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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC.

The ABC is the best resource that Australia has. We always watch the ABC or SBS. Please do not let this wonderful part of Australia disappear. I listen to Radio Melbourne during the day and the 24 hr news station at night. Please keep the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC!

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

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our precious ABC in public hands

The Liberal party proposal to privatise The ABC is insulting to all Australians, of all creeds, rich or poor. The ABC holds a mirror to our collective daily lives - our personal lives and our society including the political, civic and commercial worlds that play important parts in our lives; while it also reflects on our past and the nations character. It is part of the fabric of Australian life. A healthy impartial ABC reflects a living vibrant society and it should remain so, for the next generations of Australians, unencumbered by patrician self serving media and political interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** THE ABC SHOULD NOT BE PRIVATISED

The ABC provides quality drama, innovative programs much locally produced, educational children's programs, reports on national issues and events, and well-researched journalism. It can rightly claim to be the thinking person's free to air TV and a welcome relief from the uninspiring and often crass reality shows that currently proliferate commercial TV. Often good shows have started on the ABC (eg Good News Week) only to fail on commercial TV. Perhaps even more importantly, the ABC provides a competitive market place balancing mechanism for addressing the excesses that a totally privatised TV service would promote.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public hands!

Without the public ABC, our national broadcaster, where would my grandchildren go to experience wonderful children's shows such as "Playschool" and "Peppa the Pig". Where would my children, friends & my husband & I go to watch great Australian drama & comedy as well fantastic news shows such as "Four Corners", "The Drum", "7.30 Report" and "Insiders". Furthermore, all of these great shows are delivered without the interference of advertisements.

Lastly, who will deliver to country regions?

No, our National Briadcster" must not be privatised!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Australia needs a genuinely independent media entity. While the ABC is certainly not perfect, it is the best we have in this respect, and does a good job of reporting news, commenting on current affairs and serving the needs of most Australians, whether city or country, young or old. I do not believe it is nearly as biased as its critics claim (who, I would point out, wilfully ignore or leave unmentioned the obvious biases in their preferred commercial media companies). There is no way that a commercial media company would do nearly as good a job of serving the needs of rural and regional areas or the needs of young viewers. I can't imagine any commercial company producing the likes of BTN (Behind The News)!

Thanks for your attention.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC is an institution that should never be privatised. This would be an irreversible mistake and undoubtedly result in less content and more populist driven media. There is enough private media, what we need is a strong and robust institution like the ABC to remain independent.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need an independent Public Broadcaster

I believe that for our democracy to operate effectively, it is important to have independent public broadcasters. In this so called “Post Truth” world, it is even more important to have a diversity of news and information sources.

My wife and my television viewing habits are ½ – 2 hours per day comprising about 70% ABC, 15% SBS and 15% Commercial free-to air television. We also make use of ABC classical music radio. As a swinging voter, I value the ability to get news from multiple sources and particularly value the ABC and SBS news as they are not coloured by commercial interests. They also have a much lesser extent of sensationalism/populism that the commercial channels use to boost ratings. Personally I find ABC and SBS reasonably independent, recognising the natural tendency to be harder on the incumbent government as they are the active decision makers.

My own background is as a Polish refugee, arriving in Australia as a child in 1950, and becoming a professional with a consulting business. I value the diversity of programs available on ABC and SBS, including Australian content, British content, and European content (I love Inspector Montalbano, Inspector Rex, and French comedies). This opens one’s eyes to different ways of looking at things. This contrasts to the dominant US content on the commercial channels and their tendency to chase the same market, reducing the diversity of their programming. English and European programs better reflect Australian Values, in contrast to the US culture which is pro-gun, pro capital punishment, exploitive of minorities, and in my opinion bullying of other countries (under Trump).

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am an avid user of ABC in its various forms. It provides up to date information on the latest in medical research and treatments for the lay person; it gives me a sense of how others in our society view a range of social, economic, environmental and political issues; it provides detailed analysis on these; it tells me the directions that are being taken by science and young science minds; it provides a variety of entertainments that suit me.

My thinking life and leisure time would be immeasurable poorer with an ABC forced to compete on commercial standards.

I want an independent ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in safe hands

We need the abc to inform and educate and entertain all sections of the community with out commercialism, self interest private interference.

What are those who want privatisation so afraid of? Their dominant role? There are numerous commercial, brainwaging, brainless channel options. Leave the Abc as the chouce for others. Would you have yoyr children educated by a commercial lightweight version of a documentary that is more about the jock presenter it or where ficused in depth info is presented? The abc has already fallen into this capacity somtimes, possibly from this right wing pressure group.

Leave the abc. It represents my needs as an individual. Otherwise I see no choice of viewing except sbs. Think of the nation not shirt term narrow mindef political interests

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

The Australian people need an unbiased voice to counter balance commercial interests. Any attempt at privatisation will be met with a political backlash from voters from both sides of the political spectrum

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC needs to stay public

The ABC needs to stay public for Australia to remain Australia. The soullessness of those wishing to privatize it because of their fragile egos shows they aren't truly Australian, just slaves to money and power. The Australian way of life will win through in the end, its just a matter of when. Please do the right thing!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is essential to our democracy

An essential element of democracy is a free media. Fairfax, the Murdoch empire and the ABC are pillars of that freedom. The ABC is unique and essential as it is not beholden to commercial interests and is the nearest we have to unbiased investigative reporting.

An attack on the ABC is an attack on democracy. It should not be forgotten that restrictions on press freedom is one of the first actions of a repressive regime. An attack on the ABC has a smell of that about it and is a dangerous step

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I live in a regional area and ABC is very important to me. Impartiality and truth is what I look for in a broadcaster and ABC and SBS are the only one fulfilling that criteria in Australia at present. Public broadcasters are the only broadcasters that are required to be impartial. Attacks on the ABC by the coalition is designed for one thing and one thing only, to stymie the flow of truth. Why are they so worried you'd have to ask? What do they have to hide from the people? Australia is supposed to be a democracy and impartiality in the delivery of news is essential.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't risk letting our ABC be privatised

I have grown up watching the ABC news every night as well as a wonderful range of Australian documentaries, current affairs and dramas. The ABC plays a role in our society that no other Australian tv channel does or can in that it is not privatised. I fully support its public funding to which my taxes contribute and do not see why this means it should be compared with commercial networks. I do not believe an inquiry into the ABC which risks it becoming privatised is a worthwhile use of taxpayer funds.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not bow to Pauline Hanson's agenda

We need a national broadcaster to make programs others will not. A mark of a civilised society and commitment to free speech, which supposedly your government cares about....

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

Off course the hard right and even some moderate conservatives want to silence our public broadcaster the ABC because it is the only forum that puts such agencies under genuine scrutiny and calls them to account which is why they would sell it off to the likes of Murdoch. This must never be allowed to happen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

It is imperative that a country have free press and that press content and editorial is not controlled by an owner of a newspaper.  
For this reason I totally agree that the ABC should remain in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatisation of the ABC

The ABC is the only major broadcaster that is not controlled by vested instruments. It is where I go to get decent coverage of Australian political events as well as coverage of other Australian and overseas news. The ABC has already suffered enough cuts that threaten the depth of its in-depth investigative work. The ABC needs more political support, not less. Attacks on the ABC show a lack of understanding of the need for such an independent body for a properly functioning democratic society. ABC radio and television are an integral part of my life and I am appalled at the thought they would go to commercial interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public!

I live in regional NSW - the south coast to be exact. The ABC regional radio keeps me informed of issues in my area. ABC Classic FM provides me with access to quality music, not often heard in my region. ABC News TV gives me a world perspective and ABC TV offers an excellent range of programs, suitable for all ages. For my money, the ABC offers a clear picture of world events, without the garbage and sensationalism that other TV news channels present (the exception being SBS and PBS news).

I'm very worried about this new attempt to sabotage our public broadcaster. There is little left that belongs to the public, paid for by our taxes, and that is accountable to us as a community.


Public broadcasting is critical to the right of access to information that is not influenced by commercial interests. Imagine if one of the big tobacco industries were to be the may player in the presentation of news ... what bias would we see in the ads that interject/interrupt programs? Australia needs an independent broadcaster that is not afraid to take on big business, to challenge and expose corruption and political bias. The ABC is one of the last bastions of "free speech" in a world dominated with Facebook sharing of fake news, ignorant tweets and news print reporting sullied by advertorial practices.

Please don't waste valuable public monies on an enquiry into an organisation that plays an irreplaceable role in our democracy.

Hands off our ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

I am saddened that moves are afoot to privatise the ABC. My wife and I watch and listen regularly to the National Broadcaster and also SBS.  
We are bombarded with commercialism these days and the ABC represents a pillar of sanity and great news coverage.  
Privatise the ABC never!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am appalled that any government would consider privatizing the only truly independent source of television and radio coverage in Australia. Please don't let commercial interests get their hands on our ABC. The ABC is as the name indicates - our Australian broadcasting corporation -we do not want it to be a part of Packer, Murdoch or any other organization with vested and commercial interests. Keep our ABC in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Must not be privatised

Having serviced music to the Australian Media for over 25 years i am keenly aware of the integral and vital role the ABC as a whole inclusive of Triple J and Double j serves the promotion and discovery of new Australian music. Commercial Stations already play predominately overseas artists and are always struggling to come close to any quota for Australian content (easily met by ABC) - a recent study has highlighted this yet again earlier in the year. If the ABC were to change it would mean yet another nail in the coffin for our own cultural identity from music and the arts along with the loss of so many live music venues. It simply should not even be considered, and would decimate the local arts to a point unlikely to recover.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in public hands

To me the ABC has always been a means to draw together all members of our community. It belongs to us and has always operated in our best interests. The world is a sick place as more individuals scramble to accumulate wealth at the expense of everyone else. We the community pay for the ABC so it belongs to us.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC


Do not privatise the ABC.

It is important to have a genuinely independent voice in our media. Commercially run businesses are not independent and do not care about society. Their bottom line is shareholder profit regardless.

It is important to have a truly bi-partisan voice when politics is reported. Again if the ABC is privatised we lose this. Private companies have vested interests that are contrary to those of society.

You cannot compare the function of commercial media with a public one. They serve different purposes. It is disingenuous to say the least that the ABC has sort of 'advantage' over commercial media companies. A publically funded ABC is an important part of our democracy. Privatised and our democracy becomes that much weaker.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The public broadcaster must be publicly funded

LNP's vote to sell the ABC is most concerning. If you count freedom of movement, association and speech as givens, a public broadcaster is the single most important cornerstone of our democracy.


Reason? Governments and corporates are obviously and consistently corrupt and inefficient. We simply must have whistle blowers. A public broadcaster guarantees the whistle will be frequently blown.

While I'm at it, this decades-long budgetary constraint on ABC activity constitutes another effective an attack on our democracy.

Private broadcasters' position that ABC 'competes' for market share is [a] broadly wrong and [b] actively counter to what the ABC does for them. Media sectors have always acknowledged that ABC constitutes the majority portion of the free-to-air avant-garde in Australia. Commercial considerations prevent the private companies from taking risks with content. Aunty broadcasts something adventurous or fun, it's a hit, corporates follow slaveringly.

Finally of course, we have the fact that advertisers effectively drive commercial news and current affairs opinion. Aunty has only to contend with onerous government types.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our hands

I watch the ABC more than any other TV channel and I really do not want to see major change in its structure and certainly not privatised.  
Politician keep your hands of our ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has long been a part of my life and the very essence of Australia. The fascism radiating through the Coalition's attacks and particularly the reporting by journalists from The Australian and other Murdoch press who have to peddle whatever Rupert Murdoch directs them to (an unelected non Australian) is an attack on the free thinking people. We do not want the biased, sensational media coverage emulating from commercial coverage.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Re ABC privatisation scam

I need the ABC and SBS to continue to generate their vital information services in order to be properly informed of world and national affairs and enjoyable entertainment not found on the commercial stations. In my opinion the very premise of the inquiry (no doubt funded by the long suffering taxpayer - costing how many millions - paid to whom as a TAX FREE BONUS???) to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded, misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

The ABC and SBS networks have been giving the people of Australia a more unbiased, coherent and truer version of world and at home news and affairs including exposure of international, national and governmental issues or cover-ups! In most instances these revelations would not have been made known to the general Australian population - in other words we the people have been more informed and empowered because of these media services.


The privatisation of these news and entertainment services will produce more biased and truncated information already available on the commercial channels!

Oh yes, the taxpayer funded issue - let us not forget the tax-free recipients, who should be paying their dues, whose benefits/subsidies could be funding many services including the ABC and SBS and not the lower income earners!

Instead of cutting funding to these services perhaps it is time to give them a boost and not the boot!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't interfere with our ABC

To learn that the Liberal Party Council has voted to privatise the ABC is confounding and against our country's interest. Without the independent voice of the ABC, Australian democracy would suffer greatly. The ABC needs more funding, not threats of privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC a public organisation

The ABC is a national cultural and information institution! It has digital and print resources not to mention amazing human resources that enrich our lives on a daily basis. To spend just one day listening to Radio National is to experience and learn at so many levels - arts, science, health, indigenous, rural, business, environment. It is totally ridiculous to suggest a commercial, for profit, media organisation answerable to shareholders and overseas ownership would have the resources, interest, or motivation to take on this role.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I only EVER watch the ABC for news and current affairs. Programs like 4 Corners and QandA are trustworthy and informative whilst also remaining entertaining viewing. Commercial television has an agenda, and I refuse to watch that type of programming. The ABC can NOT be privatised!! The attacks on the ABC are wrong and could mean the end of unbiased news and information for Australian society. Publicly owned broadcasters like the ABC must remain free and unattached to commercial interests for a proper democracy.  
Thank you for listening to all the Australians who are critical free thinkers.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the people and the people will protect it.

I am horrified at the possibility that the ABC might be privatised.

I am a taxpayer who lives in a regional area, and the ABC is my trusted source for news and current affairs and public discussion.

This is more important than ever in a world of media manipulation and attacks on free speech.

I am deeply concerned at Coalition attacks on the ABC, which I believe are motivated by cynical and short-sighted political motives, and pose a great danger to the open and equitable public discourse which is a cornerstone of our society.


The ABC must stay in public hands because we, the public, must have a voice which is NOT commercial and partial in its interests.

It is not up to any government of the day to redefine the role of the ABC in its own temporary partisan interests.

The ABC belongs to the people of this nation, and that is the way it must remain.

