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

The ABC is crucial to our Australian identity. The only alternative is Americana beat up commercial channels with awful 'entertainment' news. An independent ABC is the most cherished and important public asset we have and love. This country would go to the dogs like the USA without it!!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell off the ABC

The ABC has to stay in public hands. We can't allow everything to become privately owned and for money to be the only important value. Let people speak. There are enough commercial stations with ridiculous advertising.

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VIC 3081



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

I am totally against privatising any part of the ABC. The reason for this is that the ABC is my most trusted source of news. Additionally, it provides news content and investigative journalism that commercial stations don't provide. I find the news and journalism on commercial free to air stations is relatively shallow compared to the ABC coverage. For example, no commercial station provides such in depth investigative journalism as the 4 Corners program.

Additionally I don't believe there is any bias in the ABC reporting. There is no evidence of bias. On the contrary, there is overt bias in some of the commercial stations' coverage. 90% of our television viewing is watching the ABC. 80% of our radio listening is listening to the ABC. We are farmers and the daily hour of rural and agricultural news at 1200 on ABC radio is valuable to us. No commercial station provides anything like this. In fact, in Hobart, no commercial station provides in depth news and opinion at all. Do not touch the ABC. The argument that commercial stations will fill the gap is demonstrably wrong and not supported by any evidence.

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

Only a publicly owned media outlet has public interests on its agenda. Living in regional Lithgow the ABC is the only reliable news and information source. Fully fund the ABC and leave alone.

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

The ABC belongs to the Australian people. It is not a tool of propaganda for whichever party is the incumbent government. It is not an asset that is free to sell. The ABC provides a forum for genuine debate, indepth investigative analysis (which often troubles politicians when their less than honest motives are revealed) but more than that it tells Australian stories. If anything the ABC needs more funding to enable our stories to be told like the wonderful DrBlake Series and more recently, Mystery Road, not forgetting Redfern Now. Economics should not drive the agenda as the ABC is so much more: a voice for remote Australian communities, regional centres and outback towns. I grew up glued to The Argonauts every afternoon at 5pm. We need more of shows like these, not less. Hands off the ABC politicians. It is ours, not yours!! We are here for the long term, you are not. As caretakers for limited periods your focus should be promoting Australia's best interests, not the short term narrow self interests of your own to be reelected.

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

The ABC is critical in a world of fake news and trivia as an independent source of news and debate. As a 'senior citizen ' I want a source that will feed and challenge me intellectually. The ABC does that. It is essential that we preserve this valuable source

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

Right now I am listening to ABC 702. Later I will change the station to Radio National. Last night I watched television - exclusively ABC. This is my listening and viewing pattern whenever I am at home. If I want to know more about an issue I often go to the ABC website. If I miss a program sometimes I will catch up on iview or that program's website. Before retiring I used the information from these sources to present the various HSIE subjects to my high school students.

Why?

Because the ABC is the most trustworthy source for information in this country.

Because the ABC provides impartial analysis of the issues of the day.

Because the ABC presents programs that are the most educative and useful.

Because the ABC shows quality programs that respect the consumer's intelligence.

In short, because the ABC is this nation's bulwark against the subversion of the national interest by vested parties and their representatives and provides the platform for the investigation of alternative futures so that Australians may choose a better world.

Politicians who have demonstrated they and their parties want to destroy the ABC do so for ignoble reasons. They resent the scrutiny and embarrassment that the ABC's investigative journalists have brought to areas such as the finance sector, the failings of private health insurance, climate change to name just a few from one program. Political donors expect that recipients will protect their interests.

Compare this to what Murdoch world and most other media organisations offer. Puerile programming and "news" distorted to serve the proprietor's interest in between the bombardment of product flogging.

It would be a tragedy if the ABC was further defunded or sold off as it too would have its standards corrupted as it is forced into the pursuit of corporate advertising dollars like commercial media.

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

We listen to it all the time and it is the only way we get good information. It is so important to our lives as an independent broadcaster.

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VIC 3199



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised!

The ABC has been an integral part of my family - from the kids and grandkids watching ABC programs throughout their early years, to news, panel programs and high quality Australian and British drama for the young and older adults in the family - all have provided great information and entertainment. All aspects of this provider should be maintained without any more funds being cut. Our public broadcaster must be maintained and funded by the people. There are many areas to which our taxes are diverted, some of which may not be to one's own advantage, but we still need to ensure our fair share of payment to ensure the needs of all Australian are met. The same applies to our national broadcasters - the ABC and SBS alike. Privatisation of these broadcasters should not be options! We need to keep commercial interests out of these areas.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a National Treasure and must never be privatised.

I want to add my voice to the millions of Australians who value our National Broadcaster and vehemently oppose moves by the hard right of the LNP to privatise the ABC. The ABC and SBS must stay in public hands and must NEVER be sold off to private interests. They must be properly funded to enable them to function as independent of political influence. The Liberal Party Conference voting to privatise the ABC is totally against the wishes of most Australians. This tiny group reflect a tiny minority which cannot abide by any challenge to their narrow "vision" of a country which is dominated by Murdoch and Packer media, which supply an endless and vacuous stream of commercial infotainment. Even commercials are imported without any regard for Australian interest or content. The ABC and SBS MUST stay in public hands, free of political influence, and, be enabled to fulfil their precious functions to keep Australians informed and aware, not subjected to political interference. Stacking the Board of the ABC with political appointees must be stopped. Funding must be restored to enable Australian drama and comedy programs to be produced, so that we hear Australian voices and not endless cheap imported and often VERY OLD programs. Australian democracy and culture depend on the ABC and SBS, as, all we see on commercial media is basically cheap and imported rubbish. Cultural and classical music programs need to be restored to balance the plethora of sport and pop programming. Please do not allow a tiny minority of hard right LNP out of touch persons purport to represent the vast majority of Australians who love and value the ABC and SBS. Keep the ABC and SBS in public hands. Stop any moves to privatise these Australian icons. Democracy depends on continuing to support a public alternative to the media duopoly that is Murdoch and Packer media.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Please do not privatise the ABC. I value its independent and partisan journalism which I can't say for the other private TV stations which have executives with corporation agendas not community agendas.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

I am horrified that there is pressure to privatise the ABC. This broadcaster is the one I trust for news as well as quality programs eg on TV Q&A, 7-30 report, Four Corners, Gruen factor, with self critical pieces on Media Watch.

I don't want my viewing to be interrupted with Advertisements as has happened with SBS.

There are excellent radio programs as well. eg Law report, Norman Swan for medical advice.

Please resist commercial pressure and right wing political criticism.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is a National Treasure, a trusted institution and a key component of what makes Australian Australian and must not be privatised where the primary goal becomes profit. The ABC his needed as a counterpoint and balance to the private media outlets currently available.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC has always been the Broadcaster of quality documentaries, accurate and informative news and superb Current Affairs coverage.
The Right wing of the Liberal Party are ramping up pressure on the Govt. to privatise the ABC. From strong perpetual criticisms of bias to destructive funding cuts. This is surely of "Death by a thousand cuts".
The ABC has been viewed by my large family for as long as it has been broadcasting. This station alone has integrity, quality and uncompromising levels of excellent journalism.
This wonderful institution is something that Australians are proud of and respect greatly.
Please stop the adolescent petulance shown by the right wing of this government.
Everyone I know love the quality and equity that is OUR ABC.
KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS.....

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NSW 2104



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: increase our support for the ABC

I rely on the ABC everyday for reasoned and judicious journalism to keep abreast of Australian and world affairs, and as the most significant forum for public debate that we have. The evidence of organisations like Fox News and the radio shock jocks ample demonstrate that the market is incapable of securing the journalistic standards required of public broadcasters. Privatization of the ABC would contribute to a serious deterioration of our political culture and of trust in the political process. The ABC ,merits increased support to protect it from the politically motivated cuts we have witnessed recently and an innovative approach to its funding that will see and end to its use as a political football by the extreme right of the Australian political spectrum.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retaining public ownership of the ABC

I wish to convey my serious concerns about proposed privatisation of the ABC and add my strong support for the ABC to remain in public ownership. I consider the ABC provides world-class services across the board, including drama, documentaries, children's entertainment & education, as well as current affairs. The quality of these services are unmatched by offerings from the commercial broadcasters. The obvious downward trend in the quality of commercial free-to-air broadcasting is evidenced by the increase in "reality" content that is cheap to produce. It is probably intended and indicates the shift away from free-to-air to a fee-for-service business model that is preferred to service commercial business interests. Hence, I am a dedicated consumer of the ABC & SBS services and wish to argue strongly for them remaining in public ownership. Comments by proponents for the privatisation of the ABC claiming unfair competition with commercial providers are unfounded and politically motivated. The ABC as an independent broadcaster performs a completely different function and operates within a completely different framework as does a commercial provider. The latter can NOT be totally independent as its independence is compromised by commercial interests. Hence, any inquiry investigating whether commercial providers are disadvantaged by the public owned provider is unfounded and politically motivated. An independent public broadcaster is one of the pivotal foundations of a modern, progressive & democratic society; this is NOT the case for commercial broadcasters that are directly governed by business interests. You should be proud of the ABC & SBS instead of attacking it and threatening its independence.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

As a former journalist I know the value of a publically owner media source. We need the ABC to remain in public hands. It's one of only a few institutions that can hold power to account with neither fear nor favour. The ABC is money well spent to keep our democracy healthy.

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NSW 2040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatisise the ABC!!!

I rely on the ABC for the most impartial representation of the news of the day, as well as reliable updates of scientific knowledge and informed discussions. The skewed views and sensationalist presentation on commercial channels are often misleading and designed to manipulate emotions and appeal to the lowest common denominator.

The (minimal)public funding the ABC receives is money that I, as an Australian tax payer and voter, fully support and expect to continue.

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Please keep ABC in public hands - we have enough private TV stations.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands

I am in my 80s and after raising a family of foster children and the death of my husband am living on my own although still active in my regional community. I rely on ABC radio during the day for information and relaxation with music, and ABC/SBS TV in the evenings for news and general information. I am very worried about the Coalition's attacks on the ABC, and particularly the aim of some to privatise the service: public broadcasting services are crucial elements of our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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NSW 2439 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF ABC

Stop being greedy politicians and leave the ABC alone. It is loved as it is. Your greed is disgusting. Want more money get a pay cut like the rest of the lower class people your so happy to keep under your thumb.

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VIC 3199




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

ABC for fair, unbiased political reporting. If the coalition and their backers can't handle that, then move out. IT'S TIME.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We love the ABC; the kids, from tiny tots onwards, love ABC kids' channels, and we love the ABC's news coverage, quality programmes, and especially current affairs programmes like Four Corners and the 7.30 Report. These programmes shed light on issues (like Live Export - where's the action to end that?) that impact/concern all Australians, and are a credit to the ABC's investigative journalists. We NEVER watch commercial TV. If we're not watching the ABC, we're watching SBS. We don't get why the ABC is always under attack, with non-stop funding cuts trying to drive it to the wall, and threats to privatise. If the ABC were to be privatised, it would just turn into another rubbishy channel, and a great Australian institution would have been destroyed. It's no wonder the hard right (an anachronism) doesn't like the ABC, because the ABC tells it how it is, and brings issues that the government (theoretically our representatives) should be addressing to public attention. We want funding RESTORED to the ABC, and no further threats of privatisation. Let us keep our ABC.

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TAS 7008 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is a cornerstone of Australia

The ABC is the ONLY news source I trust in Australia. It does not need to engage in the outrage economy in order to succeed. I can't imagine Australia without it, but if I have to, I'd rather immigrate to a country that cares about its people, rather than selling off our assets to help the likes of Murdoch.

