tried to undermine the ABC's integrity like a bully who feels that someone is answering them back. The ABC calls all sitting governments to task, as it is its job to do. Going after them in this way simply suggests the current government doesn't have enough confidence in itself to withstand the scrutiny.

The most effective democracies in the world have robust, well supported public media outlets. We do not need another commercial outlet. We need the ABC to be supported and protected as a vital cog in the day to day workings of our democracy. And that benefits both sides of parliament in turn.

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NSW 2035 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC is so appreciated for its breadth of programs on tv and radio. It goes to a depth of analysis and creativity that is lacking in other stations. I can not imagine my world without the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC needs to be in public hands. This is the only way we get a proper look at what is really going on. Rather than the crap that is on commercial channels. If the conservative are getting scared of losing power they need to look at why, not just stop everything to stop people having a different opinion than them.

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VIC 3215



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I feel that their news is trust worthy . Public broadcasting plays a irreplaceable role in our democracy . With the world turning to 'fake' news more and more, WE NEED THE ABC!!!

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NSW 2041




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

As a young father, I loved watching the ABC with my beautiful young children, Playschool, Thomas, Sesame Street etc. I also loved the news, current affairs, tv series, dramas etc. As a grandfather with beautiful grandchildren, I still watch those delightful children's shows but also the news, current affairs, dramas, TVs series etc. The ABC is PRICELESS. It must NEVER be privatised. It is essential to the fabric of this country, to honesty, transparency, quality and integrity in reporting and entertainment.

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VIC 3942 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please preserve the ABC!

As a life-long devotee of the ABC I am dismayed at the proposition that the ABC should be in competition with the commercial sector and horrified at the prospect of privatisation. I wake up every morning to Fran Kelly on Radio National, always watch the 7.00 news on Channel 2 and am a big fan of Four Corners. Whenever I am exposed to news programmes on commercial channels it strikes me how much lower the standard of reporting is and how it panders to the tastes of mediocrity. The delivery of informed comment should never be related to commercial concerns and this is what I love about the ABC - I believe I can trust its impartiality and understand that it attracts commentators of the highest calibre.

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SA 5063 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

For me, the ABC has been a source of good leisure and of ideas and of inspiring stories. Political bias of speakers is matched with all sorts of other views. If we fear manipulation of the media by governments, at least in our democracy we can change the government after considering many points of view with the ABC.

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NSW 2154




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC the guardian of democracy

To the inquiry into the ABC. When there is no easily available source of reliable accurate news, democracy comes under threat. As social media and on-line news replace the role of print newspapers, the role of the ABC becomes ever more crucial. ABC news, current affairs, in-depth reporting on world issues are essential to a well-informed populace. The ABC also plays a major role in ensuring that the whole of the country is represented - with programs targeted at rural areas or indigenous Australians. It is a vital source of ongoing education about law, science, medicine, ethics. The ABC provides quality programs for children, supports Australian drama and music, and without it serving its current functions, our whole culture would be impoverished.

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NSW 2251 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

A publicly owned broadcasting station is a net positive and a pillar of our democracy.

It does not belong to the government. It belongs to the people. It should not be sold off.

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NSW 2120 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands for the benefit of all Australians

The ABC is such a valuable asset to Australia, we need localised regional services, independent scrutiny of our political processes, fearless investigation of issues important to Australian citizens and our values. There is also an important role in projecting our interests beyond our physical boundaries, a role that has sadly shrunk with lack of funds, letting our neighbours know who we are and displaying our values for them to consider.

Never give up or allow to atrophy such a valuable national asset !!!

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VIC 3070 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise The ABC

governments don't like the ABC because the ABC tells the truth, mostly they are unbiased, they have investigative journalists who threaten governments, they are not swayed by media owners with vested interests. How a politician could vote to privatise the ABC and then go to their constituents for re election beggars belief, they will not be re elected.

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NSW 2050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We Need a Stronger ABC Not a Murdoch-lite

Dear Inquiry Members

There is a sustained, long-running attack on the Australian public's ABC being orchestrated by the far right of Australian politics and corporate interests including the Murdoch press, IPA and influential sections of the Liberal Party (including cabinet Ministers).


What all these political and corporate 'interests' have in common is a profound hatred of openness, accountability, diversity and scrutiny. They will use any tactics to achieve their goal, including stacking the ABC Board with conservative hacks who despise public broadcasting through to huge budget cuts and sustained 'complaints' designed to tie the ABC up in knots.

These political and corporate interests who despise public broadcasting, independent investigative journalism, openness and accountability must not be allowed to silence (e.g. sell-off) the ABC as a crucial part of a functional Australian democracy.

Please recommend that the ABC be funded to properly fulfill its role as the nation's public broadcaster and kept free of political interference including the appointment to the Board of people with no background in public broadcasting who hate the ABC and everything it stands for as an independent public broadcaster.

Thank you.

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SA 5015 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone

As soon as I get up in the morning I put on the ABC
And listen or watch the ABC till I go to bed. Every thing the government has privatised has had a negative impact on the community.
The ABC is there for all Australians and we as a community own it!!