Yours truly

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep The ABC in public hands

The Liberal party proposal to privatise The ABC is insulting to all Australians, of all creeds, rich or poor. The ABC holds a mirror to our collective daily lives - our personal lives and our society including the political, civic and commercial worlds that play important parts in our lives; while it also reflects on our past and the nations character. It is part of the fabric of Australian life. A healthy impartial ABC reflects a living vibrant society and it should remain so, for the next generations of Australians, unencumbered by patrician self serving media and political interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep The ABC in public hands

The Liberal party proposal to privatise The ABC is insulting to all Australians, of all creeds, rich or poor. The ABC holds a mirror to our collective daily lives - our personal lives and our society including the political, civic and commercial worlds that play important parts in our lives; while it also reflects on our past and the nations character. It is part of the fabric of Australian life. A healthy impartial ABC reflects a living vibrant society and it should remain so, for the next generations of Australians, unencumbered by patrician self serving media and political interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep your grubby hands off our ABC

We are very worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what I think it means for our society. The ABC needs to stay in public hands. I believe that the very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

Sell off our ABC to see our tax reform afforded.

We own vey little in Australia leave OUR ABC ALONE.


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands for ALL of us

Since I was a child the ABC has been a big part of my life. It does what no commercial media will do. It runs programs that are geared to the community rather than profit, that take up issues that are at the heart of people's lives and provide information in an accessible form that can't be found anywhere else. Radio Programmes like the Health Report, The Science Show, Life Matters, the Country hour; television programmes like insight, catalyst, gardening Australia, compass, four corners and the fantastic Australian dramas like the recent Mystery Road and many more. No commercial media provides this kind of serious and informative coverage because commercial media has a completely different mandate. It is absurd to say that a public broadcaster has a competitive advantage. It exists to do something quite different to commercial media. It offers far more than entertainment. It is a vital institution in a healthy democracy, providing education, information, access to the diversity of views and lifestyles in our community, exposure to broader community and global issues, different ways of understanding and interpreting and engaging with our world, and, most of all, an independence that is not controlled by monied interests. The ABC sometimes incurs the wrath of politicians from all sides of politics because it offers critical analysis. It is a desperate situation if our politicians are not mature enough to accept this because it means the diminishment of our democracy. Democracy can only thrive in a context where there is open and independent analysis of political and social issues. A public broadcaster is absolutely essential to our democracy. Not only does it perform this role, but the ABC is also part of our heritage, part of the fabric of what it means to be Australian. It has been there with and for all Australians for over 80 years. It is part of us and we love it. It is ours because we, as a collective, as a nation, pay for it and because it is there for us to serve our collective interests, not those of the market. Our vibrant society will lose its soul if everything is reduced to money and market. We are more than that and our ABC is an icon of where we have been and where we are going. It is in the heart of our Australia and we must look after it, not decimate it, or we do damage to who we are!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I am concerned about the future of our public broadcaster, the ABC.


I live in Wollongong and the ABC is an important source of news, information and intelligent, thought-provoking entertainment through ABC TV and radio generally, but also especially through ABC Illawarra radio here.

And I am worried about the attacks that are being made on the ABC by the Liberal Party.

The very premise of your inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

The ABC must be kept in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Re privatisation. We have been strong supporters of the ABC for over 60 years because they provide a balance approach to the various topics that arise and are backed up by interesting viewing without being affected by the commercial pressures of the ope

We are disgusted at the way the ABC is being used a a political football and the way its funding has been cut we are sure any action against the ABC will be certainly to the detriment of the current Government. We find a lot of the programmes highly informative. While we are swinging voters we have voted for the current government in the last 2 elections.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep our ABC in public hands

Please, please, please don't privatise the ABC. It is the most trusted news service available. I have absolutely no interest in celebrity gossip and car crashes in California as are common fare on commercial news broadcasts. ABC radio in the mornings gives me news, weather and road updates and sensible interviews. No silly chatter and giggly jokes, thank you.

The ABC also has wonderful drama which would lose so much of its impact if broken up by advertising breaks. I can't imagine Mystery Road or Poldark with ad breaks for example. If I want to see advertising I am quite happy to watch it via Gruen! Please keep the ABC as a truly public broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep are abc in public hands

We need the independent investigative skills of the ABC to counteract the misinformation and hyperbole of our politicians and the tabloid media also the influence of commercial interests by virtue of political donations. The banks and churches nearly got away with it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

OMG!!! I cannot believe our current Government is considering this option. The ABC is the only television station that we can watch to receive unbiased information and excellent documentaries, terrific shows with Australian actors and content. This will just be another short term fix for this Government. As a devoted voter for many years I am extremely disappointed and horrified at what this Government is doing to this country and their people. Every time I receive information on the latest idea they have it will always be detrimental to this country, its voters, pensioners and the unemployed. I have always thought that the Government of a country should be doing good for the people of that country, when did this change? Who is benefiting from these terrible decisions? Not the people of the country we live in, it is in the worst state I have ever had to live through. Let's get a Government in who want to do good for the people, all the people whatever colour, race or creed. Malcolm Turnbull, you should be ashamed of yourself and your political party, unemployment, Adani, health, education, refugees and so much more, now the ABC! I am totally disgusted with you all, get a grip on reality and take a good hard look at yourselves otherwise you will all go down in Australian history as one of the worst Governments we have ever had to endure.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC and privatisation

I watch the ABC tv because sometimes the ads on the commercial stations seem to last longer than the program, and because ABC news covers the whole world news, not just the recent local breakings, fights and mirders.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Keep your grubby hands off our ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I have watched and as a teacher, used the ABC for over 30 years now.  
I rely on it to provide accurate data and up to date information without advertising.  
Please do not cut any more money nor think about privatising the ABC.  
It should remain a public right to access free and current information for everybody in Australia

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our public broadcaster public

The ABC is obliged to be as fair and truthful as possible just because it is the public broadcaster. If it were to be privatised it would be programmed according to the ratings so investigative journalism may not have a voice.

I only watch the ABC, quality programming with no ads and no subscription.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to say it is imperative that the ABC stays in public hands. It is the only tv station we watch. The ABC is essential for kids as it is the only station without adds and has good quality educational shows, my kids love it. I also did as a kid.

For my husband and myself we have always found it such an import asset to Australia as it is one of few news outlets that shows little bias and is not backed by big business and interests that are not beneficial or clear to the public. The fact that is these same businesses that are trying to privatise the ABC clearly shows how unethical they are.

It is so important to have documentaries, news and entertainment that shows all perspectives and that is what I love about the ABC. That and the lack of adds in and advertising saturated market. It is also extremely important to have diversity in broadcasts so that there isnt a monopoly of the market owned by a few private interests.

Please do everything possible to keep the ABC in public hands as it is for the public.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Liberal Party get your cold dead hands off the ABC

Reliable news source, Australian content creator, public educator, non commercial.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The integrity of the ABC

With ideological warriors holding power at times a transparent democracy NEEDS the institution of the public broadcaster more than ever, an ABC unfettered by budget cuts, an ABC with strong independent investigative, 'take no prisoners' journalism and budget to offer us the best of Australian content beyond the constant comedy programming that keeps the population from asking the big questions. Make no mistake. Losing the ABC to proprietary interests will be the fatal wound to our once robust democracy. This is the main issue for the next election, so, political classes, take note!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep abc In our hands

It is extremely important that the ABC stays as an independent public broadcaster. privatisation would compromise the integrity of the ABC and also an important element of our democracy. This must not be allowed to go ahead

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC must be kept in public hands. It has been a very reliable source of news for over 80 years. It is just something to be auctioned of by the hard right of the Liberal, Nationals, One Nation coalition.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

To privatise the ABC is to destroy a public voice. We all know it is to the Right's advantage to have control over media & to ensure there is no criticism of govt & by privatising the ABC - control will be in the hands of big business who back the Hard Right.....Get real - if you want public opinion to be on your side, leave the ABC alone. What are you afraid of? Bad opinion - you already have that!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

I watch the ABC every day for news, current affairs, drama and general entertainment. I NEVER watch the commercial channels - the ads are overwhelming and waste a lot of my time. The only other channel that I watch on occasions is the SBS which has some fantastic educational programs.

The ABC is an Australian institution. We cannot do without it.

We are supposed to be a democracy with free speech. It is part of democracy the government can be questioned, and ridiculed at times. This is our right as citizens. Politicians should not be thin skinned, but look for the truth in the programs that upset them.

Much good comes out of the quality Four Corners (and other programs) which brings to light much that is not right in our society. We need this quality journalism.

Politicians are the last people to pass judgment on political bias in broadcasting as they have a vested interest in stopping criticism of themselves!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

Some things are more valuable than money. The ABC is the conduit for real, honest and practice information about the world that is not tarnished or influenced by the need for massive profit. I pay for the ABC - it belongs to every Australian and should not be sold off! Keep the ABC for the Australian people and most importantly for our children. Education pays!!!! Ignorance is costly.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands and free to operate without political interference

Please accept this as a submission to the ABC enquiry.

I watch the ABC, as well as commercial stations to get as broad an understanding as possible on current events. I also watch it for entertainment.

As a public broadcaster, the ABC can make contributions to the National debate without commercial constraints and without acceding to the ideology of its owners. The clear, independent voice that the ABC provides is absolutely crucial to our democratic process and to our society. Public broadcasting plays a crucial and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared to private broadcasters.

I remind the enquiry of the outstanding contribution the ABC has made in uncovering gross injustice in our society through programs such as Four Corners, whose expose of the situation at Don Dale led to the Royal Commission and Board of Inquiry into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

Please ensure the ABC remains in public hands, and remains unfettered in its scope of operations.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC at risk

You must be aware that democracies have been subject to a spot of bother these days. Democracy itself exists only to the extent that it is public, that is collective, but it can be robust only to the extent that human rights, which are by definition individual, are protected. This may be seen in terms of inevitable conflict between public and private sectors: where too much power resides only in one at the other's expense, democracy collapses. This applies very obviously to broadcasters: a dominant broadcaster which is just an arm of government compromises human rights, and dominant broadcasters serving only the interests of private profits compromise the very idea of public value. What must be a decent balance between these conflicting spheres is contested. In our case, we have our ABC representing the public sphere, commercial broadcasters representing the private sphere, and SBS with a foot in either camp.

In our case, it must be said, it is the independence of our public broadcaster from Government influence, that is most critical. This can be measured by the extent to which it has made the Government of the day, whether Liberal or Labor, squirm. It's understandable that all Government's have an interest in limiting the ABC's independence, and that this is the prime motive in decreasing its budget, but the public will always suffer for this.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatize the ABC

I am devastated that consideration is being given to privatizing the ABC. Now in my 80's I rely more and more on the ABC for news and entertainment and rarely if ever find anything on commercial radio or TV that interests me. Most in my opinion, could be described as garbage. This latest move has upset me so much that I am no longer prepared to ever consider voting for anyone in the liberal party. Recently I had toyed with supporting a liberal candidate in the state election because I felt they could be trusted to take a sensible stand on environmental issues but this suggestion that a fine broadcaster like the ABC could be taken over by the likes of Murdoch has totally changed my mind. I will never even consider any liberal candidate, State or federal, again. This attack on the ABC demonstrates that the party is totally out of touch with the huge percentage of Australians who require honest and intelligent broadcasting. In summary, I suggest that the suggestion to privatization of the ABC is both immoral and potentially dangerous.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be privatised

I trust the ABC because it reports the news factually and not with a political slant. Its programmes both radio and tv are interesting and reliable source of info even though the subject might not be flavour of the month. As i travel around the country its good to get the ABC where ever i am.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC in public hands

Dear Turnbull Government,  
Please leave the ABC alone. It is highly educational across a very broad spectrum - from music, the arts generally, science, human and social issues, educational issues, political issues, environmental issues, religious and ethical issues, you name it, the ABC covers it and covers it often in depth. Not only do commercial enterprises not do this, they are not interested or mentally equipped to do this. I am deeply grateful to the ABC for its informative, in-depth, broad, sensible, sensitive and balanced approach to important issues across the spectrum and would absolutely hate to lose this most valuable resource and asset. Without the ABC Australia would be a very poor country.  
Hoping good sense prevails among you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Deanna

I love the ABC. And why I love it is because it is a public institution that is accountable and has clear guidelines and measures in place as to guide how it operates. If you put a fat cat CEO at the helm well... we know ( 'his' ) bonuses will be at the top of 'his' priorities, with shareholders as his second priority. These people are usually staunch capitalists with a liberal ideology. Isn't that a convenient reason for the libs to privatise for. They have less sway on the ABC than in other environments and they do not like it. We want an actual democratic voice represented on television. Isn't SKY news enough to satisfy the appetites of the far right. And a perfect example of news gone 'so very wrong'. Keep ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't ruin the ABC!

I have lived abroad for over 13 years and I haven't yet found a service as wonderful as the ABC radio and TV. We should be so very proud of this and maintain it!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't Privatisise the ABC

The Liberal Party's council's decision to support privatising of the ABC is not unexpected given the influence of the IPA on the LNP. However, this would be a total disaster for Australian culture and would further entrench the movement of Australian commercial media to the lowest common denominator. Any democracy that is vibrant must have the possibility of a strong critical capacity that is firmly in the public arena. The ABC serves this function very effectively because it is Australia wide and is not governed by commercial sources whose goals are to make short-term profits and create fear amongst the general public. In the commercial news and current affairs there is no long-term vision at all, and society-wide issues are usually not covered, nor are social contradictions considered. For most of the time commercial television presents "reality" shows (all scripted) designed to distract people from the real issues—climate change, social inequality, corruption—that are threatening our existential condition. To the contrary, the ABC does tackle these issues. This is one reason why its continuing function is essential. A second reason is its regional contributions, something touched by nothing else, except for the Weekly Times, which is hardly read. The commercial electronic media never touches regional listeners, except for offering their vapid television programmes and slight music offerings. Programmes like Countrywide, and even Macca on a Sunday morning, make a real contribution to regional Australia. Related to this is the ABC's contribution as a broadcaster during emergencies. Commercial media will never carry this out. Finally, I might add the ABC's contribution to high culture in the form of support given to the major symphony orchestras and to listeners of classical music around the country. Again, something the commercial media will never touch with its emphasis on shallowness and trivia. In conclusion, the commercial media is uniformly politically biased, it is conservative, shallow and uncritical of the governing ideas of society and polity. The ABC is the opposite of this and were it to be privatised, we would be one step closer to the kind of authoritarian/conformist society so beloved by many politicians and corporate executives.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public ownership of the ABC is what we have keep it in our hands!