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VIC 3147 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: privatisation of ABC

Australia needs the ABC. When I compare it to current affairs programming on the other channels, they appear shallow and lack details and proof that only ABC Mediawatch notes. This is one specific reason for the ABC to remain unbiased. If more money has to be made then maybe there should be a change to the SBS structure for advertising. Please keep the ABC public!

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NSW 2539




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

The resilience and objectivity of the media is one of the key barometers of a healthy democracy. In the moment of ramp is capitalism and polemic popularism Australia needs the ABC more than anytime in recent history. The ABC provides a neutral voice and vis ability to social issues and possibility and this could not be sustained under a profit driven model. An act of privatising the ABC is an act of mutilation of our democracy

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NSW 2197 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC independent

I live in a regional area. The ABC is my most trusted news source. I am worried about the coalitions constant attacks on the ABC. It is vital in a democracy that we have an independent voice when Mainstream media is in the hands of a few media moguls.

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NSW 2481



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in our hands

Without the ABC, I will have no trusted news source to turn to. Every channel will be capable of 'fake news' and as a nation we will suffer a universal 'dumbing down' and there will be a dilution of public faith in all institutions. Without a public funded broadcaster, the nation will be influenced by individuals without conscious nor understanding of the need for quality journalism. I am very happy for my tax dollars to fund the ABC along with many many others so why enforce a change that noone has asked for except those politicians who may be held to account through its work?

Regards

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VIC 3182 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should be kept in Public Hands!

The ABC should not be privatised because it provides information and support for the general public. If it is privatised this would not be available. Many critical issues are discussed on the ABC which would otherwise not reach the general public. Also the wide range of programmes provides valuable information.

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NSW 2265 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is for all Australians

To whom it may concern

I had to write in support for the ABC. What politicians are doing to the ABC is ludicrous and so wrong. And of course it is not only the politicians that need to fear the ABC. Institutions and groups that would otherwise not be uncovered would be mindful of the investigative journalism carried out by the ABC for the public.

For me, that politicians are trying to destroy the ABC shows the broadcasters are doing their job. And doing it well.

Even though government funding has been drastically cut, the ABC is still the most trusted source of reliable and unbiased news. Unfortunately we have already lost some good journalism and informative programs because of the funding cuts. Don't let the Australian people loose even more and have the ABC changed forever by allowing the privatisation.

The ABC brings to light many unjust and possibly untold stories, if it wasn't for programs like 4 Corners and 7:30. Yes, commercial stations have A Current Affairs programs that in my view are not worthy of watching because the investigative reporting is mostly abusive and sensationalising. There is not the depth or honesty that is found on the ABC. Then there are the insight and discussion programs like Q&A, The Insiders and The Drum.

The biggest argument I can put forward is that the ABC belongs to the Australian people and is for the Australian people. Privatising the ABC will take it away from the Australian people and make it another sensationalising and untrustworthy station chasing the money rather than the facts and importance.

The question is, do Australians have the right to be enlightened on actual news or are they only worthy of news and entertainment (manipulated reality) that will raise the most money?

Please protect our ABC.

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QLD 4285



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC as it is crucial to our democracy

Dear Inquiry Members,

Access to fair and accurate information is crucial to our Australian democracy. Consequently the ABC is crucial to our democracy, as it supplies information relatively independent of the self interest of commercial corporations and advertisers. In this way private citizens have some hope against the overwhelming influence of corporations and their lobbyists. For similar reasons, Britain and Canada have public broadcasting commissions.

As someone who grew up in the bush, I can attest to the importance of the ABC to people in rural areas.

Consequently, I implore you to advise against privatising the ABC.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

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NSW 2081



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our abc in public hands

Our ABC is just that, OURS! It is one of the last vestiges of independent journalism, exactly what you will be seen to be afraid off if you privatise! I grew up watching ABC and it is the last place we can go to see excellent programs AD FREE!! Please listen to the people and don't sell out to the capitalist vision. ABC is a jewel, keep it that way!!

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NSW 2480



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatizing ABC

privatizing the ABC would be political suicide, so think again about this!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Free the ABC.

Our forefathers and mothers wanted an independent investigative body. One that reported facts without influence or pressure to appease commercial advertisers. Nothing changed except that the media landscape in our small vulnerable country has gotten worse. There has never been a time more important to stand up for independent news and entertainment. Not North Korea style government propaganda. Just who is suggesting we dismantle this long standing sensible arrangement of a national independent broadcaster. Not the people of Australia that's for sure. The more this govt attacks the ABC the more obvious it is they are attacking our democracy. And who will pay for it? We will! Happily! Privatised politicians, or set up a federal ICAC. Sure. But hands off our independent media service.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't even think about privatising the ABC!

It is incredibly important to have a independent public broadcaster with no commercial or political agenda. The ABC has amazing achievements in the investigative news, education, arts and entertainment areas and is a valuable and integral part of our country. The constant bullying of the ABC is disgusting.

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VIC 3051 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I don't have pay TV & rely on free-to-air TV for entertainment. With the degeneration of programming on the commercial channels with ever increasingly banal reality shows, I prefer to watch the ABC & SBS. They have better news services & more interesting programs than the mindless drivel of 'The Bachelorette' or 'I'm a celebrity get me out of here'.

I don't know what gives a group of Liberal Party members the right to vote to sell a public asset, such as the ABC. (Probably a jumped up sense of entitlement.) However, we all contribute taxes to its running so should have an equal say in its future.


Personally, I don't know why the Liberal Party would want to get rid of the ABC when it gives its politicians more than its fair share of face time on Q&A.

"A truly free and independent press is a vital component of any healthy democratic society." And I think that extends to other mass media such as television.

Also no other channel is going to broadcast federal parliament so how else is the Australian public going to see how our democracy works (or doesn't work).

Regards

[REDACTED]
Reservoir VIC 3073


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

It is absolutely paramount that the ABC is retained as a public institution . Under this paranoid government too many things have already been privatised to the detriment of society and to even consider doing this to the ABC indicates the government is obsessed with dodging accountability and transparency . They are intent on setting up an anti- dissent police state instead of promoting democracy . The ABC is a trusted provider of important services to remote Australia which would almost certainly be conveniently sacrificed under a privatised outfit . Currently , it gives us valuable up to date information and objective , balanced viewpoints on what is happening around us both here and all over the world . Trust is the key element in all this . The ABC has it in spades while commercial outlets remain questionable . The ABC definitely must remain in the public domain .

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VIC 3228 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I love the ABC. The ABC has been an incredible source of education, connection and growth for me through my life. The ABC has been able to produce high quality content from my childhood to adulthood. I trust it and cherish it as a central pillar of my cultural life and participation in Australia.

The ABC has been able to produce such diverse, creative, innovative, relevant, informative and democratic content precisely due to its nature as a public institution with a vision to contribute to the experiences of all Australian citizens. It is focused on the social and cultural good, as opposed to profits. This is what Australia needs. We need cultural institutions that are there for the good of humanity to balance out the prevalence of institutions that are aimed at either profit or narrow interest.

Do not privatise the ABC.

Sincerely

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VIC 3068



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must remain in public hands

For 81 years the ABC has been an integral part of my own life and that of my children and grandchildren. We are all appalled at the current moves to privatise this national world-class institution. The "No economic case" argument is a completely false premise. The ABC was explicitly not established for economic purposes or in pursuit of an economic ideology. It was established for social, educational and cultural purposes. It was also established on an explicitly non-commercial basis. It takes no advertising because that would weaken its independence and make the newspaper proprietors beholden to commercial imperatives. That would seriously weaken our democracy. I can assure you that neither I nor my family nor any of my friends will ever vote for a Party who destroys the ABC whether by privatisation or any other means

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in PUBLIC HANDS

ABC is the only reliable news that tells the truth to the Australian people without any commercial agenda's and it is the one I trust the most. Also it provides the best Children's shows that are age appropriate and have very low levels of aggression unlike the other shows. My fear of ABC being attacked by the coalition is simply to divert the course of justice and there will be no investigative voice that reveals the truth and corruption will fester in all levels of authority. I believe the attacks on the ABC is to hide and shut down the investigative journalism that reveals corruption within the political and public service sector. We know the politicians have been embarrassed by the news revealed over the last few years and that is why they want it privatized so their buddies will write nice stories about them and corrupt the truth. Public broadcasting plays a crucial role in our society and if the commercial sector get their hands on this then there will be no truth to be able to balance the commercial sector. We already know the commercial sector sway public opinion by broadcasting fake news for the benefit gaining commercial profits and power. God help us all if the ABC is privatized and a large country from abroad who wish to influence or take Australia over by \$\$\$ buys ABC. Save our ABC & SBS it has the best shows.

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VIC 3782 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

It is essential that we keep the ABC safe from the attacks of the Liberal party right wingers. Various studies have shown that the ABC is unbiased but the ideologues on the far right can't bear to have their own views scrutinised. We must fight to keep intelligent and independent analysis alive in our media.

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VIC 3145




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should remain in public hands.

I would like to put my submission here as to why I know the ABC should remain in public hands. The Australian people are no longer getting news that is happening here or overseas in a non biased way. We used to have investigative journalists, no longer. All the news on commercial stations do not cover a lot of subjects that are happening in our country. The likes of Adani hardly get mentioned on any commercial station, nor do they take any deeper look into any political issues. We rely on ABC and SBS to inform us as to what is happening politically and the outcome that could happen. As far as I am concerned, the people who will benefit from this are people that have weak values, and weak policies, so their transparency will not be uncovered. ABC is a trusted news source, and previously a supporter of Australian content. Every LNP budget reduces spending on this national treasure and proves to me that they are not doing this because they think its in the publics best interest, they are doing it for their own best interests and that is not why these people should be in government.

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NSW 2015 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Pubic Broadcaster is Essential to Democracy

The many roles the ABC plays in Australia are all vital to ensuring we remain a vibrant democracy. From the news coverage, investigative reporting through to children's television and high-quality drama which contribute to our cultural development, the ABC is where Australians turn to be informed and entertained. To privatise such an institution diminishes us all and shows how little understanding of and value in democracy the Liberal Party Council holds.

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NSW 2017




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: More funding for the ABC instead!!!

All my life, I have enjoyed ABC programs. If the ABC is privatised, it will no longer be independent and very vulnerable to market forces. Eric Abetz is very happy to be on Q and A when it suits him. How hypocritical is that! I appreciate investigative programs like 4-Corners, Lateline, 7-30 Report; I enjoy watching Mystery Road and Harrow without being told to buy a car or a lounge suite. ABC sets a standard and teaches fledgling journos good habits. Give the ABC more funding, please, and could someone shut Eric Abetz up and let common sense prevail?

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NSW 2074 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands.

ABC is an integral part of Australian life. The network provides research and current information to the public and keeps us informed of issues that affect our lives.

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QLD 4350




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep abc in public hands

I don't want ABC to be commercialized .

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VIC 3143 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC needs to remain a public entity

In these times when media outlets are increasingly partisan and fake news abounds, a public funded broadcaster is essential to maintaining a democratic state. The ABC has proven it's independence through multiple inquiries, and remains one of Australia's most loved and trusted media outlets.

I greatly value investigative journalism seen in programs such as 4 Corners and the 7.30 Report. My kids grew up watching Play School, Peppa Pig and other quality childrens programs without the ever-present threat of advertising on young and innocent minds.

Losing the ABC to commercial interests would be losing an integral part of Australian society, something 82% of Australians value.

Please keep the ABC in the hands and hearts of the public by maintaining it's public funding and independent charter.

Yours sincerely

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NSW 2777 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC produces quality, interesting, thought provoking content on radio and TV. This is vital to our community whether in cities or country. Journalists present unbiased views always assessing both sides of discussions and ideas.

The publicly owned ABC is vital to our community. Why would you privatise the international sector - Radio Australia ! Such an opportunity to provide a solid Australian presence in our region. And the government is wondering why China now has such influence in the region.