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NSW 2041



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has been a pivotal part of most Australian life. Free from commercial bias and gain it has earned recognition and respect globally and we are throwing all this hard-earned respect away? I did work at the ABC and was well trained, which ABC does very well. I was given opportunities which a commercial environment could not provide. Who else but the ABC would provide in depth religious discussion, School of the Air, what a public asset that was, form orchestras to lift people's appreciation of Australian talent and provide exposure to such a range of artists, give probing and well balanced reports on current affairs, both locally and all round the globe, Radio Australia played such an important role too being able to access information that other countries may not have been able to, its sporting coverage. The news is credible rather than sensationalised. The ABC is ad free which means one's concentration is unbroken. I lived overseas for many years and it was something I missed - quality television and radio. I have lived through many changes to the ABC and can say it continually tries to keep with its audiences - serious music, drama, comedy, and so importantly wonderful children's programs which has earned so much praise for its educative content. Having worked for the ABC and witnessed the many threats to its existence from politicians, the crippling cutbacks, the will, tenacity and appreciation from its staff and supporters to keep ABC viable, protect its historical right to exist, and basically through it all to have continued to provide education, knowledge and information. It has always been a brave institution enjoying such vision. Let us protect free speech, the right to debate several points of view - that is democracy. It will be an extremely sad day for me personally should the ABC be privatised. I believe most of those wanting to privatise have benefited from the ABC in one way or another - perhaps including their Play School days. It has, like any other organisation made mistakes, but it has also learned from them. And it would seem to still cost 8 cents a day.

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NSW 2023 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC - LNP Free!..

I have grown up with the ABC and have personally depended upon it for quality information on events varying regionally, state, federal to global coverage. Some of those events have been for personal safety ie Canberra Bush fire, or Floods in the Northern region of NSW. Yet it has been blatantly bloody obvious that the conservative elements in the LNP have an ideological bent on punishing the ABC through political meddling and budget cuts and even threats of " privatisation " to silence any forms of public dissent against Neo Liberal Ideals held by the LNP. Ie make some monies from PUBLIC assets!..

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC is one of the foundation stones of our democracy. Our commercial media are owned privately thus not independent. Only an independent ABC can provide us with the transparency which we need.

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VIC 3823




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

My family and friends ALL watch ABC news and programmes , it is an institution that we rely on for independence and great Aussie shows. We are very upset about this cut.

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NSW 2517 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No private abc

There are more than enough commercial reality tv ads for days bullshit channels. ABC and sbs are pretty much all I can stand watching and I'll be damned if you cock them up too. Hands off my abc.

[REDACTED]


WA 6171



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC in Public hands 🐼

Essential that a public broadcaster is in place to retain an independence which privatization could not.
Stop this conservative attack on the ABC, stop the bullying, increase funding and keep the ABC in public hands 🐼

[Redacted]
WA 6158 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. ABC is my most trusted news source.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC should NEVER be sold!!

The ABC is a huge part of my life: I listen to ABC radio, either classical music, news or local radio, every day and watch ABC TV every night. The news service is very good, the foreign news is well promulgated, especially on News 24 and there are a great variety of programs for everyone, including children of all ages. I would be heartbroken if there was no ABC and the loss to our society would be incalculable.

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NSW 2029



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

My understanding is that the government is meant to reflect the wishes of the people it governs not the privileged, monied elite whose main concern is to protect their quite often dubious practices. The majority of Australians are honest, hardworking people and we expect our elected representatives to respect and abide by our wishes to protect our most valued public institution, the ABC.

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NSW 2500




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Against privatisation of OUR ABC

We might lose out on 4 Corners, 7.30 Report, Q&A & other informative programmes. Please keep private companies OUT of OUR ABC

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NSW 2073 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

My family watch the ABC and SBS exclusively. Commercial television is appalling in my view. It's approach is condescending and it's content is superficial. The ABC is a national treasure giving society a wider range of viewing content; it is informative, entertaining and of a high quality. My young children watch ABC exclusively. They don't like commercial television. I am worried that if the ABC becomes privatised they will be forced to become like a commercial station and, the incredible content the ABC currently provides will be lost. We'll become a society led by the lowest common denominator. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. An enquiry into whether the ABC and SBS have an advantage by being public funded is missing the point. They are providing superior quality content on every level. It should be endorsed, enhanced and supported, not squashed and undermined. Destabilising the ABC, as is being proposed, will kill everything that is good and the long term ramifications will echo long into the future. In my view, you will eventually end up with a society of morons who can not think for themselves. Look for the good and keep it, nurture it.
Thank you.

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QLD 4054



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of ABC

I love my ABC the way it is now and don't want it privatised. I love its hard investigative journalism, its Q and A, it's marvellous series with local content. Please don't touch it!!

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SA 5211



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The mirage of this government to privatise the ABC is wholly because they will only accept critique of the Labor Party this is

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NSW 2590



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is something we are proud of, just the way it is!

To whom this may concern,

ABC has been my one and sometimes only source of entertainment for most of my life for many reasons.

Do NOT privatise something that so many Australians hold dear. Please keep ABC as it is and stop trying to control and change the things that make us proud to be Australian.

[REDACTED]

Thank you

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VIC 3057




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't you dare privatise the ABC!

Does this dearth of ethics and morals we call the government understand that privatisation of this institution will directly affect the 70 per cent of Australians who listen, watch and read the ABC every single week. It will erase the one media institution that Australians trust above all others.

Who are these 70 per cent? That's the sum of us, the vast mass of us who listen to local radio, who love the news, who fear fire and flood, who want to get the latest real news on health and science!
Don't take this away. We need the ABC there to provide some backbone to news in this country!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

the A B C as a lot of good programs that commercial programs don't run ALSO THEY DONT RUN THOSE BLOODLY ADVERTS.