The ABC is not yours to sell, look at what happened to Telstra! I am over 70 years of age and the ABC is where I feel most of my viewing time is spent. I enjoy Australian content, Australian factual reporting, quality shows and do not want to watch commercial rubbish. The ABC is not up for sale!!!!!!!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain public

One of the important roles of the ABC is its capacity to do investigative journalism without the shackles of ownership. It is why the majority of Australian trust it as a source of news. It is also why we as Australians can retain fairness in our broadcasting. I don't watch other news other than SBS. We do need to shine a light on our politicians even when they feel intimidated - after all they are elected to serve us. That is what the ABC does - shine a light into dark corners. If the ABC moved into private ownership it would be denuded of all that makes it trustworthy. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC OURS - KEEP IT AWAY FROM MURDOCH THE MEDIA MONSTER!!!

As a country dweller I rely on the ABC for much more than news - the conversation hour, the music, the health report and so much more. It should never be in the hands of people who broadcast for profit - that way, only mainstream voices and big company music will be heard. We need all voices to be part of the national conversation. Only with a government owned broadcaster is this possible.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We Need an Independent ABC!

This submission is in support of maintaining the ABC as a government entity. Over the years I have come to realise and value the contribution it makes to our country's values and social cohesion with a balanced and trustworthy coverage and commentary on a wide range of topics. It will always be a necessary adjunct to commercial broadcasters by remaining free from commercial pressures and biases.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

I rely on the ABC for political and social comment that's worth listening to. I cannot tolerate the thought of privatising it. Leave the ABC alone!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We only get free to air, and ABC the most watched here

Do they have to sell the ABC, to pay for their new big pay rise, that they accepted, why don't they reject that.

All the huff and puff in question time by the Libs/Nats, thats all it is, while the back ground boys are making up their next nasty decision.

Parliament is like an amateur dramatic play, with Trumbull as they director who has given them all the same script, and they all read the same lines, and call themselves adults, no I call you bullying parents, we all have to do whatever your silly ideas dictates. All I wish is somebody would get Trumbull hanky, so he does no have to wipe his dripping nose on his hand then put it in his pocket. Remember when going to meet him take wet tissues, we don't all want Trumbullitis.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** If you value democracy keep our ABC in public hands

Please leave the ABC as a public broadcaster. ABC radio and television delivers quality programming far superior to the abyssmal array of rubbish offered on commercial television with its endless array of moronic reality shows and dubious quality current affairs programs. The mind numbing effect of these programs is beyond belief. The ABC has, by and large because of its independence, always attracted journalists of a high calibre, reporting on world wide as well as national and state events, and their reporting is well researched, informative and reliable. Programs like Foreign Correspondent and Four Corners provide an excellent community service in a democratic society. In contrast the majority of current events programs produced for commercial stations are poorly researched, frequently sensationalised and therefore unreliable. I am proud my tax dollars are being spent on supporting the ABC and am appalled at repeated cutbacks to ABC funding in recent years. Giving money to large corporations by way of tax cuts and depriving the ABC, our publicly owned broadcaster, is criminal in my view and is hardly compatible with democratic governing principles- far more aligned with fascism and it seems to me this is where conservative politics is headed. Do we really want the likes of Rupert Murdoch And the late Kerry Packer with their penchant for accruing wealth at any cost to be determining what we can watch and think? I will continue to oppose any attempts by government to privatise the ABC and caution politicians in going down this path.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Having grown up with the ABC as the background to my childhood, I can't imagine an Australia without it. Its iconic braodcasting from Bananas in Pyjamas, PlaySchool and now to Fourcorners and Q&A I can't imagine my upbringing and early adulthood without it.

Public broadcasting is an important cornerstone of our democracy. I would be concerned about the direction our government and country is taking without it. Every other comparable country has one, so why shouldn't we?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has a responsibility to its owners, all the people of Australia. This is a simple relationship. The people of Australia hold the ABC to account, our expectations are high. Media diversity is the mainstay of a secular society. This unique relationship benefits its owners and is enviable around the world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 10:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do not privatise the ABC. We do not need another commercial channel . The ABC is GREAT as it is!  
a wonderful station with informative, cultural, non trash content. Don't lose our national treasure!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off OUR ABC

As someone who has the ABC radio on everyday both at home and in my car, I can't bear the thought of it being privatised. I depend on ABC TV news and current affairs for intelligent comment and analysis. I am distressed by the constant attacks on it that are mostly from biased observers although ACMA says it is accurate and impartial except for one instance. Commercial media have to play the tune of the piper paying the bills. Australians need a public broadcaster to defend free speech and our democracy, especially now that we live in an era of unprecedented fake news. The ABC has already been hamstrung by constant cutbacks but we need it to reflect our diversity also in drama production and cultural presentation. Regional Australia also needs it as a reliable network that can be trusted.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC: You can't privatise an organisation that doesn't make a profit!

<http://theluckygeneral.biz/2018/06/20/you-cant-privatise-an-organisation-that-doesnt-make-a-profit/>

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the tax payers ABC that give us access to unbiased news and current affairs. It offers so much more than the commercial stations - science, health, cutting edge stories that expose corruption and poor treatment (which would never have been exposed if left to the commercial stations).

This current government expects the ABC to be partial and to not question them and if they do (which is their job) these politicians politicise it, start threatening to shut down and sell off the ABC. This government continues to cut the ABCs budget which by stealth will slowly starve it to death so it will not be able to continue bringing the excellent stories that have been offered to date.

If we get rid of the ABC then we are no better than China that dictates what can and can't be said in the public reign.

I am sick to death of the constant attacks on OUR ABC and it needs to stop. God help the collective intelligence of Australia if the ABC is scrapped.

Where else do we get news on rural development?

This government needs to back off the ABC and stop using it as a political football. This government needs to be questioned continually to keep them marginally honest and the ABC are the only ones who do this. To imply that it is partisan is ludicrous.

It seems that every time this government wants a policy passed they use the ABC as some sort of bribe to those on the hard right where they allow them to get more cuts to the ABC and more enquiries.

This is OUR, the tax payers ABC and you seriously do not want to continue to mess with it.

Leave it alone and increase its funding, particularly bring back funding to the all important radio to our close neighbours who have no other options for their news.

LEAVE ABC ALONE.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Proposed ABC privatization

To whom it may concern,

I find it unconsonable that we are even having a discussion about the privatization of the ABC. The ABC provides the most comprehensive and best balanced perspective on Australia's socio-economic and political environment of any media outlet in Australia as well as a good balance of quality Australian and international documentaries and entertainment. Independent, publicly financed media outlets are one mainstay of western democracy and the ABC is one of the best examples of that genre. Keep your hans off the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC.....The True Aussie Spirit.

I grew up with the ABC. TV,2CR, JJ, JJJ, RN and the old SBS.  
It has taught me inquire, intregate, question and education those I know.  
These are all skills a political Right party doesn't want. To survive they need to take from the social and environmental to feed the fiscal for their survival. Keeping society dumbed down and concentrating on the trivial is what keeps them in control.  
Only a publicly funded broadcaster can give a community the knowledge it needs to make a 'true ' democracy function as it should and give future generations the gift of the AUSSIE SPIRIT.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not sell the ABC


I will never vote for a party that privatises the ABC. You may not care about a single vote but I am very upset at such a consideration and I wish my small voice to be heard.

Privatising of the public broadcaster means that it will have an agenda to push, be owned by people with self-interest, and stop being the vital, trustworthy source of information that it is in a world full of fake news, spin and greed.

I deplore the recent funding cuts to the ABC, which has the internationally best research, professionalism and relevance of any such broadcaster I have come across. The staff employed there are experienced and gifted. We cannot afford to lose any of these people or their programs, which are of an extremely high standard across the board. Such professionalism cannot be bought at a later date when people realise how valuable it is and what they have lost.

Sale of the ABC may make certain interested parties very wealthy in the short term, but give some thought to our children and the world they will live in before you destroy the voice of the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I write in defence of the ABC and explain why it should NEVER be privatised. Firstly, it belongs to the people of Australia, not politicians of any party and therefore the people should decide on any changes. Secondly, the quality of programming cannot be found on any commercial network. I grew up with the ABC and was an avid fan of “Countdown” “The Goodies”, “ Life on Earth”, the list goes on. Today my young son enjoys ABC Kids and I know he is watching quality children’s programming. Thirdly, I wish to be accurately informed of what is happening in Australia and the world and know the investigative standards at the ABC are extremely high.

The ABC is part of the fabric of Australian life, please leave it alone! Hands Off Our ABC!  
Regards [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs in PUBLIC HANDS

The Liberals attempt to privatise the ABC is probably more about muzzling free thought than "undue advantage" to other commercial interests. The Libs could not move on Gay Marriage, The Commission into Child Abuse, particularly within the Church and finally the Banks without some form of exposure. We have a form of Government under Liberal leadership that is moving, in dark secrecy to an Authoritarian state. The destruction of our Democracy. If the Libs can't handle the responsibility of transparent Government, for the people, not their vested interests then it is way past time they relinquished their idea of born to rule. The Far Right of the Liberal Party is a danger not only to our democracy yet the very fabric of our society. Its NO to Privatisation of the ABC and shame on the Liberal Party for its desire to muzzle free speech.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

It is so important to keep the ABC in public hands, if it were privatised it is just another platform for whoever to air their private views. It must, must stay in the public's control because if we needed to listen to private media we wouldn't be ABC followers where we get an unbiased view

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the A B C in public hands

reasons to Not privatise the A B C.it is publicly owned broadcasting,it ensures quality Australian productions are made and broadcast,programmes like Q and A let the people speak directly to the nation.Australian"Icon" programes like play school and Bananas in Pyjamas were created and are still shown,this would be unlikely on commercial channels.  
Our culture is enhanced and improved by the variety and diversity of the programes on the various A B C radio channels

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of ABC

Our family enjoys receiving broadcasts by radio and TV for ABC and for the government to sell this is not very Australian. We have lost too many Australian owned business to non government enterprises and this has not been good for our country. ABC offers many interesting true stories and by selling this asset will place these stories and the jobs of Australians at risk. Look what has happened with Telstra and the electricity. Once our assets are sold it will be hard to purchase them again and the cost will be high. Lets keep our country safe and our businesses here and owned by Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Inquiry

To whom it may concern,

I find the potential for the ABC to be hampered, through constraints to be put on its broadcasting, an unacceptable infringement on the Australian public to be provided with unbiased information that is well researched and local content entertainment that is often overlooked by commercial businesses.

We find all too often, politicians manipulating facts & figures to suit their vested interests. Commercial broadcasters, both radio & television often have commercial interests at their core & also influence opinion with biased commentary.

If the ABC was biased, I would imagine that ACMA would be able to make determination on this, rather than disenchanted political parties etc, because they do not like what they hear or see. If information is defamatory or untrue, legal avenues could be pursued & prevalence of this if it was occurring would certainly indicate the standard the ABC was upholding or not.

The Australian public are entitled to be hear the truth, unbiased, honest evaluation & this is what the ABC provides.

Much of what the ABC broadcasts, is material that commercial outlets would not look at, not just in the political/ social/ environmental arenas but also including Australian produced entertainment.

We need a public broadcaster who enhances & broadens Australian' opportunities to access local entertainment & reporting of social, political & other topical issues in an unbiased manner.

It appears that the loudest voices in this debate are, the political apparatchik who are at the blunt end of critical reviews of the views & commercial interests that would financially benefit, at the cost of the Australian public.

I hope the inquiry can examine the issue & look at what is in the best interest of the ABC & the Australian public, not just parties that do not like to be criticised.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC provides the only balanced news in our otherwise heavily biased media. Putting it in private hands would mean there would be no news/current affairs programs the Australian public can trust. We need our ABC for other quality Australian content which is not available on the other free to air networks.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in the hands of the people

I watch the ABC more than the commercial channels as I feel they report more truthfully and are less controlled by rich media companies. Listen to the people for once and don't privatise the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is a the most important surveyor of our democracy.

The ABC is one of our most important public services that help keep "The Bastards honest" ( in the word of Don Chip). No commercial broadcaster is going to do this. The other programs the ABC is involved in are extraordinarily important too. Democracy is a fragile thing and easily lost when people in power think they have a right to challenge it's principles and attack something that they see as undermining their view of the world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC Public

I would like to submit how important the ABC is for me, and how vital it is to keep it as a public organisation.

With young children, the quality of children's programming is unsurpassed and is still loved by my youngest. As they are growing up there is programming for primary aged children and teenagers. No other media source commits to young people at every stage of their growth in such a way.

I have been listening to Triple J for over 20 years now and can honestly say that there would not be an Australian music scene (or even industry) if it weren't for Triple J, Rage, and earlier Countdown.

Commercial stations just do not commit to new Australian artists unless they have been played on Triple J. The ABC is the only source of News Media which I am confident will give an unbiased account of events. I watch the news breakfast in the morning to get an accurate account of events without the constant opinionising shoved down my throat. On my Ipad I read the ABC news feed because I know the journalists are reporting the truth, and do not have other commercial agendas in play. Q & A is the only program on TV where people from all sides of politics get an equal opportunity to express their opinion, and to be challenged by the public. 4 Corners is one of the only programs that is prepared to do protracted investigations into serious issues and large organisations. The ABC is such a vital component in upholding our democratic standards in this country.

The other big contribution of the ABC is to Australian culture through grass roots sport, Australian comedy, Australian drama, documentaries, the Arts.

For all these reasons the ABC is vital to uphold Australian culture and democracy, and is worth every cent that we spend on it. As a taxpayer I disagree with the cuts to the ABC budget and would be happy to spend more.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do NOT privatise my ABC

I value the ABC for its independence. commercial broadcasters, apart from putting on the most boring and facile programs, are beholden to their advertisers' direction for their financial survival.

SBS, by comparison, tries to provide meaningful programs, but I can't tolerate the incessant, purile, advertisements.

The ABC must NOT be privatised. It should be guaranteed more, consistent, predictable funding so that it can do its job of uniting Australia, culturally, economically, and with useful and reliable information.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

The heart and soul of an independent nation

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I'd rather sell my soul

The ABC is a foundation stone of our democracy. We have repeatedly witnessed, around the world, the manipulation of information to suit commercial and political interests. The fact that so much of our media is already controlled by powerful but shadowy commercial interests is worrying. The idea that we would lose the last totally independent and trustworthy source of information is blood-curdling. The existence of the ABC is little more than a minor irritation to commercial media. There is no true economic basis for the Liberal Party's determination to sell it to one of their commercial friends and/or donors. The allegations of "bias" are sad, but the proposal to retaliate by selling it is vicious. Selling the ABC would leave us with the shell of a democracy - a country voting in governments with no way of knowing the stories behind their policies. We would be left knowing only the story behind the affair and the love-child, but not the dispassionate analysis behind the policies. While some commercial sources are relatively principled, only the ABC provides totally independent analysis of each policy and public issue, and only the ABC can. For the sake of democracy, don't sell it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised

The independence of the ABC in its journalism is so important to our democratic way of life. I have much more trust in the news and current affairs programs of the ABC than I have in the commercially owned rivals.