So do NOT take our ABC from the public ownership.

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Paddington NSW 2021

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NSW 2043



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcaster, public hands

I have been waking up to ABC for all of my 58 years. From the emergency fire warnings in the country town I grew up in to the incredible expos'e into the lives of the city's homeless, ex- military suffering from PTSD, inequality in education funding. There have been so many times I have thought "that show wouldn't have made it to commercial TV/radio." The ABC allows for critical thoughts, creativity and an authentic Australian voice. Commercialising the ABC? Never. I'll be on the streets for this one. Good Journalists are too important for a healthy democracy and putting the public broadcaster into the hands of a few people is NOT democratic.

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NSW 2068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

I find the ABC is the only television and radio stations that are unbiased. Their reporting is 99% based on facts unlike most commercial stations which can in some cases have been shown to be based on outright lies.

The fact that most people believe that information provided by the ABC is more trustworthy than any of the commercial stations shows why the ideological right have problems with the ABC. As the saying goes "don't let truth get in the way of a good story".

When one thinks of all the programmes we would have missed, add free, because the commercial stations would not touch because it was not profitable, makes you wonder what the real reason is for the liberals wanting to sell off our public station.

Like everything else that has been privatised we will be worse off.

We need at least one station that can provide a comparison to all the Shock Jocks of the commercial station in screen, radio and print.

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VIC 3131



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We want to keep our ABC

I am writing to you to say how important it is to keep our ABC as a public, not privately-owned, entity. The ABC, Radio National in particular, is how I keep abreast of what is happening in the world, not just 'news' but information and in-depth analysis of books and science, religion and the law, health, education, politics and current events. What commercial channel educates us in this way? The reality is that commercial channels always have to do what earns money but sometimes what we need to hear about is not something that advertisers want to associate with because difficult or controversial issues may not be widely popular. That's fine, so long as we have both available. However, at a time when democracy is under threat, it seems especially important to maintain public broadcasting that is accountable to the people of Australia, not to private corporations who are beholden to advertisers and/or shareholders. At a time when fake news is rife, having a broadcaster whom we can trust, and who is accountable to us, the people of this country, is even more essential. Commercial operators will speak for themselves, we want the ABC because it speaks for us all!

PS Mystery Road is fantastic, world-class Australian drama. Keep it coming!

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NSW 2041



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC In Public Hands

The independence of the ABC is of primary importance to me. The fact that there can never be claims of commercial interest against the investigations carried out by Four Corners into any issue is crucial to their credibility. How seriously could a program like Media Watch be taken, if it were just seen as one commercially-based media organisation taking swipes at other commercially-based organisations. The independence is occasionally seen in action when that program takes a swipe at the ABC. How likely would that event be if the ABC were a commercially-based entity.


As rural Australians, my wife and I listen to ABC radio exclusively, and appreciate the diversity of programming provided without commercial interest and without fear or favour. The only incursion that other TV media make into our home is in the watching of sporting programs, that the ABC cannot afford to provide.

As rural residents we rely on the flood and fire warning services that the ABC provides. There is no guarantee that these would be continued in such a targetted manner by a privatized ABC, or even that the broadcast would be available in the areas being impacted by the fire and flood - I can imagine the situation coming about where the organisation entrusted with these warning services finds that broadcasting into these remote areas is no longer a commercially viable proposition. Are we going to have to 'surf' through available radio stations to find out about warnings that are in place.

It is not sentimentality to say that the ABC is important to us because of programs like Bananas in Pajamas and Sesame Street etc. because these were great programs, and parents could be confident that they could encourage their children to watch these programs without risking them being bombarded by fast-food and other advertisements.

The ABC must, must, must stay in public hands, as this is the only way that its independence can be preserved and ensured.

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Wodonga. 3690.

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VIC 3690 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never let the ABC be placed in private hands

I am truly concerned about the Coalitions speak about the public broadcasters 'undue advantage over commercial broadcasters ' - what bollocks!!!!!!

I live in a rural town and my link to the rest of Australia and the world has always been via MY ABC - whether TV or Radio. My children have been very advantaged by the childrens programs from Play School to Behind the News and as a family the likes of Gardening Australia, Four Corners, Landline and Foreign Correspondent for example, keeps us in touch and connected with the world we share. ABC Radio is an absolute gem in our lives and keeps us aware and up to speed on new advancements world and Australian news etc . Of course the comedy programs and the Australian created programs aso play a wonderful role in keeping us sane and grounded. Please do not touch the ABC except in supplying further support and extra funding to ensure its future.

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NSW 2300




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Get your filthy hands off our ABC

We don't need another crap arse channel 7 or 9. We need the ABC independent!! Get your filthy hands off it.

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NSW 2050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keeping ABC in Govt hands

Australians MUST have a neutral communications network to have a chance to hear/see what the actual news/ serious information is without the "false" news of commercial channels. We want good Australian programs to watch, not made up of sport running 24/7 or thereabouts. There are a lot of people who don't want to watch sport and have been turned off it by over broadcasting. The ABC has brought wonderful documentaries, BBC programs that I wouldn't mind watching again. These will never be shown on commercial channels, only ads

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NSW 2219 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a vital part of Australia

The ABC is a vital part of the Australian community
It was high quality light entertainment, something getting harder and harder for it to maintain with the financial sanctions against it.
It has been a vital spotlight shone on the structure of the state and corporations.
The governments of Australia are even now being driven to responsible actions by information from the ABC.
This goes back to long before the revelations about the Moonlight State in 1987. That story produced 100 arrests and brought honest government to the state for a while. We need continued vigilance.
The ABC can run commercially unattractive sport, eg all womens sport.
It can entertain children without seeking to deliver their brains to corporations such as KFC, Macdonalds etc.

The ABC is a vital part of a fair Australia

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QLD 4065 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The abc should not be privatised

I listen to the abc all the time. I do not listen to commercial radio. I will never vote liberal again if you privatise the abc. This is an important part of our democracy. I do not want fake news dominating our air ways!

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WA 6333 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster.

The ABC performs a very important service to the community. I for one live in an area considered a high fire danger area and rely on the ABC for vital information regarding fires. I have many neighbours who are in the same situation. Privatising the ABC will remove this very valuable service.

I can't think of any good examples of public assets that have been privatised and been the better for it. Keep the ABC public and improve their funding.

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VIC 3793 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

we will always need an independent umpire to protect us against government and corporate malfeasance
long live the ABC

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NSW 2486 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in government hands.

Senator Abetz and those of like thinking are attempting to stifle comment. This is the policy of dictators. If passed, the legislation will be the death-knell of the present government.

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NSW 2290 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

In this day of digital information ,The ABC is the last option for balanced media coverage.
Leave it alone,Liberal right .We need to know what you jerks are thinking.

[REDACTED]
(X Liberal)

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NSW 2009 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

I am concerned that it is likely that t. I have relied on the ABC for all of my adult life a trusted news source.my children enjoyed watching Play School and in later years BTN. Please DO NOT Privatisise what is loved and needed across our country.Long live our ABC'

ABC will be privatised

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SA 5009 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

I am totally appalled by the current proposals to privatise our national public broadcaster. The ABC has never been afraid to report the truth in its current affairs and news services - unlike the commercial broadcasters, who are always liable to be mindful of not offending their sponsors and shareholders. The proposal to privatise the ABC seems to stem from a bunch of politicians who find the ABC personally uncomfortable, as they are afraid the ABC will uncover the truth about their shady dealings, their greed, their complete disregard for the environment, and their utter contempt for the voting public.

Australian democracy NEEDS the ABC! The track record of commercial broadcasters in this country is terrible - you have only to look at a TV guide to see the rubbish that they try to foist on the public - and their reporting of news and current affairs is always aimed at the lowest common denominator of sensationalism, while very serious issues are often ignored and unreported. Most of the commercial networks should have their broadcasting licences revoked!

Our ABC has always been the one reliable source of unbiased information in this country, which is of course the reason that it has been chronically under-funded and under attack for many years now from those who do not deserve to hold public office in the first place.

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NSW 2474 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do privatise the ABC

I am 67 and have been using the ABC all my life. Currently separating true from fake news is becoming difficult and the ABC is one of my goto reliable sources. It does not confuse fact with opinion. Quality free to air drama is also hard to find. Thank you ABC for giving me range of quality programs - especially the aussie ones. And I am increasingly using the digital platforms. I need the ABC so don't privatise it but rather increase its funding.

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NSW 2460 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised and must be funded appropriately

Dear sir/madam

I write in relation to the current 'enquiry' into whether the ABC has some kind of undue advantage over commercial outlets. In my view, this enquiry is politically motivated and yet another attempt to privatise the ABC by stealth. The government might claim not to be considering the privatisation of the ABC, but no one can trust politicians any longer.

The ABC in all its variety and trustworthiness has been a part of my life and my mother's life. In the dark times when I was recovering from childhood abuse and bullying, ABC radio and TV kept me company, encouraged me to look beyond myself and challenged my intellect and ideas. You cannot compare the ABC to commercial enterprises - look at the CBA; it was privatised and then became a money laundering enterprise. Commercial radio is full of opinions and chatter and has no regard for the effect it has on the listener except for how it affects their ratings and share price.

I am shocked that this government is pursuing yet another populist agenda item when there are more important things to fund, such as ensuring the ABC can meet its obligations under its charter free of the threat of yet more cuts by stealth.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3125



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands!

My husband and I, living in a country town, watch ABC to get a balanced viewpoint and good Australian programmes and to avoid having these great programmes interrupted by coarse and intrusive advertising. Leave the ABC alone.

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WA 6566 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must stay public owned

I am writing to submit my opinion on the privatisation of the ABC.

I am extremely saddened at the idea of an Australian institution like the ABC becoming just another corporate broadcaster.

We all know this is not the way that anymore of our institutions should go, but the ABC is a particularly emotive case.

I don't understand how any rational government could even think of such a move.

When even a middle aged stay at home mum, who spends 99% of her time caring for a special needs child, has come to understand the fevers sting effects of the past decades push for corporate interests over the people's interests-

well, it's a bit of a foolish move, I'd say.

The ABC is a beloved broadcaster, and all Australians have cherished memories of the ABC from childhood on. The reason being that the ABC has been allowed to develop ideas for programs that others would have deemed unprofitable.

The Wiggles started at the ABC on their path to TV world domination!

But also, the ABC provides a much more independent look at what's happening in places of power.

Oh, yes, that would be why the government wants to privatise it.

Come on. This can not be allowed to happen.

If the people have any say left in anything, this privatisation can not happen.

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SA 5000




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public - dont privatise

ABC needs to remain independent 2 key reasons are its ability to provide independent news (keep the bastards honest) - 2JJJ provides the main outlet for new Australian music talent

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NSW 2300 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I've been a lifelong ABC devotee since I belonged to the Argonauts club –just a few years ago! It is of increasing concern to me that through successive cuts to their budget and now, the move by some Liberal members to privatise it. Please ensure on our behalf to prevent the privatisation and return proper funding to our wonderful ABC.

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VIC 3462



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Don't privatise it!! It's 'Our ' ABC, not yours to do what you like with.

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VIC 3892




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:11 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is our safety net

The independence of the ABC is critical to our stable and fair democracy. It is the safety net that insures that honest and independent coverage of news and events is provided to the people of Australia. It is not politically motivated despite what some may say. The ABC says the truth far more than commercial news outlets that are influenced by the politics of their owners and close relations with standing politicians.

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QLD 4879 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Wherever privatized ownership exists, corporate interests are served at the expense of truth, transparency, bias, & the freedom to express opinion, or more importantly, fact & evidence. The ABC & SBS are the only main stream broadcasters that come close to educational, factual, deeper insights & reporting. Any political push to make the ABC dependent on a large private organization would compromise it to that parties control of content & editing.