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NSW 2444 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We live in rural Qld and do not have access to free to air TV apart from the ABC. We rely on the ABC to continue to keep us up to date with current issues. The ABC is far superior to commercial TV. I don't want to see silly reality shows based on US & UK shows. I want to hear & learn about what is going on in OUR country as well as global issues. If you privatise the ABC, my household will lose our only source of reliable information. Are you privatising the ABC because they keep you, the government, accountable? Can you please advise who, (apart from the political parties with their own agenda), is in favour of privatising the ABC & for what reason? You need to let this one go & concentrate on providing better health & education systems, homelessness & aged care.

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QLD 4871 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should never be privatised.

The ABC is a national treasure. It allows us to get unbiased and uncommercial news and information which there would be no other way to get in Australia. It is not a luxury, but an essential part of democracy in Australia. It serves so many purposes this email would be pages long if I itemised them all. Suffice to say that the vast majority of Australian's think as I do on this topic.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3135 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC plays an incredibly important role in investigating and reporting on public issues of unfairness and illegal practices in society and these result in corrective measures being taken usually. They bring to public attention situations e.g. aged abuse in care, exploitive practices by some owners of aged care facilities, Murray River water theft etc. Its value is unquestionable, except to those who expect to benefit from the exploitation.

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NSW 2307 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It is not in the National Interest to Privatisise the ABC

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

In Australia over the last three decades there has been an abject failure to protect public assets and financial institutions from the rapacious greed of financial engineers who claims are not substantiated in the final analysis where the public interest has not been protected. e.g. Commonwealth Bank, Telstra, Medibank Private and not forgetting the Mutual Societies e.g. AMP, NRMA, Colonial Mutual etc.

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ACT 2606



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I want the ABC to remain in public hands as it is the only way the public will get unbiased information

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VIC 3051



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: no sell-off of the ABC

All these conservatives taught by the IPA that public ownership of anything is bad (except for the retrogrades who think the state should by old coal fired power stations) need to take a good hard look at the results of past sales of public utilities.

These backward thoughts a fed by 'fake news' from the media oligarchs who can only see money making opportunities via a new source of advertising. Look at the rubbish presented on the commercial channels. Where is the Australian content like 'Back Roads', 'Australian Story', 'Four Corners', 'Landline', 'Dateline' etc. It doesn't exist. Instead there is a stream of moronic dating, cooking or renovating shows which do nothing to raise the level of knowledge of the viewer.

This household depends on the public broadcaster for a great deal of our broadcast information the rest comes from similar content on subscription services.

Keep our public broadcaster in public hands - we are willing to see our taxes spent here rather than increases in politician's salary and perks.

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VIC 3136



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: hands off our ABC

Please stop reducing funding to our ABC and
It must not be privatised

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SA 5201



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

The ABC has been an important part of my life since it began on television decades ago. I consider it an essential and major element of our modern democracy. It's news and current affairs programs are second to none. I have not seen anything better in any other comparable countries I have visited, including UK and US. I love many of the ABC's comedy shows which reflect our own sense of humour. I admire the professionalism of the ABC's staff and appreciate the style in comparison to the crass commercial commentators you see if you care to change channel. The ABC is utterly worthy of taxpayer support and privatisation should be off the radar of any responsible government. It is, as has been said before, a priceless asset belonging to the Australian people - and that's the way it must remain.

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ACT 2913




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC !!!!!

Australia has the joy of a television station that promotes local and diverse content. Stop dumbing down Australia, do not touch our ABC, the only television station that will look at the hard issues without bias. It is very worrying that a government wants to stop a television station that Can expose and explore issues that concern the intelligence of our country. Liberal party members you need to be brave and stand up for this country instead of continually hiding behind your malice and greed. Hands off our ABC!!!!

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VIC 3056 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC always in public hands!

The ABC provides radio and television programs for all age groups, all socio-economic and cultural groups, and for other countries in the world. Keep it in public hands, apolitical, and restore the correct level of funding. Privatised it at the risk of all the LNP politicians.

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NSW 2577 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC is a public SERVICE, not a business!!!

Australia's ABC is the envy of many countries.
It is there for ALL Australians. It should not become commercial. Not only radio and TV for young and old,
but vital for production... culturally diverse. Drama, music. Think SERVICE not profit opportunity!!!

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NSW 2777




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The local content for the rural area where I live and work is invaluable personally and socially. The ideas from ABC RN have stimulated my business immeasurably over past decades. The independent political views have provided a reliable base to appreciate government policy. It would not be possible to duplicate the ABC service with a privatised system. This issue is part of the erosion of Liberal party support, including for myself.

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WA 6330 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

To whom it may concern,

I am a young Australian born and raised in country Victoria, and I am horrified at the suggestion of privatising the ABC. All my life it has been as positive presence, from play school when I was little to the likes of Catalyst today. It produces a wide range of documentaries, news and shows that just don't appear on commercial networks. Institutions like Triple J provide immeasurable value to young Australians across the country and the world. And additionally it acts as a reliable emergency broadcaster, a service especially valuable in areas subject to floods or fires such as my home in Northern Victoria.

To privatise this institution, which functions so well and contributes so much to our country would be an act of vandalism against the future of Australia.