I am happy to pay for the output of the ABC in its various forms without the interruptions of advertisements and without the overtones of input to satisfy vested commercial interests.

I believe I can trust the ABC content more than I can that of commercially owned and driven media.

The ABC has programs to suit the varying interests and welfare of a greater proportion of our community and I am completely unconvinced that any legislation will replace that in the commercial world.

I consider that the politicians supporting the commercialisation of the ABC are doing so because they believe they are not receiving a fair treatment by the ABC. It could be well argued that the politicians may need to have a good hard look at themselves and understand how the community views their performance.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

It would be a disaster for our public broadcasters to be privatized in any way. There is no way that I would have access to true investigative journalism if we did not have our public broadcasters. Having them in public hands safeguards our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Competitive Neutrality

The starting point for this inquiry is founded on a mis-conception, that there should be competitive neutrality between government funded media and commercial media.

Publicly funded media provides the public with content which the commercial media does not. Can you imagine hearing "The Philosopher Zone", "The Law Report" or seeing "4 Corners" or "Catalyst" on commercial media. They do not and will not do such programming. Therefore there is no competitive neutrality issue. There are some small areas of overlap e.g. in news, but even there the ABC and SBS provide a service which is distinctly different from commercial stations in that it is un-biased and not sensationalist.

The ABC is important to me because from my many years of living in a regional city, it is the only electronic media organization which provides a comprehensive coverage of issues in the community. As a City Councilor, I cannot count the number of interviews that I have done with the ABC journalists., I think I could count the number on the fingers of one hand the number of Commercial radio interviews. I and many others depend on the ABC for its factual and reliable coverage of news, local, national and international.

I am concerned that over the years, that there has been an on-going reduction in the inflation adjusted funding of the ABC. This has resulted in fewer locally produced programs, more programs being put on multiple repeat and very significant staff reductions. It would appear that both major parties are afraid that good journalism will uncover things that they would rather remain hidden.

The ABC provides for the community what the commercial media will not. A wide range of programs of educational, cultural and political interest as well as entertainment. In order to serve national needs, the ABC gets and should get funding from the government. That funding has been declining and this decline should be reversed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public radio is our right!

I am 72 years old and the ABC has been part of my life since childhood and continues to be so, for news, comment, music and special programs on history and health, as well as local radio for emergencies. I also watch ABC TV in preference to any other channel. I will never vote for a party that wants to privatise the ABC. The fact that this is put up as a policy by the Liberal Party Council shows how biased and ill-informed these people are. My late Liberal voting parents would turn in their graves as they regarded public radio as their right and a highly significant part of their lives. That such a disgraceful policy could even be discussed, let alone get up means that I will never vote Liberal and nor will my children, who also listen to and support the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I am 69 years old. I rely on the ABC to give me information that is factual and unbiased. I also watch the ABC because it is ad free. apart from the ads that promote it's programs. If we lose that ABC from the Public there is no way that and alternative view to events and politics can be heard. I think this is the most important issue. Also the ABC promotes regional participation which has no hope of being heard in private media. If it wasn;t for the ABC we would not have heard of live animal exports, child sexual abuse and countless other problems which aren't available to the general public unless they have the time and energy to explore these issues themselves.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping our ABC in public hands

I feel strongly that the ABC has a pivotal part in bring trusted news to our Australian community. Commercial stations have profit making agendas that infuse the way they present news and current affairs to at times manipulate peoples choices and are even just a product commercial. I trust the ABC as they present true facts with no bias like the reports on 4 corners or the 7.30 Report. We get Australian content in the programing so skillful and talented Australians have the opportunity for employment in producing wonderful educational kids programs. To see the delight on the faces of the kids, to see them singing along and dancing with glee warms the heart. Australian story and Landline line connects us to other Australians. Commercial stations have the big bugets yet the ABC does not, its funding is continually being cut and great informative programs have had to be cut in response. The ABC is where I get my news from and I know what is presented is not in collusion with outside influences, be it, corporations, political agendas or other foreign powers. The ABC our great public broadcasters are disadvantaged by funding cuts. The ABC has "my back" not the commercial stations. The ABC is the peoples broadcaster, it connects out nation and is a part of upholding our democracy. Our own public broadcasting Channels ABC and the SBS are our Nations treasures, they are the peoples property, jewels of democracy to be cared for not thrown away to commercial profit making. We should be supporting our public broadcaster with public funds it ours as a service to community. Commercial stations are another kettle of fish and not in the same category, they have a business plan, business model, thus they are a business. Our ABC is a community service managed on behalf of the people by the government by allocating sufficient funding to maintain and operated this service. I urge you to take my submission into consideration.

With warm regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

In my car I switch between local radio 1233, JJJ, Classic FM and Radio National - or a podcast of Conversations with Richard Fidler. Living regionally I spend a lot of time in the car, and the ABC keeps me in touch with issues in my local community and also broadens my mind. At home, I choose to watch the ABC news and current affairs programs and rarely switch to commercial tv at all. My husband is a compulsive viewer of Nordic Noir, so SBS - or SBS on Demand - is the only challenger to the ABC in our house.

I have lived in Regional Australia most of my adult life. Local ABC radio is an integral part of regional Australia, where we can hear about our community and the issues in other regional towns. During times of crisis, the public broadcaster is even more important. I have experienced cyclones in the Pilbara in the 1990s and flooding in the Hunter in 2015. Whilst the emergency coverage is essential, it is the community stories during the cleanup and aftermath - after the eye of the nation and the private broadcasters have moved on to the next big story - that are essential to regional communities.

My daughters are now 16 and 18 and digital television and abc kids were not a reality during their childhood, but as parent I cannot tell you how important the abc's children's programming was to me. When my girls were 6 and 4 I was diagnosed with leukaemia and had 2.5 years of treatment which was successful. During that time, though, my girls watched far more television than they would have under 'normal' circumstances. When I was not able to provide the parenting I wanted to my girls, I could at least trust the program content on the abc and the lack of advertising - particularly junk food and unnecessary consumer goods. In the absence of government controls on advertising to our children by the private broadcasters, the abc is the only safe place for young minds who do not understand the difference between program content and advertising.

I am a University educated, almost-50 year old woman. On 1233 Newcastle I can hear women's voices; on the ABC tv news I can see Juanita Phillips and Jeremy Fernandez; the Managing Director of the ABC is Michelle Guthrie. The ABC (and even more so SBS) reflects the Australia I live in. The private broadcasters are all owned or run by old white men. My mother listens to 2GB radio and is happy to accept the ideas promulgated by the all male, white broadcasters on that station, as she was conditioned to do as a child of the 50s. The private broadcasters do not reflect the rich diversity of Australia in 2018.

Privatisation of the ABC will provide a short-term financial benefit, with a long-term cost. The cost to the community of privatisation of public assets like electricity is now being felt by the average Australian, with a lack of maintenance and investment over decades contributing to soaring power prices.

The ABC and SBS must remain public and continue the essential public service they provide on radio, tv and online. Their value is more than financial and is essential to a democratic Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in the Public Domain

It is essential that the ABC be kept in public ownership for the following reasons:

1. Stories and reports on the ABC typically show both sides of the story and tend to be more factual and unbiased than commercial reports.
2. ABC staff ask questions of all politicians giving them an opportunity to put their case to the public and giving the community the opportunity to hear a broad range of opinions.
3. The private media is owned by people who take positions which are often undemocratic and undermine our community.
4. The ABC is trusted and valued in Australia and we want to keep it in our hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC has accountability; private and online media do not

Since its founding, the ABC has had systems in place for ensuring accountability, quality control and the maintenance of ethical standards. If these are breached, there are consequences. Private media are not governed by these same standards. Some advocates of selling off the ABC suggest it is now unnecessary because we have the internet and social media. The internet has few controls and social media virtually none. Recent examples of what happens in unconstrained private media online are the comments on The Australian's website on the fire safety problem of the ABC's building in Ultimo. Example: "WHAT!!!. Are we saying that ABC Ultimo could become a towering inferno. Hurry up with the matches." After the ABC complained, they were removed. But The Australian let them through in the first place. That's private media. The ABC must not be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC as a Public Broadcaster

The ABC needs more Taxpayer funding not less and it absolutely should never ever be privatized. The ABC is my lifeblood. It provides me with funny, informative , educational programs. I want more taxpayer money to go to the ABC and less to the politicians. How can Eric Abetz and other complain about Taxpayer funding of ABC when they too are reliant on Taxpayer money. It's disgusting that Taxpayers should be expected to pay for them.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

The ABC has been responsible for recording most of the best musicians in Australia, thereby creating a priceless archive of Australian artistic endeavour. Indeed, all Australian artists have benefitted by the exposure afforded them by the ABC. Privatisation of this institution would be the greatest act of vandalism in the history of our country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC public!

Recent experiences with electricity and phone services have left me with no confidence in privatisation as an answer. I firmly believe that the ABC has been a great resource for all Australians, especially rural Australians for many years. Please do not sell off parts, but keep it intact, and fund it to enable a return to the strengths we valued, Australian developed and produced programs, with strong industry based training for young Australians. Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should remain public

I regularly listen to ABC radio and it sustains me as driver on long trips. As I disagree with the manipulation and morals of advertising other stations do not suit me. In addition more popular music is not to my taste. I have had to do many long drives for family reasons this year and strongly believe that ABC radio has helped to keep me safe by keeping me both more alert, compared to not listening to the radio at all, and more calm compared with listening to alternative stations.

I believe in paying taxes appropriately because the monies collected provide important services. I strongly believe that one of these services should be public broadcasting.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Can you even spell "electoral disaster"? Leave Aunty alone, even better, increase her budget.  
Regards, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The privatisation of Australia's public institutions over the last three decades has been a disaster. These institutions were a legacy left to us by our forbears, a heritage we have vandalised. The privatised Commonwealth Bank has become a safe haven for embezzlers and thieves, and privatised electricity and telecommunication providers have gravely reduced the reliability of these essential services (especially for older Australians and Australians living in the regions) while enabling price gouging with impunity. Privatising the ABC will be a final insult to those who established Australia as a commonwealth in which our institutions are a shared inheritance - not assets the political party of the day can sell off at a whim to support distorted, extreme and imported ideologies and/or short-term pork-barrelling. Keeping the ABC independently in public hands keeps it safe from the criminals who have taken over our banks, the extortionists who now run our essential services, the media moguls who are poisoning our community for profit, and the politicians who have lost our trust.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the people

The ABC is not yours to giveaway. Personally I hope you try to commercialise it as you will be wiped out at the next election.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Future of the ABC

Since being introduced to the ABC as a pre-schooler, the ABC has been my constant source of information, enjoyment and enriching culture - the arts, politics, science (think Norman Swan) and everything else in between.

Without the ABC my life will be diminished in so many ways and I will not be turning my attention to the limited offerings of commercial radio biased, superficial and lacking in any true intellectual content. All Australians need to be encouraged to think about the important aspects of our increasingly complex society of life that could do with wide spread consideration.

Thank you ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why the ABC shouldn't be privatised

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. The very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses this crucial point. Plus, compared with the dross aired by commercial channels, the ABC shows quality programs - both news/current affairs and entertainment. It would be a social disaster to privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stop selling off our treasures

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster

We need a public broadcaster in this country to keep quality Australian product and Australian content that is not based on 'commercial interest'. All Australians are the shareholders of the ABC and this is how it should be. We want our taxes to fund an independent broadcaster. It must stay independent so that we continue to get intelligent programs of interest. It should also be a training ground for people in the industry – something that has not happened in recent years but was a important part of the ABC in the second half of the 20th century. Even so, I for one, will be fighting hard to keep the ABC in public hands. The next election would be a good place to test the will of the people. I believe that the people of Australia will vote for keeping the ABC for all Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should stay in the hands of the Public

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The ABC is a significant public asset. It is important for a number of reasons:

- 1) It delivers a news broadcast that is not under the influence of private commercial interests.
- 2) The commercial broadcasters are forced to deliver a more balanced view because of the presence of the ABC.
- 3) The ABC produces a number of high quality dramas each year and this contributes to supporting the film and television industry in Australia.
- 4) The ABC is ours. No government has the right to either sell off or give away such a critical asset.
- 5) I grew up in the country. The ABC is crucial to rural and remote areas to deliver information and news.

All governments, Liberal and Labor, appear to dislike the criticism leveled by the ABC. There has to be a venue to air different community ideas and beliefs, whether the incumbent government, which ever party it might be, likes those views or not. The views are still representing aspects of our multi-cultural community.

Commercial interests and broadcasters cannot be relied on to air information or ideas that are contrary to their own financial interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in ublic hands

ABC is the only intelligent network.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

To whom it may concern,  
Please do not privatise the ABC. As a parent of a young child, I rely on it to provide quality entertainment. Commercial channels invariably are saturated with ads and lower quality content appropriate for a mixture of ages (unlike the excellent Channel 22/23). In addition, I get all my news from the ABC - again because I can trust it not to push a commercial agenda and shy away from difficult topics. I don't want to watch "news" about a new unit development in Sydney that is basically a blatant paid advertisement. Commercial entities just do not provide these services because they don't think they can money out of them. And so just like cheap, clean water - the government should tax everyone to provide this service.

Best Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I love the ABC radio and TV. It is a place that I can go and not be barraged by ads or forced to listen or see what the big corporations want me to see. This is a big part of the Australian history, future and culture and we need to retain it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC must remain a 100%-owned government entity.

All Australians can rely on the ABC for balanced reporting of news, including its investigative reporting, like the multi-award winning 4 Corners program. Australia is a better place to live in because of this quality of news and current affairs. If the ABC was privatised, balanced reporting would evaporate. Views aired would reflect those of the owners and advertisers.

The ABC provides vital community services, particularly for rural and regional populations, such as reporting of natural disasters and the status of bushfires. It's impossible to imagine this level of service if the ABC were to be privatised.

The ABC also provides an opportunity to view Australian entertainment content. This also means more jobs for Australians.