Political parties representing large business, their power base & political preferences are over represented in our main media serving up smatterings of world event & news with very little depth, whilst immersing customers in endless repetitive & mindless advertising.

It is therefore essential that the government retain the ABC in it's current form as a public funded organization.

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VIC 3350




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC news is the only news I still respect. It lacks the bias and the stupid stories of commercial news networks that seem part of the overarching plan to dumb down the populace. Programs like Q &A and 4 Corners are irreplaceable and an essential part of a healthy democracy. The ABC is a leveling device in society that does not promote commercial fripperies and promotes the human values of self and other respect, care for others, community bonding. It links the city and the bush - it is perhaps the only means of doing so with fantastic programs like Landline which are great for city people like me. Democracy needs honest means of supporting itself and the ABC is this means. The right-wings of government support business, which typically is not interested in democratic values but in the imperialism of business that walks over the weaker in our communities. No public broadcaster is a fatal mistake for our country.

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NSW 2035 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must never be privatised, it's an essential part of our society.

Only the ABC provides the range of news and information needed to inform us of things in Australia and around the world. If we lose that we have only the vested interests and opinions packaged as if that was news. It's a cynical effort to pull the wool over the eyes of the public, which says a lot about the Liberal party, that they don't want the public informed.

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NSW 2753



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the people informed

The first step towards the killing of democracy is to deny the people of reliable information. Commercial media edits its news with the wishes of advertisers in mind. We need the ABC to be fully resourced for comprehensive news and current affairs services. The royal commission into banks is revealing how standards dropped after privatisation of the Commonwealth Bank. Never let this happen to the ABC.

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NSW 2193




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has been part of my life from Playschool, to Q&A, to Insight, and the cultural satire of Sean Micallef. We need to continue this conversation for generations to come and the benefits of public broadcasting can not be underestimated. We do not want to privatise the ABC!

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VIC 3155 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC needs to remain in public hands!

I am a passionate advocate of the ABC and believe that a public broadcaster is an essential part of the fabric of democracy. The quality of programing, impartiality and focus of news and current affairs and the overall raising of the bar we have come to love and expect is critical for Australia. The ABC needs to stay separate from private interests and as a taxpayer I am absolutely committed to ABC continuing to be funded and I want this integral service to receive back the money which has been cut. I think the cuts can only be described as vandalism by this government and a further threat to our democracy and civil society.

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SA 5072



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC represents Australia's potential.

The ABC represents the communal belief in ideals of learning, thinking and discussion. It has educated generations of children and adults and in rural areas provides community access to broadcasting that brings people together and gets vital news across.

To privatise this is to give up on the idea that Australia stands for something other than economic growth. You can't put an "economic viability" measure on something that is of great civic value. It is our right as Australians to have access to unbiased media coverage that the ABC has stood for for so long.


My grandfather, historian Ken Inglis, wrote the "Our ABC" and "Who's ABC?" Volumes documenting its history. He passed away last December. I only wish he was alive today to say in his eloquent way what I am trying to say here. He knew how to articulate the value of a public good that is immeasurable, and the moral danger of risking those institutions to neoliberal thinking.

Of course, my family brought me up to be a 'bleeding heart lefty', where RN was the moral compass of the household in some ways. Always on in the background, it was key in inspiring great discussions with my mum, dad, grandparents and siblings. I believe in an Australia that is open to the idea that our government supports and funds ideas, that our taxpayer money is being used to enhance ideas, discussion, community and civil society.

That is not a waste of money. That is an investment in an educated, understanding Australia.

The ABC represents who we are, who we have been and who we want to become. Once it is lost, it can not be regained.

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VIC 3130 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I never watch Commercial TV the ABC covers every area I need. The ABC is the honest and uncovers the lies that Pollies dish out. I believe it would be illegal for the Govt to destroy the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Dear Inquiry members,

On one level I am stunned to have to write a letter defending the need to keep our ABC in public hands as the need seems so obvious to me. However, we live in times when defending things that keep our society truly democratic, and dare I say civilised, is part and parcel of what is required.

These are the reasons I write to you, to state what seems obvious to me (and all those with whom I live and work and teach); that the need to keep a public voice, that is as free as possible from commercially funded bias, is a key part of having a well informed citizenry. And an informed citizenry is a central feature of a democratic country.

I urge you to resist the forces that would take this away from Australia. Your decisions in this matter are a potent chance to claim back the erosion of true care for the people that is occurring in our country. An erosion that is hurting so many. I can only hope that those of you who read my letter can see the importance of having a citizenry that can think broadly and from different perspectives; who are open to new insights and who wish to keep growing as human beings.

The ABC is one way our country supports this in its population. Please don't take this away from us. Please show us that politicians are not as out of touch with the people as we are all beginning to suspect. Please give us a reason to trust in our leadership by saying no to this specific corrosive influence. Please think about what it means to be 'truly human' and keep the ABC public.

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NSW 2323



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


My family have been devoted ABC fans for four generations. It is the only reliable source of news, current affairs, and entertainment for the intelligent, aware consumer.

My children and grandchildren have enjoyed ABC television for kids as I enjoyed ABC children's radio programs as a child.

To allow the ABC to wither - or be privatised - would be the worst type of political betrayal for my family and thousands of others, and would be political suicide for any party attempting to do so.

WE LOVE OUR ABC

[REDACTED]

QLD 4173 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC provides in-depth analysis, real journalism and professionalism.

Why move to eradicate it? Would you really want the general population depending on "Today Tonight" for their news? Malcolm Turnbull - I know you say of course not but clearly this is the message you're sending - dumb down the populace, stop analysis and reporting, feed people nonsense, consolidate power. It's weak. And it's not befitting of a civilised nation that wants to learn and improve.

By all means, step in to manage the ABC better, but budget cuts are a self-fulfilling prophecy - of course the ABC can't change in a constructive, meaningful way if funds are cut.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and in comparison with commercial media, offers far higher quality, diversity and analysis. Be brave and stand up for Australia instead of bowing to the lobbying powers of the likes of Murdoch.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2478




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

I am very concerned that the Liberal Party Council has voted to privatise the ABC. This would be a terrible blow to democracy and free independent speech. The quality of independent journalism not influenced by media ownership is fundamental to our freedom.

I watch the ABC news and 7:30 report , 4 corners and Q&A and learn much from these programs, and I have been able to share this knowledge with many students I work with in adult education. Commercial TV doesnt deliver programs of this quality and the constant selling via advertising is an insult to viewers.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2065 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Public

The ABC is a crucial part of Australian screen culture. As an Australian screen technician, I believe the ABC needs to remain public in order to perform the important role of reflect the stories of our country. In the private sector, where profit rules above all, channels have been importing content more and more, and the current monopoly in broadcasting provides a very one-sided view of the current state of the Australian community.

It is important for viewers, content makers, and politicians alike to be exposed to a broad range of content reflecting the variety in public opinion. With our already narrow range of free-to-air broadcast options, a privatisation of the ABC means Australians run the risk of hearing only one monopoly's opinion and content choices, leading to a disconnect between broadcast and the public.

Great politicians are not afraid of funding independent public journalism and receiving an adverse public opinion. They embrace it for what it is - a litmus test of the broader community feelings, a way in which to get feedback on certain issues, and an opportunity to adjust and reconnect with their voting electorate. All of this opportunity for connection to the public would be lost if the ABC becomes another private channel delivering more of the same content as other free-to-air channels. This would be a great loss for Australian voices, and the ears that need to hear them.

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QLD 4069 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Ownership

The ABC is a clear independent balanced voice in a era of poor accountability in the corporate and political landscape. The Organisation is a national treasure in light of the commercial alternatives and should be protected for all Australians. I would suggest that it would be to the detriment of any political party that sought to privatise the ABC.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4102




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep abc as is

Stop trying to push us all to rubbish content

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VIC 3450 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC Alone and restore its funding!

Australia has one of the highest media ownership concentrations in the world. We rank just below authoritarian states like China and Egypt. If it is broken up and sold to Murdoch and other conservative plutocrats, our democracy will be at serious risk. Vote to save the ABC, vote to save Australian democracy.

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VIC 3066 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

It is crucial that the ABC stays publicly funded so that the quality of programming remains high. Commercial TV and radio are often banal, and the advertisements extremely disruptive and annoying. For one living in a regional area, the ABC radio and TV news and other current affairs programs are an essential source of information and entertainment. Privatisation will jeopardise this integrity and quality.

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NSW 2480



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should always be in Public hands.

The ABC radio and television broadcaster is a necessary national source of information and reporting providing for all regional (urban and rural) Australia. It is advertisement free and provides comprehensive and diverse views on current affairs and a wide variety of entertainment.

Why privatise and lose what has served Australians with news, sport, music, quiz, reports etal with distinction?

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NSW 2250 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do all you can to keep our National Broadcaster in public hands. Our daughter learned to read before she started school by watching Sesame Street on the ABC. Our grandsons have learned from and enjoyed programs on ABC Kids. We keep abreast of what's happening in the world through ABC News and current affairs shows as well as being informed and entertained by presenters such as Charlie Pickering, Wil Anderson, Julia Zemiro, Annabel Crabb and Heather Ewart as well as programs such as Mystery Road and Endeavour.

Please do all you can to prevent our ABC broadcaster being decimated by narrow minded people who object to opinions, other than their own, being aired.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2300




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to all of us

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and the ABC has long provided Australians with independent, rigorous journalism and programming. I grew up watching Play School and Bananas in Pyjamas. Now I relish the chance to go in depth with current affairs on a Monday night with Four Corners and Q&A. The ABC belongs to all of us, it shouldn't be privatised in the name of political ideology.

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NSW 2035 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC needs MORE funding

4 Corners alone justifies the ABC. Why is its excellent investigative work ignored? More reality and transparency, less ideology from the entitled self interested....

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NSW 2482 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The history of organisations being privatised and subsequently deteriorating and not being what it used to be for the public is very clear. It is a valuable asset, should remain in public hands. If sold it will become too commercialised, which many people cannot and won't tolerate.

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VIC 3677 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC & SBS

I love the ABC TV & Radio as it reports intelligent & thought provoking ideas, human stories, excellent children's programs, fabulous journalism from many talented people etc, etc.
How could we survive without the very talented & humorous Richard on 702!!!
The SBS is excellent too. Why would a government want to limit its citizens to the generally mindless television stations outside the ABC & SBS? Perhaps to turn us into mindless people who can easily be manipulated by the Government. Thanks a lot Liberal/Coalition Government. We just want to be in touch with balanced, thought provoking ideas. This is not a Totalitarian State. This is Australia.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


NSW 2090 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Vital to Keep ABC in Public Hands

ABC is peoples broadcaster. Many authentic stories have been brought to the world to gain information and knowledge from. Privatisation means Australians will not enjoy the same much sought after programs as they currently do. Cutting funding for ABC also means shutting it from the freedom to bring the news/programs to public to grow with and develop understanding of the world around us. Keep ABC in Public Hands. Make it powerful, give it the strength it has in public hands. It should not be a puppet, being dictated as a private enterprise. STOP THE THOUGHT PRIVITISIN OUR ABC - AUSTRALIA'S MOST RENOUNED BROADCASTER.

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NSW 2209 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

The ABC is an amazing asset to Australia and should not be privatised. It is something we Australians are very proud of. No other country has such a successful and well produced media asset - not even the BBC in the UK can compare. The ABC supports local talent and produces fantastic shows from the news to documentaries and dramas. Its children's shows have been watched by generations. I am sure the ABC must add value to the Australian economy.

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VIC 3550 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain a public broadcaster

Its the only station, along with SBS that can be truted to inform, without fear or favour.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7005



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

To provide citizens with the choice of freedom of speech is the fundamental test of a desire to ensure honesty and integrity and should not be forfeited by any government for any reason.