Regards,

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VIC 3637




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is part of the fabric of Australian society and has always and should continue to play an important role in reporting unfettered by the demands of a private owner or by commercial or political interests. Our democratic society will become less so if the ABC is removed from public hands, and such an event would be a very sad and backwards step for Australia to take.

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VIC 3068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The prospect of "Our ABC" being sold off to private interests is abhorrent. Businesses have their own interests in the forefront which focus on profits rather than the interests of their viewers or listeners. ABC is customer focused, look at the fabulous investigative programs like "4 Corners" and "Media Watch" which have no peers in the commercial tv/radio sphere. Commercial tv/radio stations mean there will be no channels available without the interference of irritating and frustrating advertisements. ABC is a valuable source of facts behind the news, without the corruption of commercial interests. Privatising the ABC will spell the death of the politicians and political party who bring it about. Politicians who ignore the will of the people will suffer the wrath of the people.

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NSW 2088 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our democracy alive keep the ABC in the taxpayers hands.

The ABC,
is the only reason we get truthful records of where our government is up too. The disgusting choice by the Liberals to privatise this public owned enterprise is because they can't buy what is their anti democratic actions on so many levels that made their money driven politics more and more dictatorial. That is why I only vote for independent politicians which can be reached without being overruled by the likes of Tony Abbot the worst fundamentalist without intelligence in Federal Parliament.

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VIC 3675 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep abc in public hands

There are a number of reasons for keeping the ABC. But my prime reasons are for some intellectual stimulation, something which is sadly missing from the commercial channels. In a society which is continually bemoaning the drop in standards of our children's education and their inability to engage in topics other than social media conversations. The ABC is the only station that offers anything that challenges ideas and opinions in a way that will broaden the mind of the population. I also have concerns regarding the commercialisation of all media in the country as this can lead to an overrepresentation of single views ie; those who can pay for them which can be dangerous for democracy.

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NSW 2283



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation is extremely dangerous.

The media is the most powerful educator and persuader. Unfortunately the mass media is privately owned and operates in the interests of shareholders and media barons. These interests do not always coincide with community interests. The ABC must remain impartial ... especially in times of emergency . Unlike the other media outlets, does not try to lower our language, knowledge and broadcasting standards. I'm sure most educated politicians are not watching the populist, 'reality' programs on 7, 9 and 10, not listening to the 'shock jocks' to become better informed. What is the far right politicians' agenda ? Let's not dumb down our people any further. The ABC needs more public dollars, not less, so that it may continue with its original, challenging charter. As for privatisation, it does not seem to have worked well for our electricity and NBN requirements. The ABC has always provided me with intelligent, impartial news and entertainment.

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VIC 3938




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

It is imperative that the ABC stay in public hands. The recent efforts to privatise the ABC are just an attempt to quash the independent voice of Australians, and to silence any critique of our government. This is unacceptable.

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VIC 3066 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO to ABC privatisation!

As an avid listener of Triple J and watcher of Hey Dugge on ABC Kids thanks to my toddler. We are massive fans of the current setup. Programs like Triple J's unearthed has "unearthed" so much great talent over the years that would've never been found due to commercial radio stations only interested in playing pop hits on rotation. The ABC cricket coverage is an institution and has been my summer highlight for as long as I can remember.

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QLD 4220 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

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.

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QLD 4059




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We need a fair, unbiased public broadcasting station like ABC without the commercial interest influencing the children and the public in general.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation ABC

The ABC provides a service to ALL Australians that is very unlikely to be achieved if it did not exist. No "Moonlight State" or any other investigative journalism that can literally change a nation.

Those that seek to privatise the ABC should be careful what they wish for. How many great journalists, producers in the radio and TV industry have had their start at the ABC ? If the ABC did not exist, then commercial entities would have to train the talent themselves - you know what will happen - this won't occur because the private sector won't want to pay for it, and will lobby future Governments to setup a "media training program" of such like.

The cultural capital embodied in the ABC is priceless. As usual, the advocates of privatisation claim to know the price of everything, but the value of nothing.

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QLD 4506 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My plea for the ABC

The ABC has been the 'rock' in my life for news and informed comment for 60 years. It has entertained me, nurtured ideas and given me confidence in local and world affairs discussions as I don't trust the commercial outlets for truthful or unbiased reporting and comment. Any government requires oversight from a broadcasting body to keep them from misleading the electorate, and in the past decade there are many cases where government has tried to assure us that all was well and that inquiries / royal commissions were not required nor warranted, when the opposite was the case. I do not want this important national treasure privatised. I want it front and centre as our reliable means for issues of importance, and I want it there to be brave and back entertainment programs that were not viewed as commercially successful by the other bodies. I want it free from the influence of the US news media Barons. I want it there so our grandchildren will live in a democracy not compromised completely by the greed-driven commercial interests of the commercial outlets.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT privatise our ABC!!

I can't believe that we, as an intelligent nation, would even contemplate privatising the ABC. I regard myself as discerning and intelligent and watch and listen, almost exclusively, to the ABC (and to a lesser extent SBS). The commentary and quality of their reporting, investigations, drama, their coverage of the arts and so on, are second to none. My vote in the forthcoming election will be strongly influenced by decisions taken in relation to this issue (and those in relation to offshore detention of refugees). I beg the government to leave the ABC alone and fund it in such a way so that they can continue their outstanding work.

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VIC 3122



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!!!