I believe that the premise of the inquiry, that the ABC and SBS have an undue advantage", is flawed. The ABC and SBS provide a service that can't be compared with private media.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

I consider that it is vitally important for public health and safety that the ABC not be privatized. Corporations such as Murdock etc. push their own agendas we need an independent broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I do not want the ABC privatized to ensure that the all important 21st century news & international reporting remains true & accurately broadcast.  
The ABC was established for social educational & cultural purposes and not for economic purposes. For listeners this broadcaster fulfills its brief amidst the avalanche of commercial broadcasters.  
The ABC exists, and succeed,s in serving the public interest and should be left to continue this important national service, not dismantled in pursuit of an economic ideology.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am appalled that the ABC is threatened yet again with privatisation by the Liberal Party. Our ABC helps us continue to develop as a mature intelligent nation. When injustice and cruelty is hidden as shown in the ABC investigations into the prison system in N. Territory, and the greedy theft of water from the Murray Darling System, we as a nation want these matters dealt with and fairer systems for our society. Just look at the debacle of (Private Company) Optus and the World Cup coverage. The privatised Banks should be a warning about essential services being privatised. Governments are now trying to tell electricity companies how to run their businesses and control charges to consumers. Too late. A private company will not be controlled by a government because it will always put its commercial interests well above its duty to the consumer. Our ABC keeps all of us informed and entertained, from small children, through a wide ranging teen and adult population to the Senior Citizens who have been viewers for most of their lives. So if the ABC is privatised we will all be the losers and our country will be diminished. We are definitely losing out with the stripping of funds from the ABC. I hate to think how bad it could get if this push to privatise by the Liberal Party eventuates.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I want a public ABC

I read with dread that the far right is working to privatise the ABC.  
The ABC is my reliable source of news and documentary information. I read the newspapers but they are pushing their own agendas.  
I don't want the Murdochs of this world giving me their profit orientated view of the world and ist happenings.  
It is a public broadcaster and should not be compared with private media as it is a basis of our democracy and is needed to provide unbiased news and information apart from its significant cultural education in music and the arts generally.  
I don't trust or listen other than the ABC.  
It has suffered enough from politicians of both persuasions so that means not is doing its job.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC, a sacrosanct Aussie institution

Living in country Victoria, the ABC is vitally important, not just for emergencies such as bushfire information but also to be plugged into thing happening on an Australia wide level. It's the only news and current affairs outlet that reports impartially, free from political and commercial bias and the only outlet to deal with difficult issues. Bias in the ABC is a myth, and this has been born out in every inquiry this far. Without the ABC we would be left in a media wasteland, left to rely on an increasingly rampant News Limited agenda which is out of touch with true Aussie values. I'm more than happy for my taxes to support the ABC, it's a precious institution that must never be lost.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I have come from a historical view point that when public facilities which belong to all of us are hijacked there is only one agenda power and control for a few leave it alone and don't sell

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep your filthy mits off our ABC

There have been endless inquiries into the ABC into alleged bias by both sides of politics. They all have found that our ABC is pretty evenhanded.

This latest push to privatise our (the public's) ABC comes from the neo-nazi and fascist elements within the government and their supporters. It is purely designed to silence a powerful voice asking questions and holding the government accountable. All good totalitarians seek to silence independent voices. It comes straight out of the textbook of Nazi Germany.

Keep your filthy hands off an asset that belongs to all Australians, or pay the price at the next election.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 9:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** 4

Dear Senators,

I write with a degree of disbelief that our trusted public broadcaster, Australia's own ABC is being subjected to such criticism and vitriol with now the even greater threat of a public sell off.

In this age of fake news and falsehoods, polls show the ABC is the most trusted source of news and media in this country. The Australian Communications and Media Authority found the ABC is fair and accurate and the ABC has fulfilled its charter responsibilities according to independent reviews.

No other organisation provides such culturally diverse programmes in science, the arts, education etc and no other organisation provides regional broadcasting to match anything like that of the ABC. Nor would profit driven organisations ever do so.

Our identity and culture rely on our own representation.

Michelle Guthrie presented a formidable economic justification for the ABC in her address this week.

But in addition, I would like to remind you that we live in a society and the ABC nurtures that society like no other.

Thank you,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC out of the private sector

I exclusively watch ABC and SBS because they are the only truly media sources of any value, producing interesting documentaries and debates and promoting multicultural Australian values and opportunities to explore our way of life and our future options. I can understand the Hard Right's concerns that some aspects of ABC coverage challenges their own support for the privilege of big industry and wealth and the smug supremacist attitudes of their lobby groups and own media sources, but surely that is a healthy outcome of a healthy democracy. If all we have left is American sitcoms, Murdoch Press and endless sports commentaries by comic groups of men in bars, our world will be a much more mediocre and narrower place.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised

In an age of "fake news", the ABC is more important than ever before. Democracies rely on independent media to inform voters; more than that, they rely on media that the public trusts. The government-funded ABC is one of the most respected bodies in the country - for a reason. From Four Corners, which has launched countless royal commissions, to the Australian children's entertainment on which many parents rely, to the broad range of local, regional and interest-based programs and podcasts produced by the indefatigable teams at ABC Radio, the ABC is an institution that represents the best of Australia. Even the idea that it could be sold off makes us look like a banana republic.

Petty depots ban independent media; mature democracies fund them.  
Your choice will reveal on which side of the scale you sit.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must be kept public no commercialism

4 corners has forced government to act many times. The science show. Superior to anything produced by biased commercial stations. Discussions such as The minefield, Big ideas, Between the lines, I could go on, investigative journalism for instance very few commercial programmes go deeply into subjects.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** our ABC will not be privatised

This country will become like the us thinking fake news is real, the people of this country are more intelligent than the politicians, we trust the ABC we do not trust politicians.

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
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC must remain in public hands

I have lived in regional Australia for twenty years, and before that in Melbourne. The ABC has always been an important source of information and entertainment to me and my family. We listen daily to local radio, Melbourne radio, statewide radio, Classic fm and in particular Radio National. I watch ABC TV. Only a public broadcaster can make decisions on programming independently of commercial interests. Only a public broadcaster can be independent of vested interests in presenting news and information, and investigative journalism, the importance of which we have seen many times. I do not believe the ABC presents a biased view, but presents a wide range of opinions and challenges these where appropriate. We are fortunate to have this well loved and respected institution and cannot afford to further undrrmine, or destroy its unique position in our society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC to stay in public hands please.

The ABC provides fair unbiased news under most circumstances.  
It is not beholden to corporate sponsors. If you were to corporatise the ABC it would be a loss to the whole country.  
ABC provides regional, national and international news and programs. Please don't lose this jewel in Australia's media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I love the ABC. I grew up with it. Countdown, This Day Tonight, Bellbird, 4 Corners ongoing, 7.30 Report, the ABC news ongoing.

It is vital for democracy that the ABC stay in public hands. It cannot be compared to a commercial broadcast - as commercial interests will surely interfere with its programming and how news is presented.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is more vital than ever to provide us with independent news coverage. It is one of the most trusted and valued assets for us as Australians. I firmly believe it is one of the aspects of Australian life that we value the most. Selling the ABC would be like selling our voice to the highest bidder. Our voice should never be up for sale.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP THE ABC PUBLIC

The ABC is a part of our national energy, an expression of our national life and culture. It so broadly and fairly carries the voice of Australia and its people and matters of the world generally that its importance in our landscape is beyond estimation.  
Paltry political agenda from any part of politics have no part to play in disabling or inhibiting the vital national organ that is the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC

I live in an isolated rural area, and for the past forty years the ABC has been our lifeline. We turn on ABC radio when we first get up in the morning and turn off ABC TV as the last thing we do at night. I even take the radio down to the vegie garden for company when I work.....

It is essential that the ABC not be privatised. It serves a vital role for country audiences. The commercial radio and TV stations are unwatchable due to the quality of the shows and the huge amount of ads. Commercially a radio station that serves the needs of rural listeners probably wouldn't be viable because of the low density of population. Country votes will be in an uproar if the ABC is ever privatised.  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's OUR ABC!!

My ABC belongs to all Australians regardless of political leanings. We need media to be strong and independent and able to 'call out' situations when those other media outlets won't or can't due to their ownership by private moguls. I would willingly pay a licence fee (again) to keep the ABC as it is vital to ALL Australians to have this great service. I am 70 years old and grew up listening to Kindergarten of the Air in the early 1950's and my children have grown up with Play School and my grandchildren have also grown up with the same programs. It is the only news service I trust and I will not listen to the commercial stations as they only 'spew out' populist rubbish. There should be NO commercialisation of the ABC and the political party that goes that way will no longer be relevant in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC belongs to the people

Regional folk depend on the ABC. We need it. Do not privatise it. Restore funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I live in a regional area of Victoria, in Gippsland. I watch mostly ABC as I find it my best source of news due to its comprehensive nature. I find commercial news very shallow and lacks depth of thought and analysis.

I am very concerned about the constant attacks on the ABC by certain politicians who are clearly not representing the views of their constituencies. The ABC is an integral part of our media culture and has been an innovator of many different types of programs ranging from news to drama to comedy to children's programs. Our society would be considerably worse off culturally without it, especially in regional areas where many people rely on it for their main media contact.

The inquiry would miss the main point of public broadcasting if it was compared to commercial media. In my opinion ABC broadcasting shows far more quality and importance to our democracy, than what it is given credit for. I think it is disgraceful that some of our parliamentarians are criticising public broadcasting just because it doesn't sit well with their own views. I think it is outrageous that the ABC is used as a 'punching bag' just because they seek out facts and try to hold our politicians to account (from all persuasions, I might add) when it is pertinent to do so.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC

Our ABC is the only decent free to air programming we have. Objective, doesn't shy away from the key issues, worldwide news, thought provoking, programs for all ages. It provides us with up to date, world wide news, a current affairs & documentaries about subjects that really matter. A great forum for Australian journalists & actors.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC will not be objective in private hands

Please do not allow this to happen.. Most reliable news source, but also different to all the private channels.  
Thanks!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I live in rural Victoria. The ABC (particularly RN and ABC TV) is my life line! Its independence and its informed, balanced voice is what makes it reliable; trustworthy. If it is privatised that will all change; There will be not a single Australian broadcaster independent of the shock jocks, acting as a mouth piece for the already wealthy and influential.  
Do NOT privatise MY ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public!!

I turn to the ABC for news I can believe, for shows I enjoy and for radio I love to listen to. I cannot imagine a world without the ABC - as being in private hands and pandering to what executives think the public want will effectively dissolve the ABC as it will just be another mindless copy of the drivel that passes for entertainment on commercial television and radio.

I seek information and quality drama - I particularly enjoyed Mystery Road recently but I always find something to watch on iView.

I shudder to think of Love Island, and Kyle and Jackie O calibre of viewing and listening that ensue in the race to the bottom that is commercial media today.

Please keep ABC in public hands to ensure the quality and impartiality continues for us and our children to enjoy.

Thank you,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep abc for public interests

The people of this land need the ABC. It provides others the ability to express truths that the corrupt channels wont allow. to expose dangerous corruption and abuse of governments. As corruption gets higher and further out of hand, we will see the ABC attacked with greater vigor. This alone should be reason enough to protect OUR ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Leave us with information closer to the truth and without commercial bias - It's often the only source I would believe until proven wrong, which isn't too often. Once in commercial hands we would be unlikely to get the ABC back in public hands when it is inevitably realised to be the wrong decision. Keep it !!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is the sole broadcaster in Australia which is not commercial. It must NOT be privatised

The ABC offers the only neutral view to Australians. To privatise the ABC would greatly prejudice Democracy in this nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of ABC

i have heard on numerous occasions that the PM would never privatise the ABC. Is this yet another one of his many lies. The ABC does not need to be privatised and it is the tax payers dollars that support it. It is not only the best channel on television but the only one that it's programmes are not constantly interrupted by annoying commercials. Please keep it that way and stuff what the far right and that [REDACTED] Pauline Hanson say. I don't think Hanson would have ever watch the ABC she would not have any interest on our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is and must remain a public entity. Full stop!

An independent media has always been a centerpiece of a well-informed community, which is in turn a centrepiece of a well functioning democracy. The successive budget cuts on the ABC seem to be designed to undermine its capacity to do its job, and still it delivers - it's the reason why Australian citizens know about Don Dale, about live export, about the Murray Darling corruption, about the appalling practices of our big banks, and on it goes. Beyond leading the charge in investigative reporting it plays an equally important role in art - making award winning Australian content, and ensuring everyone has access to the kind of music they enjoy from Classic to emerging rock. These services are a civil service because they help make our society pluralist. Therefore they must remain in public hands freely available to all.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

The ABC is the only credible news source in the country. For older people who want to watch programs that are factual and have any integrity there is the ABC and SBS. We don't want to watch junk like Love Island and The Bachelor. It's amazing that if politicians want to come across as credible they all seek an interview with the ABC. Hands off the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC don't sell it to private enterprise .

I listen and also watch a lot of ABC .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is our nations voice. A place we can go and enjoy exceptional viewing, a trusted news source and a place for Australian tv shows that would otherwise not be shown. Its is where stories are told that no one else will tell. Its a place I can trust my little ones to grow up with! What would parents do without playschool!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Maintain public broadcasting

Submission to the inquiry into public broadcasting:

Publicly funded broadcasting is an essential element of Australian democracy. The privately funded media are basically free to publish whatever material they wish, because they operate on private funding. Therefore, they publish a mix of whatever sensationalist material they feel will sell and whatever material their corporate backers request. Australia's private media have demonstrated continually that they have minimal interest in providing quality news services.

However democracy depends on the availability of an honest, incisive and sometimes critical news service. In Australia, this essential role has fallen mainly to the ABC. Its public funding is the main factor that allows it to fulfill this role, to bring to light issues such as banking malpractice, water theft from the upper Darling river and so many more issues. Meanwhile the private media mainly report the latest car accident, celebrity breakup or, worse, what some vested interest backer wants.

The ABC and SBS are rightly subject to close regulation of their impartiality, although this has been going to absurd punitive lengths recently. The private media is subject only to a toothless voluntary regulator.

For Australian democracy, keep our public broadcaster strong!

Dr [REDACTED]  
Engineer  
[REDACTED] Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC - Keep it public

I can't believe that the Government is still threatening the ABC. Does it not realise that voters want the ABC to remain in public hands? Does it not realise that we are entitled to a medium that is not compromised by private interests? Does it not realise that democracy demands it? Does it want to be free from scrutiny? I know the answer to this question and you do too.

I have been listening and watching programs on the ABC since I was a child, starting with radio serials when I was home alone in the school holidays. There are several aspects that I particularly like now - current affairs, music on Classic FM (a boon to the day), Australian drama (at present, Mystery Road) which supports our writers and actors, and the lack of interruption to programs by crass advertising. No doubt this will all change if it is run by private interests. Money, not quality, will be the bottom line. Please save us from this.

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NSW 2041






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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stop selling of our country

Australia is no more .  
Roads,water,Electricity,Factories,Land,Houses,ect,ect.  
We used to be a very proud nation cause we owned everything and we made stuff that Australians needed.  
We used have a white goods factory that was Australian made and very proud of it .  
Now we must pay to drive on our own roads in our own country, and now you want to sell the ABC.  
When will it stop , I was born and bred in this country and I was proud what Australia had to offer for there  
people and the world ,but look us now we are owned by other companies that not even Australian  
companies.  
It's no wonder why this one proud nation is going down the hole .  
Even our Governments don't give a hoot about the Aussie people or the country.  
Please don't sell the ABC .