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VIC 3145




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC MUST REMAIN OWNED BY THE PEOPLE

I am appalled that the Liberal Party would even consider selling the ABC. It is essential to keep it in public hands. I read and listen to many different news sources, and trust the ABC to be fair and balanced in reporting. I do not want my main news source to be influenced by prejudice and political gain.


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VIC 3975 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: the ACB broadcaster will remain in public hands

Any genuine public democracy, as distinct from a sham 'democracy' of wealth and power, requires an independent public forum - in this case the ABC broadcaster, to be the public's forum. Otherwise the public can be no more than pawns, serfs, call them what you like, of the tyrannical wealthy elite. If Australia is to go out in the world as a genuine democracy it must have independent institutions such as the ABC. Are we to remain a genuine democracy ..or a hard right tyranny? As a citizen of this country I would prefer the former.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NSW 2088 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC out of private business hands

I have lived in Australia since 1977, for much of that time in remote areas of the NT. The main source of TV and radio was the ABC so I have long been a strong supporter of that organisation. To this day it is to me the most reliable source of good news and information. I see the provision of such a service as part of core government business so ABC must NOT be privatised

[REDACTED]

NT 0812



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop interfering with our ABC

What have my family got from ABC radio and television over our entire lives? Professionalism, veracity, integrity, impartiality, trust, accuracy and quality. These are not values that we can confidently anticipate receiving from a number of the commercial channels and their shock jocks.

[REDACTED]

WA 6069 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Current hype about privatising the national broadcaster is not resonating with me. I regard the news and current affairs programs, 4 Corners and programs like Foreign Correspondence as vital, informative programs that are not skewed by ideological involvement of the type that feeds the egos or bank balances of certain powerful people with their own not-so-hidden agendas.

I am concerned that the tp privatise the ABC would play into the hands of, and give a voice to, powerful people with powerful agendas, including foreign powers.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy, and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. The cost to our budget is minuscule compared to the communal benefits gained from having a trusted and unbiased public broadcaster.

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VIC 3698




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands

The ABC is the only channel that my family watches as we cannot abide commercial TV. Our lives will be changed significantly if it is commercialised. The quality of television on the ABC cannot be matched by commercial stations. Our children's education will also be impacted as our children will be forced to watch reality television. Let's not dumb down our children please!!!!

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VIC 3550 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC essential for a healthy democracy

Who else is going to keep our institutions accountable if not an independent ABC?

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NSW 2264



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Politics aside, you must be kidding if you want to abolish the current framework of the beloved ABC. This will definitely come back and bite you big time in the next election. The ABC is loved by all people regardless of their political stance.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2112




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is absolutely imperative that the ABC keeps belonging to ordinary tax payers. It does a wonderful job representing views from all sections of the community. It has done this for many years, and we must protect this very important role that it plays

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VIC 3004 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise our public broadcaster, the ABC

It would be the greatest folly should the government decide to privatise the ABC. I love the ABC for it's balanced reporting, in-depth investigative journalism and best of all it's independence. I do not watch commercial television because the advertisements are intrusive and the quality of programs do not match those programs presented on the ABC. The ABC needs to stay in public hands and be appropriately and adequately funded to remain strong and continue to screen fabulous programs like Four Corners, 7.30, ABC News and TV series like Mystery Road without interruption from advertisements.

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VIC 3709 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Lay off the ABC

The ABC is my life blood. I will not accept more cuts.

[REDACTED]


SA 5453 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!

Dear, all concerned ! I believe it is important to keep an independent public voice across all of the media including radio & to, we need the independence & quality of the ABC, please don't privatise our beloved ABC.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2780 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is an asset and should not be sold

Any time I spend 5 minutes on a commercial television network it erases any doubt that we need the ABC. When all you care about is viewership numbers you end up with endless reality TV and sensationalist programs. The only channel that does any substantial real journalism is the ABC.

Part of the ABC's remit is to hold the government of the day to account, the fact that the current government finds that uncomfortable just proves that they are doing their job.

Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4017 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is incredibly important that the ABC not be privatised. Being publicly funded means that the ABC is able to broadcast shows that have less widespread commercial appeal but more importance to the community, such as documentary shows, children's shows and shows with and about minority groups. Without the public funding, the ABC will be forced to become just like all the other channels, showing high-ratings shows to the exclusion of more ethically worthwhile and educational ones.
Please do not privatise the ABC.

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[REDACTED]

WA 6102 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

Please do not sell off the ABC.. it is a wonderful asset that provides varied and interesting programmes not found on commercial stations..

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[REDACTED]


VIC 3205 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont privatise the ABC

The ABC provides Australia with unique programmes and content that commercial stations do not provide. Its independent news content allows us access to proper news instead of the fluff that is shown on commercial stations and that is ultimately directed by a handful of powerful people such as Rupert Murdoch. My family dont have an actual TV because it became redundant as the only stations that we watch are ABC and SBS and we can access their programmes on our computer, and we have no interest in the rubbish provided on commercial stations. If we lose access to independent journalism, we will progressively become a country full of ignorant and misinformed people. The only quality TV shows for children are the ones provided by our national broadcaster. Commercial stations can provide good quality shows for children if they choose too, but they have not in the past so I cant see why they would in the future. The reason why we pay our taxes is to provide services that we would otherwise not receive at all, or not receive equally. I am happy to pay taxes to contribute to the ABC and would be happy to pay MORE tax to make the ABC better. My only complaint about the ABC is that it has deteriorated in its ability to provide quality programmes subsequent to the coalition government's massive funding cuts.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2290 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC out of private hands

Dear Sir,

Once any broadcaster is privatised it necessarily is beholden to commercial sponsors. They pay for it. Inevitably commercial sponsors have a vested interest in pushing their own agenda which is a dangerous threat to democracy. Most businesses both large and small tend to see the Liberal party as their ally and have a built in dislike of Unions and thereby the Labor Party. It is therefore clear, if the logic of the argument is understood, that once privatised, the ABC will no longer be democratic at its base. It may occasionally be criticised for perceived bias now by some conservatives, but this will be nothing compared with what will happen once our precious national broadcaster is no longer in public hands. Is there such a being as a man with a labor bias among our 'shock jocks'? I think this says it all about commercial stations. We simply cannot allow this to happen to our ABC.

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NSW 2065 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS OR FACE DESIMATION

Keep OUR ABC in public hands or face Liberal Party decimation.....All the signs are there for ongoing Party disunity.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2315




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I live in regional Victoria and believe that a privatised ABC would not serve the interests of residents. ABC is the closest we have to freedom of speech as is evident in investigative journalism of Four Corners which has exposed many issues the public have a right to know about. Children's programs can be viewed free of intrusive advertising and adults as well can enjoy quality programs without interruption. It is important to maintain integrity in news broadcasting hence save our ABC from privatisation.

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VIC 3550 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Our ABC is a cherished Australian institution and we are lucky to still have a broadcaster that is funded by the people for the people. This country needs to stop being run as a corporation and be run as a community. Long live the ABC.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3460 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I think privatising the ABC to make the government a bit of cash in the sale is abhorrent. The ABC is a stalwart of public television in Australia and unbiased in any way. It would be frankly un-Australian to privatise it. How about the government make other cuts including to MP's wages and military spending first to get cash. I implore you to not privatise the ABC.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

WA 6430 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

I like the shows that the ABC has - much, much better than shows like Masterchef, Love Island etc etc. I also think that the news (through the 'news' and shows and shows like Four Corners) is much more impartial than commercial news and comment. We need that for our democracy to function well.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2113



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising ABC a backward step

Dear Senator Abetz

Our ABC network is the envy of the world, they manage to provide amazing services on a shoestring budget. Quality and Australian content would disappear if the ABC were privatised. Please keep up the good work to keep our public broadcaster public.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4124 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC's programs like 7:30 and Four Corners have shone the spotlight into issues domestic and international that would not have seen the light of day. These covered the truth about issues that mattered to Australia such as the truth about panama papers the paradise papers the minor and major political parties and most recently about Trump and Putin. They also showed the truth about Terri rust organisations and other matters that keep citizens informed. There is no similar programming anywhere on the commercial networks and they do not serve the public interests.

It's vital in a democracy to have a free press and for us the voters citizens and tax payers of this country to know the truth before we vote. The ABC insight program as well as Compass contributes to the intellectual development of the viewers and I fear the move to privatise the ABC is being done as they may broadcast the truth on matters that don't serve the government of the day and that's what makes them vital for democracy. I am certain that a privatised ABC would look just like another Channel 7-9-10 and would give us nothing we don't already have available.

Please save the ABC from those whose real aim is to silence it

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3113



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

Hi, my name is Steve, and like Millions of Australians I was brought up Listening and watching the ABC. my grandson now is a watcher of ABC Children's channel and like so many kids loves it. If the ABC is sold off you will be putting 1000's of people out of work and may be looking for a new job yourselves due to the voters of this country are sick of politicians selling public property to align their own pockets or pockets of their buddies. Keep your grubby hands off Public Assets.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2044




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

I strongly object to any suggestion that the ABC be privatised. Allowing it to go into private or corporate hands would severely undermine its impartiality and ability to offer much-needed critiques of social issues. The ABC has been a part of Australia's national life for a long time and I see it as an essential part of our democratic way of life. Attempts to change this are an attack on democracy. I urge you not to let this happen.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2745 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should remain in public hands.

The ABC should be kept in public hands for the obvious reason of the quality of content with regard to information and entertainment in which the ABC far outstrips the commercial networks. Privatisation of the ABC is an ideology driven push not based on public advantage but a narrow political and corporate one. Privatising the ABC would reduce it to the abysmal sensationalism and crassness of the commercial networks news presentation and deplorable programming. The ABC presents Australian values. Save it.

[REDACTED]

WA 6024 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is important to all Australians, especially those who live in regional areas where the ABC is their only source of news. I also believe that 4 Corners is our most trusted news source and could be compromised if the ABC was privatised.

The Coalition's attacks on the ABC worry me greatly as the ABC should be kept in public hands to ensure an independent news network and not handed over to commercial vested interests. Finally, public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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VIC 3015 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC

We should treasure the ABC not set out to trash it. I am dismayed at moves to privatise our public broadcaster. We would be a poorer and less informed nation without it. I value it deeply as a trusted news source and value the way it provides creative programs that enhance our identity as a diverse and multicultural nation.

[REDACTED]

NT 0810



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC

To whom it may concern,
I live in Bacchus Marsh and rely on the ABC for the majority of my news and current affairs. I do not have a television and rely enormously on iView.
I am very concerned at both suggestions that the ABC may be privatised and the ongoing cuts that have made under the current government.
The ABC is a crucial part of Australian society and has been throughout all my life. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Public media is valuable beyond dollar terms and undermining it is unpardonable.
Thank you for your consideration.

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VIC 3934 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC (an independent institution)

My wife and I, when living in the UK, had great respect for the BBC and on arrival in Melbourne in 1988 immediately transferred our affections to the ABC. We trust the ABC as a politically neutral and thoroughly objective source of factual news. Basic trust and faith in honest journalism is essential in a democracy. Commercial interests and sponsorship would inevitably pollute content and compromise objectivity. Can anyone deny that Fox News reporting is shamefully biased to the right, contributing significantly to the polarization of American society? This is Australia, the ABC is an Australian institution. Democracy is built on institutions and the fourth estate must be independent.

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VIC 3178 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC

The ABC must stay in public hands!

For decades, the ABC has been a trusted source of unbiased news and current affairs, taking its mandate of fairness and impartiality seriously and with a consequent high level of confidence from the public and from many foreign news services that hold the ABC as the gold standard in news delivery.