It's quite simple, private media outlets have private agendas. Their content is filtered through the ideology of the organisation, or in some cases the owner. They promote issues that are of interest to them and deflect issues that they see as detrimental to their position or that are not of interest to them. As such, regional areas are forgotten. Small, local stories are forgotten. Things that are important to the little people are forgotten.

The ABC, for a long time, has filled that role admirably. A public broadcaster like the ABC is vital for a robust and unbiased public debate. The cuts to the ABC have already hobbled the organisation and forced it to cut services, especially to regional areas. It is a deliberate ploy to hobble the ABC and then claim that it is ineffective and further hobble it. This further erodes the support in the public for the organisation. This is a typical neoliberal tactic.

These attacks on the ABC are basically an attack on democracy. It is no wonder that those in power want to rid themselves of the only media organisation that holds them accountable. At a time when public trust in mainstream media is at an all time low, the ABC is the last bastion of an open and honest fourth estate. Yes, they are threatening nothing less than our democracy!

Hands off our ABC!!!

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NSW 2795 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: privatising the ABC

I am sure most of you remember your "old" passbook accounts in your local bank. And that even the most humble account accrued interest...this was normal, and right. And then the banking community started electronic banking. The promotions went: "this won't cost you anything, etc " Turns out that my account now money to run...I get interest less than the inflation rate. The bank is getting a hell of a deal ! So what has this to do with the ABC you may wonder?....The ABC are vital to the continuance of a free press. Selling the ABC to yet another corporate entity is dooming Australian people to the same fate that occurred in thirties Germany whereby a few controlled the masses by controlling their media. All this was achieved through honied words and blandishments.....politicians are so good at that! So who are the winners of this deal? Murdoch? yes indeed! The corporate vultures that abound in society ?....very much so! Think also of the ABC people who died trying get the truth out....there have been many. All proud to work for the ABC, and consequently Australia. Any entity that, through LNP endeavours, buys the ABC shall be working for itself and the agendas of its masters, not the people of Australia!

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VIC 3791 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Selling off the ABC

The strength of any country is dependant on the freedom of its press. The Liberal Party members want the ABC privatised so that it can be bought by one of their rich supporters so its content will be more favourable, and sympathetic to their views.

Privatising the ABC will mean that the country will be more supportive towards the rich and less to the poor, thus reducing our potential. Unfortunately we don't currently rank our Prime Ministers, and their long term effect, on the gap between rich and poor and consequent reduction in the country's potential. If we did we would have a much better country for all, not just the rich few.

In my opinion the ABC aims to give an unbiased view of the world, and our place in it, which is vitally important for our future success.

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ACT 2913



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain a public broadcaster

An independent public broadcaster is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy, any attempt to privatise the ABC would be an assault on our democracy.

If the government pursues this agenda, they would never receive my vote in the future.

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NSW 2257



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC, as public broadcaster, is vital to the Australian Community

The ABC, as a publicly funded broadcaster, is critical to provide content that is not influenced by the commercial interests of private enterprise. While commercial broadcasters are producing more and more 'junk-food like' content the ABC continues to produce high quality content to inform and stimulate. Their investigative journalism has continued, despite budget cuts, to expose and force action from Federal and State governments to correct malpractice and protect the community. This is all apart from the role the ABC plays in serving rural communities.

The ABC is exploiting current digital technology to become more efficient and generate income to supplement the funding they receive from the Australian taxpayers. (Note, the ABC is NOT funded by the treasurer but by the taxpayers.)

The ABC must be preserved as a public broadcaster at all costs!

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NSW 2100 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands.

I don't know what other radio or TV channel could supply me with the mind changing and challenging ideas that RN and ABC-TV does. The Blue Mt Libraries seem to be sourced by RN listners. I heard about Dr Norman Doidge, author of the Brain That Changes Itself on RN. The library is very responsive to suggestion. That book changed my thinking and gave new life to an 85 year old.

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NSW 2780 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC - NO to privatisation

If the Liberal Party do pursue the call for privatisation of the ABC, I will, for the first time ever, fund parties opposing the Coalition to ensure the Coalition defeat at the next election. I will also call on my like-minded friends and colleagues to do the same. The ABC is an independant media institution which has stood the test of time, reporting without bias and without fear or favour. This vote by the Liberal Party Council is an indication of the the Party's real concern - to seemingly look after itself and vested interests first not the Community which it is supposed to represent. This vote also completely undermines the leadership credentials of Prime Minister Turnbull - the tail is wagging the dog. It is apparent that Mr Turnabull is a good leader its a pity he has so few followers in his own party.

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VIC 3133




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

Please do not privatise the ABC. It is the only channel I watch: The commercial channels are so incredibly biased. At least with the ABC, we receive updates from around the globe. With commercial channels, the content is local and frivolous.

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QLD 4350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC needs to stay public. No privatisation!

I would like to express my very great concerns re the possible privatisation of the ABC. On a personal level it is my preferred station because it does not have advertisements, the quality of programs is usually very high and it also presents both sides of the story. The quality of programs such as Four Corners, Insiders, etc is extremely high and provides information to the average Australian which would never have come to light. Eg fruit pickers' underpayment, banking torts etc. the privatised stations don't come anywhere near this level of investigation. The fact that the ABC is still operating so well despite monstrous budget cuts over the last 4 years attests to the commitment of ABC staff to provide quality television. More generally those politicians who want to axe the ABC are also those that oppose freedom of speech as well as furthering their own minority views. They do not represent our Australia but rather the view of the wealthy and privileged. I am grateful at present that I can still have a say supporting the ABC with my short submission. If the ABC goes what's next in store for public comment?