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Abc

The ABC is a public entity and must stay that way. We rely on it to provide an objective view of all sides of politics

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NSW 2040



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's OUR ABC!!!

The ABC is the one source of in depth investigative journalism we have on Australian television. To lose this, particularly in this age of nefarious 'fake news' would be devastating. I don't believe a privatised ABC could deliver an equal service given that most news is delivered in grabs and headlines designed to boost ratings.

The ABC is an institution which has in the past and currently delivers a wonderful service and must be supported to continue to do so without threat of privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC is NOT for sale

The ABC is one of the few institutions that provides the Australian public a fair and reasoned coverage of news, events and education. That is has been criticised by both the right and left side of politics clearly negates claims of bias made against it.

The ABC is a vital media provider to all of Australia, urban, rural and remote communities alike.

The ABC was never set up as a money making exercise and should never be seen as one.

The ABC is seen by many in the community as a barrier to hold back the tide of corruption that is seeping into our society.

The ABC should never, ever be sold.

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VIC 3701




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone !!!

The ABC is as Australian as Ned Kelly.  
The proposed privatisation of our nationality owned media is an embarrassment to all and anyone who  
'backs' this plan.  
Leave the ABC in public hands!!

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VIC 3227 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands and increase funding!

Please leave the ABC alone to do the job that it does so well. Australia needs this unbiased voice out there that is driven by more than just money. So please keep your hands off the ABC and let it keep doing what it has always done so well. Please also take the noose from around its neck and give it the respect and funding it deserves.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

Trust in the investigative journalism of ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I do not support privatising the ABC. We have enough privatised media - that leads to fake news, biased reporting, individually controlled articles and shows, a misled public. Please keep the ABC in public hands. It's the only media source I trust.  
Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:18 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I am a passionate advocate of the ABC and believe that a public broadcaster is an essential part of our 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. I will not support any party that diminishes the ABC in any way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC & SBS - Keep them public.

The ABC is iconic Australian. ABC & SBS are the only source of unbiased journalism & can always be relied on to deliver the facts about current affairs "straight down the line". Australian content in particular in movies & series portrays our Australia & that we can all relate to. We have some of the best movies & series in the world, why risk losing something so precious to commercial interests. If ABC & SBS are privatized I expect I will no longer have a reason to turn the TV on as I rarely watch commercial TV which is mainly American nonsense. Keep ABC & SBS public, keep jobs & keep Australia Australian, heaven knows we've lost everything else to overseas interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC

I have been a dedicated ABC listener for many years.  
I loathe commercial radio and television. I loathe the constant intrusive advertising.  
I depend on the ABC for information, news and entertainment and am very happy for my tax dollars to go to "Auntie".  
This is an issue very close to my heart and the reasoning behind the intent to privatise the ABC can only be that Liberals "know the cost of everything and the value of nothing"

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a national treasure, not a private treasure chest

No commercial TV or radio station remotely matches the ABC in breadth, depth and impartiality. Don't even think of destroying it!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be privatised

I do not wish the government to privatise our ABC. It is the only station I watch except for SBS and I rely on it for a more balanced and trustworthy source of news, which is not full of commercial advertising. It has been a part of my education for nearly 80 years. It is deeply concerning that the current government is so much in the pockets of wealthy and international business and they are not trying to retain the independence and continuance of one of our most respected and loved broadcasters. We need the ABC. I do not believe the ABC has an advantage over commercial stations as the comparison is odious. I think the inquiry into the ABC by the government is a waste of our money and should be abandoned immediately. Yours in hope of some common sense prevailing, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC is the best Television Australia has. Focussed, independent, relevant and something the government should be extremely proud of supporting. Don't let the corporates or media magnates get their hands on such a great asset.

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NSW 2064 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep your hands off the ABC

I am a long time and devoted ABC listener and viewer and cannot find this kind of content on any other media source. It is crucially to have an alternative to the rubbish reported by the commercial providers and the ABC quality will be downgraded to the this rubbish over time as we have seen in every other privatised business. No other media source provides alternative views, shines the light on the plight of our indigenous people, or on the other more controversial subjects and treats its listeners and viewers with intellectual respect. In its own unique right it cannot be compared to commercial media providers which by the fact that they are a commercial enterprise means that profits are more important then content. i am happy to pay for the ABC with my taxes and would indeed like none of my taxes to be spent on warfare or to corporations!  
Hands off my ABC!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Our ABC must always be the public broadcaster. Never to be privatised.  
We need programs like 4 Corners, Pepper Pig, QI, 7.30 Report and radio like 774 and others for a peace and comfort of a trusted broadcaster and repoter.  
There will be severe and widespread backlash to to anyone who tries to privatise or cut any more funding to the ABC.  
The ABC needs more funding not less.  
**DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES PRIVATISE THE ABC OR MAKE ANY MORE FUNDING CUTS.**

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't even think of it!

I think it's outrageous that this even being considered. It is such a worthwhile part of Australian life and such a valuable ingredient of Australian democracy, unbiased by commercial vested interests, with its many programs of worthwhile content to listeners and viewers. All the other stations are commercial, we need at least one that is free of continual advertising. And one that provides so much varied information and good music and entertainment to so many people. Whenever we go to NZ we are always grateful to get back to the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must stay public

The very simple reason why the ABC must stay public is this. If it were to be privatised it would no longer be an independent broadcaster. The role they play with this independence is critical to the healthy functioning of our society. Losing it would be terribly damaging to Australian life as we know it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is our life blood - hands off!!!!

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia and as such an important public asset not available to politicians to play politics with. The ABC binds the whole of this great land as a community. We can see that the commercial radio stations serve their advertisers not their listeners. They fill the listeners heads with meaningless drivel with no educational agenda, performing lowest common denominator broadcasting . The ABC is pivotal to growing informed Australians and stimulating the cultures of our land. It is not a political football. I have long said that without the ABC in its unbiased form I would think about leaving the country. There is no other source of intelligent discussion of matters of history, the arts, international matters, social issues, and matters of cultural importance. None of this is covered by any commercial radio or TV. It is clear that politicians see privatization as an opportunity to control the media and therefore the access of the population to unbiased information with their dangerous right wing agenda. This is one of the avenues of establishing a dictatorship. Keep freedom of speech and freedom of thought at the centre of a free Australia and leave the ABC alone. Increase the funding so that we can grow our rich Australian culture for Australians and the world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep out ABC public

Hi. We have one of the most stable democracies in the world.

Democracies and personal rights are vulnerable to fake news propagated by vested interests.

Vladimir Putin is the richest person in the world. What are the economic & social conditions in terms of individual rights and protections in that country? Why and where does he source his income?

The people.

North Korea has a very secure dictatorship despite widespread very low living standards and personal rights. Why and where does he source his income.

The people.

Balanced and independent professional reporting and inclusive dialogue is essential to protecting and enhancing our democracy and social values.

The ABC is a public good that returns far in excess of the cost.

It's part of the Australian fabric.

We are a lucky country and uniquely lucky to have the ABC.

Let's keep it that way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is too important to be privatised.

As I get older, I typically try to avoid making Political comments- but this for me is an issue too important to ignore. As the business models of traditional media are being ripped apart, the ABC remains one of the few reliable sources of journalism. Indeed, we perhaps need MORE public funded journalism, NOT LESS if we care about preserving the integrity of the democracy our forebearers built (not to mention ABC kids!!). The ABC is one of the few institutions that sets Australia apart from America, and it must be preserved and free of commercial interest and pressure if we value maintaining our democracy.

If anyone threatens to privatise the ABC, I will take a leave of absence from my job and put the family in a car and drive to Canberra to put a stop to it. This is the single only political issue that would motivate me to do this.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is essential to our democracy

Government plays an essential role in police, school and hospitals and its role in ensuring that the public gets accurate news and information free from personal agendas and commercial bias is just as important.

In a world being damaged by fake news, and the devastation of traditional journalism in the commercial sector, the ABC more than ever is hugely important to Australian citizens. Political forces are out to undermine it with phoney arguments, because they see the opportunity to block the Australian people from getting a factual and trustworthy source of news, which they see as advancing their commercial and political agendas.

I've lived in the USA without a well-funded public broadcaster and the UK which has one of the best. The impact on the quality of life of the people is huge. Australia like the UK deserves to have a people's voice continuing to present news and documentaries along with entertainment and programs servicing otherwise-neglected sectors of the community.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public hands

The ABC is the sole dependable source of information Australians possess. Everyone In Australia turns to the ABC when they need objective, cognitive assessment of our ever increasingly complex world. Few would know what is happening in other parts of the world without the reach of our national broadcaster's professionals who are on hand to observe and assess international politics and natural events, and their implications, from an Australian perspective. It is a dearly loved institution which is part of our cultural heritage. Even considering the ABC sale is vandalism, sacrilege. Those who do so should hang their collective heads in shame. The ABC is not for sale. Those who consider otherwise are engaging in voluntary political suicide!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need our public ABC

The ABC delivers quality news, journalism and other media in ways that commercial media do not, especially in regional and remote areas.

Its public status makes it less biased and narrow-focused than commercial operators. It plays a crucial role in providing serious news that keeps the country balanced.

Privatisation of public services in Australia has consistently been a disaster for the public, while delivering a short term gain to the government and presumably long term profits to a cynical business.

A strong public ABC which is not subject to constant government attacks is a crucial safeguard for Australia's long-term democracy and social and cultural wellbeing.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 8:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

We must keep our ABC in public hands, it is the only channel that I trust and watch. No fake news. Very trustful.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC privatisation

We live in the country and have always used the ABC as our primary news source. It is important to us to have an independent , unbiased voice to bring us dependable facts on major issues such as climate change. Our grandchildren adore the program's brought to them on ABC Kids.. We can't abide the adverts on commercial channels. Hands Off our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

To have balance and diversity we need SBS and ABC to stay unprivatised

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

If the ABC is threatened with privatisation I can only hope the people of Australia say 'NO' at the next election.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!!!

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is one of the last remaining outlets for insightful real and unbiased news.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC needs to remain a public service.

Dear Madam/Sir,

A strong and diverse media is critical for the proper functioning of a modern democracy.

There is an absolute need to have a publicly funded broadcaster that is independent of political interference and operates to provide services in the best interests of all Australians.

Manipulation of the media has been used in a number of countries to subvert the democratic process and it is critical that Australia has a strong publicly funded, independent media that can provide an alternative voice to those owned by the private sector.

The ABC also provides important, well produced programs including a great deal of local content, for all ages that would not be made or accessible if it were privatised.

Sincerely,

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VIC 3058





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT privatise ABC

As the internet has gradually eroded the quality of journalism, the ABC has stood out as more and more important, as a credible source of independent investigative reporting. Clearly this would be lost if run by commercial interests, where the priority is profit, not truth and public interest.

Do not privatise the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public!


I'm traveling in the United States at the moment and seeing the power of NPR and PBS, the public broadcasters here. It's so important that we maintain that independent voice in the Australian media landscape.

Another hugely important aspect of ABC is the emergency programming services it offers - that's such a vital resource moving forward.

The ABC needs to remain public

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in private hands

The ABC is truly of the people and for the people. Nowhere in commercial media do we see the range of opinions, the representation of the full diversity of modern Australia or the indepth exploration of important issues of our time.

When so many media outlets sit behind paywalls the ABC is available freely to all.

While commercial media is strong on mindless pap like Kyle and JackieO, Love Island, MKR and the like, the ABC provides programming about science, rural Australia, the arts, indigenous matters, international affairs, the full spectrum of music etc.

When commercial media is strong on opinionated commentators telling us how to think, the ABC provides informed commentary, diverse opinions and indepth analysis.

It does not stick to quotas about Australian content but promotes Australian talent and programming.

It is truly part of our national fabric and the vote to privatise it truly demonstrates how far the Liberal right wing is out of touch with the community. This is a brazen attempt to stifle the national debate and dumb-down the media by destroying one of our defining national icons. Totally un-Australian.

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NSW 2067




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be privatised

I believe the ABC should be independent so we can have an independent source of news and broad events. We would not get this if it was commercial as those with the most money would control our news and try to push their own views forward. Who would control the broadcasting content and quality of these huge megacorporations and how would they do it? Also I do not wish my viewing to be constantly interrupted by commercials. The ABC is the last TV and Radio source of information without the crass interruption by people trying to sell us something. The quality of our ABC is something we should be proud of and it has been part of my daily life for 60 plus years. It provides the only haven to secure a balanced view of our world and the events taking place. It should be promoted, funded and congratulated. Where are our politicians' values when they constantly throw our money at commercial ventures which have no other goal than lining their own pockets. Why do we not want to pass on our own values to our children by promoting our educational and excellent ABC? How can our government claim "undue advantage" by the ABC? We need the ABC to remain with adequate funding for it to represent us and continue to provide excellent content not driven by commercial concerns. Sincerely [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must stay in public hands. It is a trustworthy, fair and balanced news service that must always belong to the people, away from vested interests. It can not become a tool for government, rich and powerful to broadcast news they want to be heard.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

In a world increasingly dominated by corporations, a public broadcaster is essential to our democracy. The ABC should not be compared to commercial media, who wave the flag of their masters.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the only reliable news source we have in Australia- we cannot lose this precious resource

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public hands

The ABC is a taxpayer funded organisation, in short, it's our ABC.  
It would be yet another nail in the coffin of Democracy to entertain any thought of further cuts or privatisation. Any Government taking this on would jeopardise it's fate at subsequent elections. It makes one suspicious of what is driving such a push.  
Could it be that the current Government is playing in to the hands of it's big media mogul influencers???

Leave the ABC alone or suffer the consequences

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VIC 3175





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:47 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must stay as government funded

I grew up listening and watching the ABC. it shaped Australian culture in a way that commercial media could not. It MUST stay public. I will NEVER support a government that privatises it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off OUR ABC

The abc is a public broadcaster set up to serve the Australian public, it should never be privatised. We already have a plethora of private broadcasting stations keep this public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

WE must have a non-partisan public broadcaster.

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VIC 3371



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Essential for liberal democracy

To whom it may concern,

A liberal democracy needs an objective media source to be capable of making rational decisions as a nation. The ABC has a brand of news that cannot be replicated under privatisation. Privatisation of traditional media sources would disable our democratic culture and leave the public to question which “fake news” to trust.