Should the ABC be privatised, that impartiality is lost, it simply cannot coexist with private ownership and the demands of profitability which will certainly drive down the broad spectrum of services to the narrow band of 'profitability' seen on our often struggling commercial broadcasters.

Every day I watch the ABC News 24 on TV and regularly tune into Radio National because that's where real journalism live.

Listening to Double J & Triple J through my youth and now in my 50's, I stay abreast of youth issues, new, Australian music and see how our own locally grown talent gets showcased in a way that is not even slightly comparable on the commercial radio stations.

I watched Behind the News as a student and so did my own kids, learning to understand how news actually works while being educated in current affairs, at level appropriate for my age & in a way that I could comprehend.

The Liberal Party wants to remove anything that shines a light on them pulling the teeth on an unbiased news & current affairs means they can continue making deals in the dark with big business, who, incidentally own or share ownership with the commercial broadcasters and to whom they are ultimately responsible.

Simply put, we need the ABC! It educates us, it informs us, it entertains us and it is the light that shines on both sides of politics, showcasing the good and exposing the bad. We can't lose it, we shouldn't lose it and most importantly, it shouldn't be taken from the people who overwhelmingly believe in its value.

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NSW 2044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC belongs to the Australian public

We need a broadcaster that has strict controls that ensure that it does not fall prey to corporate interests. We need a broadcaster that has power to criticise and expose government failings. This is precisely what the ABC is and does. Removal of these qualities by any political party will be a signal to Australia that they are completely out of touch and not to be trusted

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QLD 4108 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatised? Why?

The ABC for me has been one of the few remaining places to get fair and better researched information and more interesting shows. The commercialism evident on other channels has been avoided and it is a relief to have such an option available to us. It seems incredibly flawed to have the ABC privatised. As a member of the public who pays for the ABC I am very happy with it, and disagree with the vote to privatise it.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

VIC 3134



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: our abc

the abc as it stands is crucial to our democracy.any politician trying to privatise this icon will never get my vote....NEVER !!

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NSW 2450



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

I am compelled to write to you concerning the impending decision to privatise the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

I regularly enjoy streaming ABC programs such as 4 Corners, 7.30 and Media Watch to get independent, decisive news updates.

I also enjoy many other programs, that would otherwise not be able to be made in commercial hands, due to the quirky of unconventional content.

I am 45 years of age and have been enjoying ABC content since early childhood, and particularly enjoyed the children's programming content, and know that many friends with children still enjoying the fantastic children's programs.

My concern of privatising the ABC primarily revolves around the independence being taken away a private holder pushing personal agendas, which is what I find with the current commercial channels, 7, 9 and 10. I can tell you wholeheartedly, that I am opposed to any decision to privatise the ABC and will be voting against any members or electoral parties that try to privatise the ABC.

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NSW 2785



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No beholding to sponsors or private owners

The information that ABC provides via radio news, AM, PM, Health report, interviews, podcasts, and TV programs (news, The Drum, Four Corners etc) is critical for me in understanding issues facing the Australian and International communities. As a taxpayer I want my information to cover a range of perspectives and to be free from the commercial influences of controlling owners or sponsors. Privatisation of the ABC would be the death knell of broad information and views that I need to decide my response to Australian issues. As a taxpayer I need the ABC.

Secondly, I value ABC entertainment, particularly ABC Classics FM, which provides me with relaxation and a sense of well-being. Privatisation requiring advertisements and the consequent interruptions to classical music programs would destroy the enjoyment that I currently receive.

The ABC must remain well funded and independent to fulfil the democratic needs of Australian taxpayers, and be free from political influence.

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SA 5061



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in its current form

We must retain independent broadcasting. Non biased news, regional coverage, intelligent ad free programs are an essential part of civilised society. Well balanced impartial reporting is essential.

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NSW 2110




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The decision of the Liberal party conference to have the policy of selling the ABC is terrible, the government seems to be continually attacking it for doing its job. The ABC should not be privatised and be properly funded.

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NSW 2486 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay in public hands


The premise of your enquiry is entirely wrong-headed. The ABC is a public asset that is not to be compared with commercial media. The quality and reach of its services is never remotely matched by commercial media. Can you ever imagine, for instance, a commercial radio station producing the likes of Science Show, or the Law Report or Background Briefing? Even programs that have commercial equivalents, such as news and current affairs, are produced by ABC with a respect for fairness and accuracy which is rarely seen in the commercial sector.

Over the years in working as a volunteer for a community history project I've been able to track down invaluable archival records of radio and television from ABC archives. It's inconceivable that a commercial enterprise would put any weight on the importance of such an archive.

It would be cultural vandalism to privatise the ABC - akin to selling of the National Library.

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VIC 3079 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC and SBS in public hands!

The ABC is our national broadcaster and provides service regardless of location. For many remote Australians it is the only provider. Only the ABC offers good quality local content- do we really want to lose this? The ABC and SBS are now the only free to air channels offering good quality news, current affairs and programming. The other channels are now consumed by “reality” programs and “populist” news and current affairs. The poor quality of commercial free to air is forcing people into subscription channels in the search for decent entertainment. And look at the mess with the World Cup.
I encourage continued and increased support for our national broadcaster

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ACT 2615 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!!

The ABC is not the Liberals to privatise! I am 71 — grew up with the ABC, living 5 minutes from Parliament House. We fought wars for our freedom of speech! I don't have to agree with what is broadcast, but I, too, would die for the right to say it.

Currently I'm actively campaigning against the Liberal Party at State and Federal level because of their outrageous policies on privatisation (the ABC and the Powerhouse Museum being striking examples). Politics has become a pawn of political parties to stay in power, instead of policies for the good of the people they represent.

NO PRIVATISATION FOR THE ABC!

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Ourimbah, NSW

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NSW 2258



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

It is essential that the ABC remains in public hands. With having lived in the States through their political upheavals it is obvious & essential that the ABC is an independent body that can critique our governments & society without fear of reprisal.

Our democracy needs to be protected & separation of powers is fundamental.

I will vote Labour solely because of this issue.

Mr Turnbull please stand up & be counted.

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VIC 3141




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

I was horrified to learn of the Liberal Party Council's vote to privatise the ABC. The ABC is the most reliable and Australiawide broadcaster. If privatised it would no longer be independent and would be run on a "for profit" basis and lose its integrity. It is an asset that belongs to the people and should have content that is relevant to all Australians, as it does at present - you only have to listen to Macca on a Sunday to hear that! Privatising would be a guaranteed way for the Coalition to lose votes big time.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 9:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

I don't think I need to say too much; may I cite the example of the Soccer World Cup television rights being given to Optus and taken from SBS. I love everything about the ABC: the programs have social content that is so important to our learning; to me as an adult and to my grandchildren . Discussions on science, health, the environment, and the psychology of everything. Don't be foolish Malcolm Turnbull you have already made some very bad decisions during your tenure.

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NSW 2320 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

It is vitally important to our democracy that at least one media outlet provide unbiased information to the public. The ABC have been doing this for decades and should continue to do so.

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VIC 3055



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC always a public provider

[REDACTED] Normally I do not use alluded expletives in submissions but this is over the top. It is not the Liberal parties prerogative to say what will be the future of the ABC. It has been successively broken down over the years, losing programmes and international services. The latter is important, Malcolm spins that we are in bed with PR China, we are economic interdependents, culturally we are not, currently we seem to have a problem. CCTV, (China Central Television), shows how it can be done with 50 television channels. It has sport, economic analysis at a sophisticated level, history, English channel, Edwin Maher and an Erhu channel among others. I watched it for 15 years, great content, factual, so giving another aspect/view of the news.

Of course it will be said to be a tool of the CPC, but there is a heck of a lot that says that CCTV is in competition with many more commercial channels and has to be relevant to viewers.

Our ABC is a source of factual news also, surveys say this in this period where people get their news from Facebook and other less than rigorous sites. If you like, the bringing to heel of the ABC is potentially worse than the thought bubbles of these Libs that may see CCTV as a tool of the CPC.

We need an independent unbiased view of the world. There are many checks and balances to ensure this as much as possible. This vote was carried out with Federal politicians present. Easy to blame Abetz and his ilk but they were as good as silent.


Sad meeting, with a brawl to follow up. Good thing that the restaurateur was a mate so no ructions after trashing the place

Just so tired of it all

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VIC 3678 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be kept in Public Hands

Independent news and journalism is a fundamental pillar of democratic societies, and the ABC provides this for Australia. The private sector already has a role to play in many aspects of media services and delivery, which is fine, pending the continuing existence of an independent, unbiased national broadcaster that we trust to offer news and opinions not influenced by financial, political or other agendas.

My vote at the upcoming federal election will be highly influenced by this issue.

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NSW 2049 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has a long tradition of excellent journalism as well as excellent entertainment programs that are all about investigating and discussing what it is to be Australian in all the diverse ways that there are to be Australian. It is modeled on the BBC initially which is also a strong part of British society and is part of being a strong democratic society. Being public means it is owned by us all and accountable to us all to reflect the breadth and depth of what it means to be Australian. Privately owned means it is at the whim of whoever has enough money to buy influence and is not accountable.

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NSW 2783 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Broadcaster in public hands.

If the ABC is privatised it will be lost forever which means that it could be sold in the future to any ideology. The union movement could buy it, the Chinese State or any other whose ethos is not in keeping with what we hold in regard. Have you thought this through? Keep the public broadcaster in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must not be privatised!

Without the ABC (and SBS) we would only have privately owned news sources to rely on, who would of course slant the news in favour of their particular interests. A privatised ABC would be little better than those other privately owned news outlets in that regard.

Just look at the abomination that is Fox News.... they should not be allowed to use the word 'news', since all they provide is right wing slanted opinions while literally ignoring anything that doesn't suit their agenda, depriving the public of legitimate honest news coverage.

I just cant imagine a world where that's all we can rely on, news delivered by vested interests....who on earth, other than said vested interests, would want that outcome?!

It's surely a sign that the ABC is doing its job when politicians move to abolish it. Turnbull agreeing to slash the ABC budget in return for gaining One Nation support for the LNPs tax giveaway to big business tells you all you need to know about that, ie these politicians want to operate for big business with big business giving their blessings via their media outlets rather than be scrutinised by an unbiased independent ABC. Do NOT allow that to happen, that would harm our democracy....it's that simple.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC.

Dear Sir

I urge you to support the public ownership of the ABC ,as a long time liberal supporter I cannot find a great deal of bias in the ABC s reporting as those supporting its privatisation state if it is privatised does that mean that all that will be reported is favourable liberal party supportive news?

So much of the programming on the present commercial stations is American and very little Australian cultural content is shown,very few truly Australian historical documentaries or authentic Australian plays and drama series.


Finally but not least where will one find programmes with some degree of intellectual rigor and current affairs other than those high jacked by the 'shock jocks 'on the commercial stations.

Please let the Australian public enjoy a unbiased radio and television station .

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ACT 2606 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the essence of Australia. It represents us as a nation - our values, our humour, our struggles, our failures and our spirit. Without Our ABC we will lose our fundamental identity and future generations will be morphed into Americanism. Our ABC needs to remain independent of commercialism to support, inspire, question, and nurture who we are as a diverse, uniquely funny bunch of people who want truly Australian content and representation on our TV screens.
Selling our ABC would be like selling our soul!

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VIC 3188 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC

The ABC is my daily contact with sanity and humanity. I do not necessarily agree with all its broadcasts but that is not the point. There is basic integrity there in its endeavours to reflect and involve the public's views especially for those who abhor the inevitable commercialisation and shallowness of the commercial media which panders to its potential customers rather than trying to present other intelligent views.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To the Enquiry

I strongly object to the notion that the ABC should be privatised. There is no comparison to be made between the ideological rubbish shown on commercial TV and the quality research and programming of our own national broadcaster. To leave anything in the hands of the private sector is clearly a risk to quality, integrity and national security as so eloquently shown in a series of Four Corners investigations. The demise of Australian 'fair go' values is directly connected with privatisation and for profit (greed) incentives. The one light in this bleak picture is the publicly funded and owned ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must not be privatised or it will simply become another commercial channel, subject to the pressures of commercialisation. This would mean that the unpopular shows such as those dealing with indigenous issues or serious political issues, would never be shown as they rate so badly.