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ACT 2614



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need the ABC as a public institution.

As an ex-secondary teacher specialising in humanities subject including Politics, I know personally how essential it is to have comprehensive, informative and competent news coverage available for analysis and discussion. The ABC and SBS provide that type of news coverage and service so that we the public have access to factual, current in-depth news. The commercial channels never provide that and the evidence is there to prove that they are influenced by their owner's directions and bias. The ABC and SBS have legislated charters which must be followed.

Having invited politicians to speak to upper school classes, I know that their electorate offices and often themselves rely on the data and analysis that the ABC and SBS provide. I wonder how many politicians could manage their electorate issues without the comprehensive knowledge provided by ABC radio, television and pod casts? Very very few I'd suggest!

We must keep the ABC as an independent public institution. This issue really concerns me which is why I've lodged this submission and I'll follow this issue over the next few months via the ABC.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

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WA 6280




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Restore the ABC, no privatisation!

Any country that calls itself democratic and progressive that seeks to eliminate its national broadcaster by stripping it of funds or ultimately privatising it is neither democratic or progressive. The ABC was once a beacon of programming that informed and delighted millions of citizens including myself. Like most people I want to see operational funding restored to the public broadcaster and demand that the ABC never, ever be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be sold

The ABC is the most trusted news source, and must remain so in the new world of “fake news”
Programming like Four Corners, Q&A are not to be muzzled.
Freedom of speech is of vital importance in this country - why is the Liberal Government so afraid?

NO to selling the ABC.

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WA 6059 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep abc in public hands

Abc is a national broadcaster it is not to be a political football government should stay away they are continually raiding its budget on the excuse it needs to be fiscally responsible well enough is enough abc belongs to the people we do not want it's budgets having a chain saw put through them or forever being told they are bias when all they do is tell it like it is the people can make their own minds up. We need are national broadcaster free independent and the governments to stop trying to destroy it by culling the budgets. Leave the abc alone touch it at you political peril.

Regards [REDACTED]

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NSW 2528




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The people's ABC is not for sale.

I was born in 1935 and have been listening to the ABC since then.
It has always been a beacon of light in the commercial white noise that is commercial radio in Australia.
Even more so now and since television arrived in 1956 it has also been the leader in current affairs and general programming.
A privatised ABC would see it emasculated as we would have no Four Corners and like programmes bringing to light the corruption and the rot present ion our society today.
What privatised organization would bring us the likes of Classic FM and Radio National? It would hasten Australia's descent into a cultural desert.
The ABC belongs to the Australian people and it is not the right of the government of the day to "sell it off" possibly to overseas interests.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: the vital role of criticism

The ABC has always given us quality that will not be found on commercial stations or channels. It is healthily critical of government - and of the private sector, e.g. banks. If our present government tries to avoid or even ban all criticism, then it has become most unhealthy, and should be replaced.

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VIC 3124 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Take the ABC off the negotiating table

This is the best place for unbiased news.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:27 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Reliable no advertising information. In depth reporting that others fail to do.

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VIC 3937 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS AND INCREASE ITS FUNDING!

I am nearly seventy. I grew up with first ABC radio and later ABC TV. The ABC has always been at the cutting edge of Australian drama (with programs like Sea Change and Utopia, Frontline, Rake too many to mention) and news and current affairs (with programs like Q&A, Four Corners, Lateline, Media Report.....too many to name). Not to mention documentary/educational programs like Australian Story, Behind the News) and of course their children's programming (from Kindergarten of the air that I listened to on the radio as a child to Playschool) the commercial channels regularly buying drama from ABC or following their news lead.

The ABC is one of the few quality services we have left that are government funded. And their role - providing some balance to the Australian commercial media - is invaluable to our democracy. Commercial media, by definition, has a conflict of interest when covering social issues since they have a duty to protect the interests of their shareholders and sponsors. The ABC is free of that and can rely on the intellect, professionalism and analysis of its journalists to tease out issues. The ABC is also covered by a charter guaranteeing balance, something commercial media are not.

I would go to the barricades for the ABC, so important is their role in Australian society.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise th ABC

We want to enjoy programmes without being interrupted by ads. The ABC news is much better than the news on other channels. It has better programmes - a lot of English ones and Australian ones and not so many American ones.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep A.B.C. In public hands.

I very rarely watch any Chanel other than themA.B.C. As not interested in reality T.V. & thoroughly enjoy news, current affairs, four corners, Songs of Praise etc,I am not remotely interested in the content of commercial channels with the odd exception.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC, the real magic of Television.

The possibility that the ABC could be privatised fills me with horror. The ABC ,along with SBS, are the only tv stations that offer quality programs. I am appalled at the mindless rubbish that is shown on the commercial stations and would have no programs that I could rely on for well rounded comment and unbiased presentations. The Australian dramas that they present are first class and the programs that they offer for young children are a great favourite with my grandchildren. This public service should not be diluted any further, or even considered as a drain on our economic well-being. It is indispensable.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC: something to be proud of

I have been lucky to live here and enjoy the stimulation provided on the ABC for the past 45 yrs. Visitors from my birth country, the US, are always amazed and envious of our ABC with its groundbreaking journalism and high quality content.

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NSW 2031 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

There are numerous reasons the ABC should never be privatised.