The ABC builds nationhood. I watch ABC because it doesn't have ads. I may abandon television as a source of information entirely if that was to change. My options then are to take my cues primarily off family and friends. On a national scale this would contribute to the degradation of the relationship between viewers and their nation state. The ABC in its current format builds nationhood and solidifies it, bridging generations as their common thread. Privatisation, on the other hand, would foster less principled sources of information and favour more local cultures and identity in opposition .

I consider a publicly owned broadcaster such as the ABC as an essential element of our liberal democracy and our ability to live together in a nation state.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our hands! No privatisation!

Mr Turnbull, Mr Fifield. The ABC is the most robust source of honest news, the best source of Australian drama, the best source of Australian documentary programs. In the radio, television and online presence it is a complete package and should not be tampered with. I have never voted labour since I acquired the vote in 1969, but any decision to interfere with the ABC, and either hand it over to private media moguls or dismantle it will tip me over and I will take four daughters and nine grandchildren with me. The ABC is the heart and soul of Australian media. Give them more money and let them run it without the interference of politicians with a three year vision on most issues. Thank you.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

Please don't privatise the ABC it's the only television station with any integrity & is not commercialised. My child can watch it without being bombarded with commercials & crap. It has the best environmental & educational programs (on radio & tv) out of any other network. We love ABC & don't want to see it sold off & privatised if any way. Keep it in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** An independent ABC

In this era of commercialised news, news as click bait, concentration of media ownership and the avalanche of unverified blog gossip an independent non-commercial source of local news is essential to the operation of a healthy democracy.

Not only should the ABC be left independent, it's budget should be restored and its charter amended to allow comment and opinion.

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NSW 2218



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise abc. Keep it fully public funded

Do not privatise the abc. It is the only free to air station that covers non urban issue. All you have to do is look at how bad the 3 x commercial station do with re runs of America's garbage and you have proof that the abc need to be fully funded and kept in private hands. My children deserve a fully Australian voice and tha has always been the abc.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

To whom it may concern.

I am a voter. I am heartily sick of the cuts to the ABC budget by our government. It's time to stop using the ABC as a political football. One of the hallmarks of a healthy democracy is a free press, and press that we can actually trust, especially in these days of "fake news". The ABC does wonders with all its programs especially in light of the horrendous cuts you've made in their budget. I trust the ABC with regard to their news reporting. I trust that the presenters are not providing their own views on important matters, but seeking the views of those they are interviewing. When pressed and pressed recently on RN breakfast, Eric Abetz simply couldn't spit out any specific examples of an ABC presenter giving their own opinion, naming any presenter! Couldn't do it. The media in our country and around the world is already concentrated in the hands of a small number of rich patriarchs who control what we read, hear and see. Let's not add to that any further. Keep our ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone

Living in rural Australia the ABC is my main radio go to, whether it be for news or music. I cannot stand listening to commercial radio with the top 40 music and watered down news. There are fewer options like I had in Melbourne where I would listen to great community radio. And as for TV ... I have been watching our TV gradually become watered down for years, and filled with American productions. Gone are the days when we had a quota for Australian content on tv and radio, and yet the Abc still produces a lot of content and a lot more educational content than any commercial stations. Our education system has already been watered down (university caps just prior to the baby bonus generation hitting higher education will limit them), but cutting ABC will limit the chances of everyday learning and access to quality productions for the average Australian. We don't want or need more reality programs!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep abc out of privatisation

the abc is much loved by me and my family, from childrens shows to unbiased news reports. However it also plays a major part in safety warnings at dire times. HANDS OFF

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VIC 3135



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has always been a part of my life and also my father's before me. It is a trusted Australian institution providing quality unbiased current affairs, documentaries, comedy, drama and other excellent content. To privatise it would mean it would become just another commercial with all the unsophisticated rubbish and seemingly unending advertisements. I am deeply opposed to the privatisation of the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I am most distressed to read of the Liberal Government's vote to privatise the ABC. My family has watched the 7 o'clock news in the knowledge that it is news reported without sensationalism to lift ratings and give bias. A short look at news and magazine programs on commercial channels is all too frightening. The ABC budget has been cut and cut, please no more. Keep our wonderful ABC in public control.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A B C is national treasure

ABC must not be hijacked by any lobby group.  
It is in the interest of our democracy that it remain completely independent.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I love the ABC for its professional and objective journalism. It's not difficult for anyone who is able to think critically to see through the rubbish that is served up on commercial broadcasting - no objectivity just opinion. The only good that can come out of self-interested politicians trying to destroy decent institutions is that there will be a ground swell to ensure they don't get elected next time around.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Objection to threats to our public broadcasting

As an Australian citizen I use the ABC and SBS as my main source of reliable information about what is happening. I particularly rely on the early morning programs on RN and on the ABCTV program called 'The Drum'. I object to the notion that the ABC & SBS exercise an undue competitive advantage over commercial broadcasters because I see their underlying commitment to a balanced overview as totally different from those of the commercial commitments. In order to attract advertising it stands to reason that views favoured by the market will be emphasized by the latter. I passionately object to the ongoing and effective cuts to the ABC's budget.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is in our DNA

I just don't know where to start. Ok, let's start with children's programmes. Sometimes parents just have to rely for a while on television to entertain the kids, and where else but the ABC can you be reassured that the children's programmes at any time of the day will be safe and appropriate, as well as entertaining and educational? Have any of your children or grandchildren learned to read with the help of Reading Eggs?

Then there is the comedy for the rest of us, uniquely Australian, and an opportunity for Australian artists to hone their skills before unleashing them on the rest of the world.... Tim Minchin anyone? Also, the news and current affairs, bereft of fake news - news we can trust.


Finally, there's the Australian drama, which no other Australian producer seems able to fund. Surely some of those excellent dramas, as well as the local children's shows, make a profit and promote our image when sold overseas.

I am so proud of the ABC and SBS, and there aren't that many uniquely Australian icons still around to remind us of our heritage.

Please, please, forget about being financial rationalists, remember that you are Australian and restore adequate funding to the ABC.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

When something becomes privatised motives change. I like the ABC as it is. I have grown up with it and I trust it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in our hands!

The ABC is one of the few things we have left in this country that belongs to all Australians, for Australians. We need one media source that is not corrupted completely by private agenda

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VIC 3136 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privatise our ABC


If the ABC is sold off to commercial interests the Australian public will no longer have an unbiased medium of news and events.

Programs such as 7:30 and 4-corners frequently bring our attention to affairs that the commercial channels ignore, or don't want us to know about.

Did the commercial channels broadcast on the Disabled Games ... not to my knowledge. Presumably 'they decided' that there was not sufficient interest for their sponsors/advertisers.

Please keep the OUR ABC independent.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is priceless

We travel frequently overseas and each time we thank our good fortune for the ABC. We cannot bear radio with advertising, literally. We cannot listen to it. The ABC has been proven to be unbiased time after time in all enquiries. We trust the ABC to give us unbiased news and beautiful music on ABC FM. I would be out in the streets in a flash to demonstrate against any threat to the ABC's integrity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC for the good of the Australian public

I am 72. I have listened to ABC radio since a child and the thought of it falling into private hands brings me to despair. It is the one radio station that has intelligent and intellectually stimulating content. What knowledge I have of art, music, drama and international affairs, without bias, stems from my pleasure and wonder in listening to ABC radio.

The ABC must remain in public hands for the benefit of our children and grandchildren and as a public good.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,

I call upon you to leave the Aust Broadcasting Commission as a public entity.

Privatisation of this television station will result in just another TV channel broadcasting 'pulp' programs.

We already have sufficient commercial TV stations doing so. The ABC has always been a reliable news and current affairs station which airs quality shows about Australia and Australian issues.


It is a vital part of the landscape in broadcasting in our country, and is consistent throughout the country.

Privatisation will cause disjointed programming. At present it is the only consistent programming Australia wide making it a reliable source of news and quality current affairs on television.

Thank you for your time

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NSW 2483 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC


We must keep the institution of the ABC in the public's hands. It's for us. It's about us. It's relevant to us. It's honest and impartial. I've always been impressed how the ABC provides and analyses both sides of the story.

The ABC in corporate hands may not be able to carry on the tradition of balanced news and critique of what is happening in our back yard, so to speak.

And this leads to the importance of the vast coverage of the ABC in our country. It genuinely reaches corners where no other media can. Will a privatised ABC be willing and able to continue servicing the families way out in the far reaches of Australia?

It would be a great loss for all Australians if the ABC were to be privatised. It must stay in public hands. Afterall, it's meant to reflect news and stories and documentaries and sport and culture and history and world events for all of us. The ABC must retain its high calibre as a public institution. Do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 7:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public

ABC local radio brought me through my years as a new mother by keeping me informed and connected to my community, at a time when I felt overwhelmingly isolated. ABC television has entertained and educated my young sons on weekend mornings without any fear of exposure to advertising. The ABC is trusted, loved and relied upon in exactly the format it has existed in up until this point - please don't sell it. Rather, give it more public funding.

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ACT 2602



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave Our ABC alone

ABC gives the public a wonderful broad section of topics to listen to in an unbiased way . It belongs to the citizens of Australia

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NSW 2108 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands

The ABC has done a decidedly great job in the past and as I and my parents, and children see it, today. I believe there is no reason other than politicians ramblings incoherently that this issue has arose. No one I know in any walk of life has a problem with the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:58 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my distress at the proposal that the ABC may be privatised. As a teacher of over 30 years, I have come to rely on the ABC as an independent voice amongst others with inherent bias. I do not always agree with the content nor the presenter's perspectives, but I am always confident that the discussion presented is rational, considered and based on evidence. I have long believed that the ABC is an essential foundation to the success of our democracy. I am driven to write this email as I fear that the recent push to reduce funding and to consider privatisation will further divide the Australian community. An independent and well-funded public owned ABC is a must. If our society is driven by commercial prerogatives alone, what type of community and country will our children end up living in?

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I find that generally there is a trend toward 'dumbing down' news, sensationalism, & less investigative journalism. The ABC is the ONLY CONSISTENT source of researched factual news educative series that I really appreciate. It takes much effort to present in this way- & commercial tv is more at the whim & demands of its advertisers. PLEASE DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should remain in Public hands

It's our ABC!!!!  
Hands off!!!!

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NSW 2170



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC

The ABC is for everyone, the last bastion of what community stands for. It is a voice for the people and we do not want to lose it or be silenced. Save our ABC.

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NSW 2350 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:38 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as it is now!

Like many rural Australians I grew up watching ABC. It is an asset to the country to have this service. Privatisation will bring Advertising and vested interest, dumbing down the content and destroying its credibility. I am very upset at the proper action by this government. They are temporary caretakers. Hands off the ABC!!

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NSW 2444





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC

The abc is one of the things that provides informative and as impartial as possible. To sell it would be to send us further to the dogs. Without the abc our country would be further owned by foreign investors, and the media would be a worse place

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ACT 2615 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am very concerned that the coalition Government feels it has the right to privatise the ABC this is a public resource who's whole purpose is supply programs and information without an agenda or bias. If the ABC was privatised it would be a blow for democracy in this. Ountry I for one would protest vehemently and I can assure you I have never been one to do so. Hands off our ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatised the ABC

The ABC is our national broadcaster with reach to the whole country. As such, it keeps communities in our isolated country in touch with the rest of us more closely connected, and makes those living in more distant parts of the country feel part of the nation.

It is also the ONLY broadcaster which has the responsibility of keeping us informed in emergency situations - flood, fire, storms and so on. This is a very necessary task, providing information and co-ordination to those communities in great distress. Commercial media has not got the reach or resources to carry out this so vital role.

The ABC cannot be privatised without serious damage to our whole nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

It and SBS are the only real voice Australia has on the T.V. It's what I grew up with. My parents would turn in there graves, and they were Liberal voters. My Grandkids will be bombard by ads.It's just common sense it's owned and run by the Australian public. Please think of the people first

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NSW 2483



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The belief held by some Parliamentarians that they are infallible, and should never being questioned or criticized by the ABC, is simply false. I have never believed in the Doctrine of Infallibility. Nor is it correct to say that because the taxpayers of Australia, not the Parliamentarians, pay for the ABC, that the Government of the day should not be challenged by the ABC. The proposal to privatize the ABC is based on the wish to control an organization which has made, and does make a major contribution to our country

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC

We are presently travelling in c  
Canada and the USA. Their tv and radio are appalling. TheABC is the lifeblood of Australia and would be  
wrecked if it fell into commercial hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leaders or Lackeys?

We already have enough billionaire-owned media spewing the opinions of billionaires 24/7. The ABC is being attacked for giving some small voice to the other 99 percent. If the current government would dare to claim they represent the population, then they should cease their relentless destruction of public services. We won't stand by as they attempt to enclose what remains of the commons.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 6:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in public hands

I do not want the ABC to be privatised. As an older citizen I depend on the ABC for most of my television viewing and radio listening because I trust what they say. I believe they always strive to be impartial. As we have lost trust in many institutions recently ( including politicians ) it is even more important to have a trusted news source with no one behind the scenes pulling strings to suit their own needs.

The inquiry into the ABC and SBS having an advantage over other media is ridiculous. You might as well say that politicians have an advantage over the rest of the population. In our society everyone needs to work together to produce the best outcome in what they do. In this I think that the ABC is outstanding and I will fight tooth and nail to prevent its privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to all Australians, keep it in public hands

To whom it may concern.

I grew up with the ABC. It was the only channel that my parents allowed me and my two brothers to watch because it had great programs and was add free. Now, as an adult, it is my go to for programs and news. I know that I can trust the news broadcasts and the programming is great and supports great Australian content. I loved the recent offering, Mystery Road.

Like my parents, I am very happy for my daughter to watch the ABC because it is add free, she is not subjected to fast food advertising, gambling adds and other marketing. She can just enjoy the shows and be a kid without beeing made into a consumer.

It is critical that this wonderful service is maintained in public hands and supported by the government as a valuable asset for the people of Australia. The ABC is one of the few things supported by the government that I am so proud of. The government invests millions of dollars in supporting weapons manufacturing, a shame to our country, and something i don't want my taxes to go towards, however, I do want my taxes to go towards supporting the ABC which has poisitive impacts on our society and our children.

I never want to see privatisation of any part of the ABC and I do want to see greater support from the government for this national treasure. The ABC helps to shape a great Australian culture, keeps us well informed and doesnt turn us all into consumers.

Keep the ABC in public hands and provide more resourcing to this great asset.

Kind regards

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NSW 2450 [REDACTED]


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC a public institution!