A second point is that if the channel was privatised, then there would be no chance to demand unbiased reporting, because its editorial decisions would be in the hands of the owner.

It seems that the Coalition has no problem with the biased reporting of the Murdoch press, and the illegal actions of its staff but is howling for the privatisation of the ABC, because the ABC can be critical of the Government. However, when Labor is in, the ABC is also critical of Labor.

Maybe, the Coalition should take more notice of the audience reaction in Q&A as a pointer to the real feelings of the electorate.

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NSW 2117 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privative the ABC

As a child our family were avid ABC watchers and listeners.

I remember in primary school when I would have been in grade one or two, I was in the art room at lunch time and there was a radio playing, it was on a commercial station and I remember being shocked to hear adds on the radio. I told the teacher that "our radio does not play adds". It was the first time that I had ever heard an advertisement on the radio. I did not know that there was such a thing as an add on the radio. In our family we had a radio on the kitchen table. It was always turned on and was only ever tuned to Radio National.

I am 55 years old now and I still only ever listen to Radio National.

I also remember when SBS started broadcasting, and when they started to broadcast advertisements it broke my heart.

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

With the rise in social media and the bluing of truth and lies being presented as News public broadcasts play a vital role in providing a balanced and trustworthy source of information.

The number of significant and nation changing investigations carried out by 4 Corners in the past decades exemplifies the value of the ABC as a public broadcaster. When I was 19 years old I moved from Victoria to Queensland. It is hard to underestimate the importance of 4 Corners "The Moonlight State" broadcast on the history of Queensland, and Australia as a whole.

The history of privatisation has proven disastrous for many public institutions. We need only look at the alleged crime and corruption of the Commonwealth Bank as an example. The commercial pressures on the Commonwealth Bank have resulted in it being charged with failing to comply with strict money laundering and counter terrorism financing laws. As well as undertaking many practices that were not in the best interests of its customers, the people of Australia. The very people who once owned the Bank as a public institution.

Look also at the sorry state of Telstra, once our nations most trusted and valuable telecommunications carrier. Now as a result of privitisation it is unable to provide a reliable service to its customers, and is due to cut a further 8000 jobs, it is hard to see how this benefits the many hundreds of thousands of Australians, and tens of thousands of Australian businesses that rely on the services of this once publicly owned and vital institution.

I implore you not to privatise the ABC. The Australian people need the ABC to remain publicly funded and free from the pressures of share holders.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Ballarat Victoria

VIC 3354



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in our hands!

Australia wouldn't be who we are without the ABC. To thrive, we need independent, quality journalism, reporting and presenting without the influences – and disruptions – of perverse commercial interests.

We simply need our ABC as it is; in fact, the ABC requires more funding to continue to represent and reflect the diversity of Australia, and to expose human rights abuses and social/environmental/economic injustices in this country (Four Corners, in particular).

We will not let allow the privatisation of the ABC to happen – it will not happen. Expend your resources elsewhere, because Australia voters and tax-payers say NO to privatisation of the ABC.

Thank you for your time!

Regards,
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NSW 2773



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

Please please can you leave our ABC as it is. It is such a source of knowledge and entertainment for me. Being ad free is very important to me. It keeps me calm to not have that intrusion in my home and life. I find the report is especially Steve Austin unbiased as he presentz both sides of each argument. Please listen to us Everyday People

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QLD 4055




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the Australian public hands

I would be lost without the ABC radio and Television. I listen to the radio all day and at night from the country hour to Miff etc in the afternoon. Landline, four corners, 7.30, etc etc etc. so many great shows to inform us with the truth. No adds or biased news. We need the ABC to stay in the Australian public hands. The country people would be lost without it. The tax payers pay for it so we should have the biggest say in what happens to OUR ABC.

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VIC 3242 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands and adequately funded

The ABC is the broadcaster that I turn to for my reliable, balanced news every morning and night, for insights into health and relationships. The ABC is what my children grew up with when they were allowed to watch TV. SBS brings the world to our homes and broadens our minds through international news and films. I love listening to the amazing Australians working for the ABC and SBS, both on radio and TV, who present the world to us through lucid analysis and probing questions. There is nothing like it in commercial media because commercial companies pursue commercial purposes. Their primary aim is not to inform and educate; their aim is to sell.

Our society is flooded with sources of information, many of them highly biased and untrustworthy, yet people are drawn to these. We know that misinformation has been used to skew democratic processes in other countries, which makes it essential that we support our independent public media in doing their job. This means keeping public media public and funding them adequately. The ABC and SBS play an essential role in Australian public life. They are irreplaceable for us as a democracy and open-minded, informed society. They should never be privatised but continue to be supported by and work for the common, public good.

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NSW 2024 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retain the ABC our Iconic Broadcaster!

Since a young girl I have watched the ABC, when having children of my own, they too were able to enjoy the quality programs for children on offer. A huge advantage is the ad free environment the ABC offers, particularly important for young children and the sanity of adults too.

The ABC is in a unique position, as it can offer programs and information from a non bias perspective, and tell it like it is, and not push the agenda of the corporate owners.

Apart from the many forms of entertaining and documentary programs, the ABC has exposed many situations that need to be exposed that would not otherwise have been exposed. I know this is something politicians do not like, however there needs to be some independant means and some interest in reporting "non commercial" stories.

The ABC provides an essential service both in the city and the country, also in the age of the erosion of democracy it is of utmost importance to retain this iconic broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

For heavens sake we must have one media outlet that does not echo the opinions and power of the Murdochs of this world. We need an ABC that is unbiased with the quality reporting and entertainment we are use to. They should have there funding increased to do the job properly.

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VIC 3094 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:57 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

When I moved to Australia from the US 25 years ago, I was struck by the quality of the news on the ABC. Over time, I came to realise that the quality was so high, the objectivity so much better than the commercial stations, and the coverage so blessedly free of sensationalist hit pieces, because the ABC does not face commercial pressures to titivate or to keep advertisers on side. This is why the ABC must be kept public: if it were privatised, there would be no place to get proper news from. Four Corners and the 7:30 Report alone are worth the price of the ABC, and programs like Media Watch and Q&A simply could not, or would not, be aired by private networks. Add to this the wealth of high quality drama, the wonderful ABC Classic FM, and the reliable abc.net.au web site, with great breaking news coverage and iView, and you have an indispensable service for Australians. Privatising it would destroy it. Don't do it!

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VIC 3070 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise MYABC

I cannot believe that this Government is even thinking of changing myABC to a privatised entity. Do not do it.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in our hands

We need a public broadcaster to have a public voice. Right wing and private corporate agendas only aid self interest and an attempt at shutting down freedom of speech and fair and intelligent reporting. We need to maintain an articulate voice. One free of any prejudice or self serving private or commercial interest. This is the only conceivable reason that the narrow minded and selfish conservative interests would wish to have the ABC adulterated by commercialism. We pay taxes and we have a right to a well funded fair and open public broadcaster

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VIC 3158



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as it is.

Being elderly and losing my sight I rely on the unbalanced reporting of news from a source that has always earned my, and most of the nations, respect. Hands off !

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NSW 2093



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands.

Over 30 years ago I left Australia to do a Masters Degree in my field as it wasn't available here. One of my reasons for remaining overseas for 20years was the attrition of employment of local performers on the ABC. It used to form a third of my income and dropped to almost nothing at that time.

Our ABC is unique. It provides news I can rely on and classical music programs on radio that broaden the education and knowledge of listeners.

Instead of consistently reducing funds which has happened over a very long time now, the Government should be INCREASING the monies for the ABC. It should be fiercely protected by all Australian Governments and not be prey to small groups of people who think otherwise.

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NSW 2121



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

the ABC is the only media not influenced by private or political interests.No private media would ever expose the issues that we see weekly on 4 corners vital to a healthy democracy

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NSW 2101



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC!

I am appalled that the Liberal party should even entertain the idea that it should privatise the ABC. Its reasons are spurious and self-serving. Independent enquiries have ascertained that the political commentary from the ABC is fair. It is important that someone scrutinises our government on whichever side of politics without fear of being closed down so we keep a healthy democracy. It is no accident that the world trusts the BBC and during World War 11 listened to find out what was really happening in the world.

The ABC is so much more than politics also. It is the only media outlet that caters to all sections of our community along with SBS and allows us to hear quality concerts, the latest in science, the play of different ideas on topics of every sort, the best new books, plays, films etc, etc, etc. It also connects the regional areas and the city. I love to hear the latest programs on rural affairs. My parents who lived in the country relied on it. You cannot privatise one part without decimating the whole.

It is a furphy to say that they are unfairly competing with the private sector. Or that they are placing an unfair burden on taxpayers. The ABC generates money. And commercial stations often show ABC programs after they have proved successful. They hate risk and rely on the national broadcaster to take the risks for them.

What is clearer and clearer is that the ongoing cuts to funding are affecting what it can broadcast with endless repetition of programs and reliance on cheap overseas products becoming more of a feature. I have seen too the decline of the Canadian broadcaster - my husband being Canadian - with ads and reliance on private money. It was world class when I lived there as a teenager. Now I rarely watch it or listen to it when I am in Canada.

So hands off and remember we need to nurture democracy with endless vigilance.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

The ABC is the best broadcaster in Australia - it does not bow to corporate pressure. It is essential to keep ABC private so the real facts are reported without corporate bias

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NSW 2145



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To:
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
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I live alone and love it

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

Our ABC is part of our family's life. This has been so for the past 40 years. Now three generations are avid ABC devotees. With the ABC in private hands we would lose the impartial reporting, investigations which our ABC has conducted enriching our lives & ensuring our democracy lives on. Plus some of our families favourite shows like the Science Show, 7.30Report, Four Corners etc would simply disappear.


I worry about our democracy being eroded & would never again vote for a political party that did this terrible thing.

We would be happy to pay > 16cents a day to keep our ABC in public hands.

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VIC 3099 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why would you think of privatizing the ABC?

The ABC is my main resource for analysis of the news. The commercial stations don't do this if there is no entertainment value. Seems like a vital service to me.

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VIC 3220 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

To Whom it May Concern,

In 2018 a right to know the truth about what our governments are doing is our right as people. This right is under risk of being taken from us - in the same way as a dictator would control information to his people. The ABC is the last body which does everything in its power to deliver the whole truth to the people of Australia- it belongs to us.

You have NO right to privatise it - this would be a threat to our democracy.

The dark ages are over - do not forget the power we the people have. We elected you - your job is to speak for us - not to control us!

Warmest

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NSW 2031




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

It is imperative that ABC a trusted and independent broadcaster remain I public hands unencumbered by a owner with their own agenda. The obvious bias shown by privately owned media outlets is obvious. Tif you are enquiringly into the ABC then the same enquirers should investigate the private news media and radio broadcasters who show blatant bias as well. Politicians should stay out of what has been an Australian Icon now struggling to cope with constant budget cuts as punishment for not toing their political line. There will be a huge public backlash if any further damage to the ABC occurs. The ABC investigative capabilities are second to none and this ability needs to continue unheeded by others. Do not privatise the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Fund the ABC adequately.


It is unbelievable that in a democracy there would be any discussion around getting rid of a public broadcaster.

The BBC is the biggest, best public broadcaster in the world, the discussion should be around aspiring and funding to aim for the same high standards.

Just because a political group feel that the ABC cannot be controlled by them is no reason to privatise. It is exactly the reason it should remain public and unbiased, as it is.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public.