First of all, the ABC produces many quality programs that are in the public interest that commercial operators do not have the financial incentive to invest in to deliver the same degree of quality.

Children's programs such as Play School are a prime example. I don't want my children watching educational programs interspersed by advertisements and covered with sponsorship branding.


Four Corners is another great example. So many times this program has uncovered scandals that commercial journalism outlets don't seem to have the incentive (perhaps due to conflict of interest or perhaps due to the investment of time that in-depth coverage requires) to pursue and publicise. The fact that ABC investigative journalism is able to criticise without fear or favour both government and commercial institutions is benefit to keeping our society fair, open and democratic. Challenging our politicians to be accountable only makes our society stronger, even if the individual politicians and parties of the day don't like being scrutinised to ensure they're serving the best interests of the whole community they are elected to serve.

Radio National produces a large range of high quality informative and in depth programs. We all benefit from this. I don't see such quality, breadth and depth coming from commercial sector operators.

Some institutions simply need to be run in the public interest, and with the changes in legislation that are shrinking media ownership diversity there is more need than ever to have an independent broadcaster and publisher that can provide a constrasting and eye-opening viewpoint to the that presented by commercial interests.

Please keep the ABC well-funded, independent and in the public domain for the good of us all now and in the future.

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VIC 3130 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our beloved ABC in Public Hands

Despite government protestations of bias, typically parroting the words of the foreign owned and controlled New Corporation press and their acolytes the ABC is our bastion of honest journalism. We are saved by their honest reportage, sometimes they unfortunately hold back stories due to threats from the government of another enquiry, but usually and typically they are spot on. The IPA, and let's not forget who is driving the agenda do not like the ABC, yet they use the ABC daily and weekly to get their message across. The LNP need to work out if they are serving the people of Australia or the IPA

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I'm very concerned about the idea floated by some Liberal party members that the ABC could be privatised. The ABC (both radio and TV) is a hugely important thing in my life.

It's programmes are thought provoking and diverse.

I love it being totally free of inane ads.

It's mostly devoid of commercial drivel and the superficiality which is so obvious on commercial radio and TV.

The ABC's independence in presentation is crucial and should be fiercely guarded. It is likely to be lost if the ABC is privatised. (Of course, this independence has raised the ire of both major political parties).

The ABC's thoroughly researched programmes are award winning and conspicuously absent from its commercial rivals.

These things are will be lost in a profit driven model.

Please don't diminish my quality of life by even entertaining the thought of privatising my ABC'

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2095



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands. No privatisation.

Public broadcasting is critical to a functioning democracy as indeed are other public services such as health and education. The national broadcaster serves the whole community and adds quality and depth to the national conversations we need to have in a democratic society. Private media cannot fulfil the role of the ABC. In addition most of us are heartily sick of privatisation! Keep the ABC in public hands. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC—the soul and heart of preserving national identity and voice.

My media engagement focuses primarily on the ABC. It is the cultural center and force of the nation, it has diverse content across all of its media formats (radio, tv, web). It has a national, state and regional focus and brings high quality news, music, drama, comedy, arts and lifestyle content to the people. It is the driver and developer of Australian digital talent with many commercial networks and other associated players benefiting from that talent and commissioning of Australian made content and career development. It is the R&D epicentre of Australian culture. As an artist and also science researcher it feeds my practice but also informs the nation about critical issues at the small and macro scale. I don't want the mass production reality, sports coverage, advertisement dominated mainstream commercial media. I want a trusted source of information from a range of scales in Australia. I place high value on the the ABC as a media body that strives for independence, balance, diversity and high professional standards. Without the ABC Australia will be bereft of a cultural and moral compass.

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ACT 2615 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The Wonderful ABC Belongs to The Australian People

The Non Partisan, Rational, Balanced, and Intellectual Voice of Australia - the ABC - is a National Treasure in my eyes. We Australians have all grown up respecting and benefiting from its wonderful programs and clear voice - a resource to be proud of. To even Consider prostituting it off to some self serving Merchant interest is deeply upsetting, and prompts immediate disgusted outrage. I feel deep disrespect for those self centred people who could EVEN THINK that they have ANY RIGHT to consider privatisation, in arrogant disregard of the feelings and rights of the Australian People - its actual owners.

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VIC 3672 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retain public ownership of the ABC


I write in order to state how much I value the current status of our public broadcaster. I depend on its programmes for well-sourced information since this town, like many others, has only a single newspaper, and that with a very conservative, biased and limited range of views. Any introduction of broadcast commercial advertisements must detract from the pleasure of following a programme in the form intended by its creators, but, much more importantly, must introduce the potent factor of 'self censorship', since the broadcaster would become dependent on income from the advertisers and so must try to avoid criticism relating to their product or to their known political affiliations.

The Public Broadcaster must be free to offer reasoned criticism of manufacturers, of other news sources, and of political events both national and international. Since any potential owner of a privatised ABC is likely to have political and international connections, or even outright overseas control, as in the case of the Murdoch press, privatisation must inevitably lead to restriction on analysis and informed criticism of policies and actions of governments.

One need only consider the aggressive expansion of State-controlled and very well-funded Chinese enterprise in this country to realise the possible result of making control of the public broadcaster available to the highest bidder.

In short, I cannot stress too strongly my opposition to the current calls for sale of the ABC and, at the same time to stress my concern at the low level of current funding of our broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is our bedrock

In a culturally starved nation such as Australia, the ABC provides not only a richer, smarter offering than could ever be available on a commercial network, but much needed scientific rigour & debate on a multitude of important issues.

Whilst honest debate is often unpalatable to the government of the day, in my opinion, it affects both major parties equally and is a vital requirement of strengthening our democracy, especially at a time when our faith in it is being shaken by global events.

I have rarely fought for any issue. I will not take the continued undermining or sale of the ABC lying down.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont privatise the ABC

The ABC to me is the last man standing on the media landscape that can be seen to be unfettered by pressure from advertisers to put a spin on various subjects...I am sure the community values their non-partisan reporting although it seems obvious that shonky government shills like operating in the background away from meddling ABC reporters.

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NSW 2106



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands!

The most powerful reason for the ABC remaining in government ownership is that it can concentrate on reporting issues without commercial considerations or lobbying. For example the biggest health issue today is obesity and sugar/fat intake. The ABC can report honestly without sugar and fatty food companies lobbying them with confusing issues or even lies. A recent commercial TV channel made a small investigation into the problem recently, only to promote the commercial sugar/fat companies the next day!

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ACT 2602




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC Is a balanced service and should stay public

I am a country resident who both relies on and trusts the service provided by the ABC. I am dismayed by the way the ABC is presently being used to further some political agenda. I trust the service it delivers - for both factual and balanced reporting. As an everyday listener to ABC radio, I can listen to both left (Phillip Adams) and right (Amanda Vanstone) points of view and I'm comfortable with that. I'm disappointed that radio programs such as the World Today have been shortened - though I understand this is more of a management decision. TV shows such as news, 7.30 report, 4 Corners and Q&A are an essential part of why the ABC needs to be kept public and free of commercial influence. I believe that current commercial interests are behind the present government push to privatise the service. In my dedicated watching and listening of the ABC, I think their journalists are both professional and unbiased in their reporting. To state otherwise I believe is disingenuous. We do not need a Fox and Friends on the ABC. What we need is continuing in-depth and professional analysis which is currently provided by the ABC.

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VIC 3709 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should NOT be privatised.

The ABC is the only media organisation that is regularly checked to ensure it gives an unbiased view. This is an essential element of a democracy. All the other media outlets are under no such obligation and are free to push any attitude they wish. They have commercial reasons for pushing a right wing agenda.

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VIC 3450 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

As a long term Liberal voter I am nonetheless supportive of the ABC, it's ideals and it's commitment to reporting facts so the Australian people can make up their own minds on an extensive range of issues. I will rue the day that the ABC is not on pit TVs,radio, podcasts and other medium to provide balance and a broad view rather than the views of media moguls who are always pushing agendas that are rarely in the public's interest. As the the Liberal party members, please stop pushing this agenda, get over your affront at being either criticised or caught out, argue your points and stop blaming the media and particularly the ABC for your shortcomings. As the major political force in Australia you need to do better, for the good of Australia!

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NSW 2576 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am most concerned about the Liberal Party Council's push to privatise our ABC. In a world of fake news and biased news reporting, such a move would be tantamount to an attack on our democracy. I have relied the ABC all my life as a trusted source of unbiased news. We would be a much poorer country without our ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

You have a "Duty of Care" to manage OUR assets for the BEST interests of the Australian People... This is NOT in OUR BEST INTERESTS...

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QLD 4022



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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VIC 3182

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A free press is essential to democracy.

I do not believe that the press should be in rich, private hands. I believe in a free press. I understand that this is probably too idealistic in this day and age but at least let us have one press outlet, the ABC, that is free from private ownership bias. Watch the Drum sometime and see Greg Sheridan, a frequent valued participant, being treated with great respect.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!!!

Please do not consider any proposal to privatise the ABC. We need a strong independent national voice to counter the vested interests that control the private media in this country. You must have seen the drivel that gets spouted by the private media organisations that purports to be "news" but is just advertorials in disguise. Also, those organisations only report events through the lens of their proprietors. Do we want something like "Faux News" in this country to reign supreme?

I know that the ABC is not perfect and it is getting less perfect all the time due to the current government's ideologically driven cuts, but at least it is still there and reporting as bravely as it can.

Can you imagine a 4 Corners or Q&A in a privatised ABC?

We pay for it so we want to keep it as it is!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2077




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC needs protecting

You have no right to sell off the ABC. It's not yours to sell. We the public aren't stupid! We know it's all about power and control! You are the most corrupt government Australia has ever had.

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NSW 2035 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concern over the privatisation of the ABC.

The ABC has been a part of our family's viewing for so many years with trusted news programs such as "Four Corners", the "7.30pm report" and "Q&A" only to name a few.

Please do not silence the independent voice that has been a professional, trustworthy, creative and informative source of information for all Australians for 85 years.


We do not want to see adverts during our shows on the ABC and would be greatly upset if some of these programs became unavailable for the general public to watch unless we subscribed to a pay-per view on some of all of these trusted programs.

I also think it would be only fair if the Australian public gets to decide whether or not to keep the ABC public owned and not privatised - through a plebiscite vote.

Yours sincerely,

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QLD 4216 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

The ABC is an institution that serves the nation well, from stimulating, thought provoking, programs on arts and sciences to fearless reporting on national and regional issues. It must not become beholden to commercial or political interests, and any fundamental changes must only be made by bipartisan legislation after serious parliamentary deliberation, not to appease a faction in one party or coalition.

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ACT 2614