G'day. If Australia is to have a well-informed, thinking society, then we must have some source of independent reportage. The ABC, in my opinion, is that source.

It is where I go for my news, and who I trust for information.

The reason for my choice is that the ABC is publicly funded, and I view that as a measure of independence, and accuracy.

I've reached the point where I don't bother with commercial "news" of any sort any more. I've learned that I can't trust the "facts" they present, as in most cases they are couched in terms of the service's own bias - be that left or right.

Rupert Murdoch is reported to have said in 2011 that "My job is to influence public opinion" – I can't verify the quote, but I recall reading it somewhere and it stuck in my mind. From that day forward I have avoided Murdoch's products.

The ABC truly belongs to the people, and it is not within the purview of politicians or business to take away our only independent source of information.

Regards,

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QLD 4125




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise a national treasure!

It is almost inconceivable that the ABC could be regarded as a piece of merchandise to be sold to a private, commercial concern. The ABC is better than a commodity; it is an historical treasure, with more meaning to many people than many other institutions. Would the government consider selling off the National Gallery, the Australian Museum or the Australian War Memorial? IT would make sense to sell off the latter, wouldn't it? To let some private company turn it into War World. Yet all these institutions embody Australia's history and its meaning to the world. I have lived most of my professional life in regional towns and cities — in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, as well as working in New Zealand and China, and like thousands of fellow professionals have found the ABC the most reliable and intelligent source of information in respect to news and cultural affairs. Its documentaries are first rate, its music programs — though much diminished by a rush to neuter them in the interest of gaining a younger audience — excellently informed and informative. I urge you not to surrender a treasure to the sorts of interests that control the commercial media, whose interests do not coincide with those of people who want to know the broader culture of Australia. Local communities and remote listeners and viewers are well served by the ABC. The organisation appeals to people who want intelligent conversation and not just infotainment. Commercial radio and TV provide no alternatives and are of little interest to people who want to engage with ideas. I regard the possible privatisation of the ABC as an act of treason or terrorism.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone!!

The ABC provides an accurate news service, okay occasionally the ruling party may take exception to some of the opinions expressed by the ABC, but then they need to be prepared to listen to other opinions. As a retiree the ABC provides me with quality entertainment, On my pension I simply cannot afford to buy pay TV, and why should I?

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VIC 3162 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatization of The ABC

I don't understand the liberals having to sell everything off to make a quick buck today. What about tomorrow? I have never and will never vote for the liberals. They suck so bad!

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NSW 2322 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone

I value the unbiased reporting of the news - in my opinion the ABC scrutinises the government of the day, regardless of its party. The ABC does factcheck - it is really the only news outlet held to any sort of account. The Murdoch press and the commercial TV stations have an inbuilt bias but with no check at all.

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VIC 3190




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC belongs to the Australian people

The ABC belongs to the Australian & it's not for sale. It is good to have & enjoy unbiased news & have programmes like public affairs four corners is a great example which has been able to bring to expose malpractice by government & private enterprises

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VIC 3206 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is a cornerstone of democracy in Australia. It holds the powerful to account by revealing what they try to keep hidden. Over the years I have seen the ABC expose the atrocious conditions many Aboriginal communities were living in the 1960s, the corruption in Queensland under the Bjelke Peterson government, animal cruelty in the greyhound racing industry and child abuse in religious institutions to name just a few. The ABC reporting has triggered reforms in so many areas of life and made our country a better place to live. Private corporations are immensely important in our society but we can hardly rely on privately owned media to expose failings in their own organisations or their advertisers and business associates. The ABC also presents a breadth of mostly quality programmes, catering for minority groups and presenting the diversity of Australians' experiences and interests. It enriches our society rather than narrow it to the populist norm. City dwellers are equally in need of the ABC's services as the regions. It is as important that the ABC is adequately funded as our Parliament, our courts and other institutions essential to democracy and the rule of law.

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SA 5141 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the citizens.

I am yet to see anything that leaves the hands of the citizens (governments are only there to manage our interests-they don't own them) improve in quality and service. How many unemployed will results from this?

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NSW 2131



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I'm writing to express my utter objection to the potential privatising of the ABC. The continuance of this public beacon of balance in an agenda driven world is imperative, I think, in order to maintain a level of sanity and fairness in our commercially saturated news and information cycle. Please make every endeavour to ensure that this wonderful service endures into perpetuity. Thank you.

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VIC 3057




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone

I have never been part of a protest movement and have been a swinging voter over the years; but I would be prepared to march in protest and work against any political party/member who would seek to privatize the ABC. Freedom of the Press may be the only thing saving the world at the moment. In a world being dominated by 'strong leaders' (aka dictators or dictator want-to-be s') the free press and the judicial system are the only things that can take governments to account. Privatized media owned by corporations or the wealthy or simply beholden to the financial interests of the shareholders is never unbiased. The ABC is the one media outlet where we, the people, have the chance to hear both sides of a truth and make up our own minds. The government MUST keep its hands off the ABC and I for one will work actively against the Liberal Party or any other political party that seeks to interfere with the freedom of the press no matter how supposedly subtle they try to make this appear.

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QLD 4113 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: our ABC is an Australian public asset!

The ABC (and SBS) do a great job of providing innovative and interesting content that also reflects us as a nation. Privatising the ABC and allowing it to turn into a clone of the commercial channels (7, 9 & 10) is stupid and short-sighted.

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NSW 2135 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!

The ABC is a cultural, historical and is vital to Australia and its people. I have grown up listening and watching the abc in many different parts of ourcountry. It has given me a passion for the uniqueness, diversity and culture of Australia. It is the strongest platform in the media that provides an educated, unbiased and honest view of the world and our country. It is so very important to our regional community and unites us as Australians. There is a large number of us Australians who are not interested in commercialism and futile consumerism, I am one of them. We want art, music, artisan and real stories, real people. Please don't ruin one of this countries greatest asset for all Australians.

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QLD 4157 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hsnds

I am 46 years old and have grown up watching the ABC. My family watches it everyday. Bananas in Pyjamas and all the characters on ABC Kids are such a source of delight to my kids. My 8 year old now watches ABC 3. The drivel on the other free TV stations doesn't come close to the quality of ABC. Please leave it be and don't destroy a long standing quality icon .

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VIC 3915




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

The only TV media I trust to deliver close to the truth is the ABC.
If this media is privatised , it will fall. Keep politics away from the ABC and while you are at it keep it away from interfering with the progress of solar energy as the world and our futures depend upon it. These issues will be the platform on who is elected into politics in the future. Rights to freedom, truth and non depleting energys should be written into the constitution and be removed from the hands of politicians juggling for power from favour. Disgusting but a reality.

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WA 6111 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell OUR ABC! It's not yours to sell.

The ABC has been the only broadcaster we can trust and now you want to sell what isn't yours to sell. ABC is public and needs to stay this way. Media needs to be trusted and as the last impartial news source this is more crucial than ever. Government are trying to make themselves above accountability and this must be prevented at all costs. Yes I do see the irony of an appeal to government in this instance.

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QLD 4519 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC/SBS in Public Hands

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

The ABC/SBS isn't the property of the LNP Government (can't call them that), to do with what they like. The ABC/SBS belongs to and paid for by the Australian people and voters, as our Public Media carrier. It is owned by the Australian people and we supply the funds to run it. THESE CUTS of \$ 83.7 million dollars and other massive cuts are not approved by the Australian people and voters along with the selling/Privitization of oir Public Media carrier, Whether it be TV or Radio or Streaming functions that allow Australians to have this access anywhere in Australia at anytime. SO TIHS NEEDS TO STOP and the ABC/SBS isn't to be Sold, Privitized or given away for any Reason or Whim. The Turnbull LNP Government (can't call them that), can just FORGET this Stupidity. This is an election issue and if they persist, its definitely their death nell in political essence.

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QLD 4504



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I refer you to this article in The Conversation. The author says it far more eloquently than I could.
<https://theconversation.com/constant-attacks-on-the-abc-will-come-back-to-haunt-the-coalition-government-98456>

It would also be worth a look at the comments under the essay.

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QLD 4370 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The present government haven't given me any strong reasons why the ABC should be privatised. If anything they continually give reasons why the ABC shouldn't be touched. It's not as if they haven't changed with time and the huge no of cuts to staff and funds and still present good programs.

There are enough commercial outlets....we don't watch any of them...and certainly don't want another one. Many of the commercial stations programs are an insult to your intelligence. We only watch the ABC and SBS tv stations. We only listen to the ABC radio stations.

The ABC have programs which have been going for many years loved by children and adults eg bananas in Pyjamas, 4 corners, the news, educational programs, gardening program which are only a few we always watch.

I wish the Coalition would spend time on making Australia great again, developing new industries...most of our old ones have closed down or gone overseas, instead of picking on an institution which is strongly needed to maintain an intelligent society. Murdoch has enough influence in the media. We certainly don't need him influencing the ABC. God forbid it ever happens.

We like the content

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QLD 4068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The Government has forgotten that the ABC is owned and funded by the tax payers of Australia. The Government has no right to sell the ABC. It is ours to relish and enjoy. Commercial TV and radio provide a balance in reporting. The ABC provides a host of news and current affairs that for the most is factual and unbiased. Keep your hands off our ABC.

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NSW 2650




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

Having just returned from Canada & the USA I realise the invaluable asset we have in the ABC. It needs to stay in public hands or it will degenerate into the farcical "news" channels we encountered whilst away. Driven by the almighty dollar, the news is skewed to suit anyone who has the money to pay for the 'product' I would never again vote for the party who voted this is
If those who want the ABC privatised suspect bias, just wait until everything we see is at the behest of private companies
KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

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NSW 2154 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: "Our ABC"

Please don't commercialise the ABC. Surely we don't need another advertiser based national media organisation!

The ABC is the news source I prefer & can receive nationwide in the city and country.

It has remained as Australia's leading independent news, current affairs & entertainment media organisation since its inception; please don't change it.

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QLD 4161



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Possible privatisation of the ABC

I have grown up in regional areas of NSW and QLD and the ABC has been a lifeline to the outside world, informative, inspirational, educational and entertaining. The ABC belongs to all Australians and privatisation would endanger its independence and trustworthiness. Being accountable is something everyone including politicians should be held to and having debates and spot lighting bad policies is something that is essential for good democracy. Attacking the ABC because you do not like what it discovers reflects on those who have vested interests and personal baggage. Public broadcasting should not be compared to social media. Most Australians are happy for their taxes to support reliable and trustworthy reporting which is only unbalanced in the eyes of those who do not want to be discovered to be pushing personal gain rather than common good.

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NSW 2536



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of our ABC

The ABC is fundamental to Australians and our way of life. To privatise this will destroy something so integral to us. If this government ment again disappoints on this matter the repercussions will be this; Libs you won't make it a second term. Malcom Turnbull stand up to the right wing bullies and speak for the people for once in your prime ministership.

Sincerely,

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NSW 2026




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC is essential for a flourishing arts culture in Australia

As an arts worker, the value of the ABC in supporting artists and artistic teams is invaluable. It provides jobs, essential training, and an opportunity to access and engage with audiences on a national and international scale. Comedy, drama, current affairs, documentary, theatre, opera, film and music of all genres are supported directly and indirectly through the ABC, and would suffer insurmountably through privatisation. Most importantly, audiences would suffer from no longer being able to access that which the “market” considers to be unprofitable, but which brings joy to so very many for just 8c a day.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is the only non commercial broadcaster left. We can't let it go. I saw this happen in another country. Now, there is nothing worthwhile watching.
The ABC is the closest way to keep one self informed about what is really going on. This is of course dangerous to whoever is governing as they would be exposed to criticism. This is exactly why we should continue to have The ABC

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