Personally speaking the ABC has always played a crucial role in my life. The high quality, unbiased news reporting and non-sensationalised in-depth current affairs together with the SBS have been a source of intelligent, realistic information. The professionalism is unquestionable, the quality of programming is exemplary and the independence is essential. Non commercial, honest and representing the values of the silent majority. There is no need to turn a profit. The ABC and SBS are a part of public service, like health care and educational institutions. Look at the disastrous consequences of privatising our utility services, and The Commonwealth Bank etc. Hands off OUR ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I want to keep paying for the ABC

To Whom it May Concern,

The ABC is one of the few news sources I trust in Australia. If it is privatised the majority shareholder will be pushing their agenda, we already have enough of that with other 'news' sources. I pay good money every year for you guys to work for me. I want the ABC to continue to be funded by the public, me. I don't make submissions often (probably not often enough). However this is something I felt I must address. Please reconsider this, Australia NEEDS a public news service.

Cheers,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to all of us and cannot be privatised

It's hard to believe a day would ever come when the ABC was on trial, but here we are. I, like dare I say most Australians grew up on the ABC. I watched it as a baby, as a child, I will never get the bananas in pyjamas song out of my head no matter how hard I try.


Only these days I guess it's the libs coming down the stairs and aunty trying to avoid being caught unawares.

The fact is - whatever the fellas at the top may want, I don't know a single person who doesn't love and trust the ABC and that includes so many liberal voters whose support will waver. The ABC provides service for all Australians. It produces and promotes Australian content in a market that is becoming overwhelmingly American, it offers long-trusted news programmes that per the charter have to strive to meet in the middle and not just be biased towards the left or the right. It does all this on a budget that is year by year cut and now the potential of sale looms uneasily over our heads.

It belongs to Australia, a country that once used to care about a fair go and should care about representation and access for every Australian.

Don't take the ABC from us, our dear Aunty doesn't deserve to be sold off into private hands.

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NSW 2871 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Must be Independent and Publically Owned

An independent press and television is fundamental to a democratic society. Try the BBC. Murdoch's advocacy journalism is a blight on democracy. Indonesia with its 200 plus newspapers has more democratic reporting than Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public broadcasting is essential to democracy.

I do not want organisations with huge amounts of money and their own financial and philosophical/(im)moral interests controlling the dispersal of information, political commentary, influence on government decisions, etc., to have an unchallenged voice on this vital subject The ABC, like the BBC in the UK, (I have dual citizenship) are under relentless attack by private media moguls and their political lobbyists to try to destroy the reality of independent public broadcasting. This is dangerously anti-democratic. Any doubters should read Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World".....

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,  
Please don't privatise the ABC! It is such a special, iconic, Australian institution that will be lost with privatisation. Some things just don't need changing or upgrading, and the ABC is one of those things. Please leave my ABC as it is. Thanks.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is what makes Australia great

Living in a regional area the ABC in all its formats is invaluable for my family and for our community. Traveling to contries such as the USA I have bern appalled by the quality of the journalism. Every news broadcast is a sales pitch. It is vital to keep the ABC free of commercial interference and advertising.  
Sincerely Dr [REDACTED] NSW

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NSW 2037





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised

Our public broadcasting corporation the ABC is a trusted and important media resource. We rely on independent reports and programs that have no risk of influence from corporate and private interests. We are already subjected to a heavily unbalanced media monopoly in the form of giant media moguls like Rupert Murdoch who use their platform to promote their economic interests. We must do everything we can to both protect our public broadcasting and ensure it receives the funds it needs to continue to provide the quality news and entertainment that we all love from Radio National and the 7:30 report through to the quality kids shows. All without advertising or influence.

This is vitally important.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

I grew up watching the ABC watching playschool and other childrens programs like the Ferals. It was good and informative television and taught at the same time. Very important for children.


As I grew older and became a teenager I still watched the ABC, watching programs like the 7:30 report and 4 Corners. Important programs for a good knowledge of what was happening in Australia and abroad.

I still watch the ABC to this day.

Privatising the ABC won't put learning, knowledge or important current affairs at the fore, only making money. The BAC will be gutted by such a move. I want my daughter to be able to grow up watching the ABC just the same as i was able to, with the chance to learn, to know of the world through unbiased reporting and to learn of Australian culture.

Privatising will destroy any chance of this happening.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 5:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect the ABC from the loony right.

The ABC is not perfect, but it provides investigative journalism and intelligent programming which commercial interests can never provide. The quality of shows like “Back Road” and many others cannot be matched by the ‘for profit’ channels. The ABC IS A VALUED PART OF THE RADIO AND TV IN OUR COUNTRY - we shall all be the poorer for its privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must stay a public broadcaster and continue to be supported by Australian tax payers

The ABC has and still does provide rural coverage that is essential. Also we need a guarantee that Australian s will always have access to Australian content and news not influenced by commercial markets

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep abc public

I am currently in Canada as I submit this and the CBC network has commercials and is unbearable to watch and I do not think this will be accepted by the Australian public.

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NSW 2536



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:30 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC IN public hands

It is essential that we have unbiased, honest, free speech and the ABC is the only means with which we can rely, our civil rights are constantly being eroded by all sides of the political sphere and without the ABC reporting on the injustices and lies of our political parties we would be just as corrupt of RUSSIA and CHINA, KEEP our ABC we need to know how dishonest our politicians are

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Dear Madams/Sirs,

May I open my submission with a quote fro the Honourable Sir Robert Menzies in his OPENING OF A.B.C. TELEVISION CHANNEL 3 AT CANBERRA an 18th December 1962  
Speech by the Prime Minister the Rt, Hon. R.G. Menzies

"Well, I would like to say to my Parliamentary colleagues and to you who are looking at us and listening to us that I regard this as a very, very happy occasion, Man and boy, as you might say, I have been coming up here to Canberra on Parliamentary affairs since 1934 and in 1934, if I remember correctly, we had about 6,000 people in Canberra. It was a village. You could walk around it comfortably in an afternoon. Today it has the better part of 60,000 people and the wise men who understand these things and advise Governments and Oppositions tell us there will be 100,000 in 1970 and. getting bolder and bolder, they tell us there will be a quarter of a million by the turn of the century.

Now that means that Canberra is not only the capital of Australia but increasingly becomes more like a capital, with a weight of population and a quality of citizenship that will make it a very, very important place, And therefore it's a very happy event that we should be celebrating the opening of a national television station here, We have a commercial one at present, which has been seen by many people in this city. We will now have two. Now, I am very pleased about that and perhaps for two reasons.

First of all, it gives you a nice, pleasant feeling of mastery, doesn't it. if you are sitting in front of a television screen and you can turn it off and get on to another station. This is the highest exercise of citizenship and indeed they make it easy for you now because you can do it by remote control, by pressing a button.

And the other thing, of course, is that a national television station operating to the standards that we expect from the Australian Broadcasting Commission and what it does in this country, will, I think, make a powerful contribution to our amusement and also to our intellectual life and that is a very important thing in the capital city of Australia a university city, a diplomatic city, a Parliamentary city, a seat of Government<sup>o</sup> It's tremendously important that we should have those things that we regard as almost tte special responsibility of a Government station accurate reporting objective interpretation and comment, music, drama of the highest quality, a general presentation which in the broad sense, in a human sense, represents



a contribution to the educational standards of the country and will, I believe, strive more and more, year by year to achieve that ideal. This after all is the great object of a national television station. I don't mean by that, that it is to be dull. It's quite possible to be amusing, they tell me, without being dull. It's quite possible to be instructive without being dull. The record of the A.B.C. already, right round Australia, indicates a high level of capacity for providing what the people want. And so, from tonight on, we will have in this city and in this territory indeed in the whole area that is covered by the Station, the opportunity of a choice the opportunity of following our own-fancy, of pursuing our own mood, according to the kind of thing that we want to look at and listen to.

This, I think, is a notable day in the history of Canberra. I declare this Station open and I wish it great success."

Thank you to one of our great Prime Ministers (a Liberal party Prime Minister) - He summed up why we need to full support a public funded broadcaster.

YES, the Media landscape lead by technology has and is continuing to change.

I sit writing this email in Lusaka, Zambia listening on-line to ABC national radio (it's 3am in Sydney) - and YES the ABC continues to lead in innovating and developing these changes in media format and related technologies. Even whilst being subjected to radical cuts in its funding.

I am an older Australian (64), who has grown up with the ABC. Coming from country NSW my first memories are the ABC radio book and the broadcasts at primary school. We as students all hung on hearing every one of those early programs.

As a university student in the late 60's early 70's. I with wider society became enraged as the ABC brought the Vietnam war into our lounge rooms at dinner time.



As a teacher for 40 years I have watched the evolution of media technology and used it to great advantage with my teaching, both from commercial sources and that of our public broadcaster.

Lastly, is not it a positive sign of our great democracy that the current government is sometimes highly critical of the coverage they receive from our public broadcaster. Unfortunately in many countries the public broadcaster becomes the PR tool of the government to maintain power.

I am old enough to have seen the same critically reviews and question promoted by Labour governments.

An unbiased, questioning public broadcaster (in whatever future format media may take) is crucial to a liberal democracy such as Australia. The ABC can only strengthen our democracy.

Please keep the ABC sufficiently funded and in public hands but not the tool of government.

  
NSW 2039 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not sell off the ABC

To sell off the only public broadcaster in Australia would be a diabolical betrayal of public trust. The ABC is not a hot bed of lefty pinko commy propaganda as certain paranoid One Nation and Lib/Nat MPs think. Ever watched landline or gardening Australia? Yes, me too. As both a farmer and a teacher, I rely on the ABC for so many things. To sell it to some greedy corporate giant like Rupert Murdoch or anyone else would be the end of any fair and balanced reporting in this country. If you sell the ABC we will come to Canberra in our tractors and burn parliament house to the ground. Don't even think about it. More right wing voters than you think actually rely on our public broadcaster and don't see it as pinko communist propaganda like Cory Bernardi and his ilk. Got it.  
Angry Farmer  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:09 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

From evidenced based practice we have, I should hope by now, that privatisation has NOT been working. You don't have to look too far to see why..Also we have seen what tv is like now since they have pay to air, without the ABC we have repeat after repeat- people are so annoyed and fed up with this. Mr Murdochs way is not the way

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 4:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the Australian public - it must never be privatised!

A few years ago I wrote a letter of thanks to the ABC for the outstanding programs produced by great Australian documentary makers, journalists, film producers and producers of children's programs. Having travelled the World, I rarely find the calibre of programs produced by those at the ABC. I consider the ABC one of the greatest pieces of public infrastructure this country has. I am glad my taxes go toward funding such quality television.

Programs such as Foreign Correspondent and Four Corners are such great teaching resources. Televisions series such as Redfern Now are incredible pieces of viewing. And, as a parent, I commend the ABC for the children's programs that are aired. My toddlers love Playschool.

There is no way we should privatise the ABC. The USA is my example in point! To be honest, I can't believe I'm even having to write a submission to justify to our present government the need for the ABC to be kept in public hands. May I remind you that the ABC is the public broadcaster for the Australian public! It does not belong to any particular government present or future.

Thank you for acknowledging this submission.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 3:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC!

Words alone struggle to convey how much the ABC means to me. It's like trying to describe how, say, a favourite relative can make you feel - happy when they're present, inspired and entertained with their stories and, most importantly, that secure, reassured feeling knowing that they will always be there.

My earliest memories include listening to, or watching, ABC programmes, whether at home or at school. The commercial channels simply couldn't match the ABC for quality programmes, whether for education or for entertainment.

It was later on that I realised the importance of a publicly owned broadcasting service. Only a publicly owned broadcasting service could offer true and unbiased news and current affairs to provide balance in a world of (increasing) fake news. Now more than ever we need a public broadcaster free to report the truth. These attacks (Liberal Party Council) and punitive measures (government funding cuts) are attacks on my well being and way of life.

The premise of the recent enquiry - that the ABC and SBS have an advantage over the commercial networks - is misguided; it is an irrational argument to compare a public broadcaster to privately owned ones.

Please don't use this 'argument' to try and justify destroying our ABC.

Each has their own purpose.

A democratic society requires publicly owned assets and resources to help it properly function as a democracy.

Yes, we are a democracy. We elect representatives we believe will uphold our values. Our elected representatives work for us.

Now, if a journalist reporting the truth results in a politician, a political party, or a corporation, feeling exposed or threatened because of their action (or perhaps, inaction) why should that be considered the fault of the journalist, and, by association, the broadcaster?

That's what I love about 4 Corners!

Make no mistake - a sleeping giant is about to be awakened. I refer to the legions of Australians who truly love the ABC and will do whatever is necessary to keep it from being privatised.

It would be a naive politician who thinks Australians will accept that a privatised ABC will occur without a fight.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 3:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC has been here since before I was born and is a wealth of information and entertainment like no other channel. To privatise the ABC would ruin its foundations. Please consider doing what's right and not privatising the ABC. It is unique & should be left as it is. Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 3:50 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

We must retain an independent, publicly owned broadcaster for the benefit of all of us.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 3:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC MUST remain in public hands !!

In my view the only television channels worth watching are the ABC & SBS ! I never miss weekly programs like Australian Story, 4 Corners, Q&A, Insight, Gruen. These programs keep us informed regarding current affairs & stimulate thought on these issues. The ABC & SBS provide a forum for Australian film producers, directors & actors, which is vital for our Australian identity. I don't want our society to become a clone of American ideologies ! With commercial TV stations being in private hands, their viewers are fed a biased view of politics ie that held by their wealthy, millionaire owners. I find it abhorrent that the Liberal Party has voted to privatise the ABC. This is nothing but a witch hunt, and downright ridiculous ! Is there an equivalent movement to privatise the BBC in the UK? No, of course !! I am 66 years old & have been watching the ABC almost exclusively, all my life. Please Liberal Party, desist from this extremely unpalatable proposal of privatising the ABC ! Your party is becoming more & more right wing & less & less attractive every day.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 3:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC must remain as a public broadcaster because the programming, breadth of news coverage, current affairs, etc has no equal in commercial broadcasting.

The Australian content, although diminished in recent years because of budget cuts is second to none. Music radio such as Classic FM does not exist elsewhere. Radio National has no commercial equal and the regional radio stations are so much superior to their commercial, shock jock rivals that there is really no comparison.

The regional coverage on radio and television is vital and would not be taken up by commercial companies. If the ABC goes commercial I will have no TV worth watching and no radio worth listening to. Advertising every 10 minutes drives me to distraction!

Please retain the ABC in all its forms and restore its funding to again make it great again.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 3:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I want the ABC to remain an indentifiable Australian voice on free to air television. The content must not be corrupted by commercial interest. It needs to reflect, enhance and report on our society without being influenced by any stakeholders but the Australian public. Keep the ABC mine.

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VIC 3016



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC IS NOT FOR POLITICIANS TO SELL!!!! IT BELONGS TO AUSTRALIA!!!

This is a public asset which must not be sold off!! It is a powerful voice, and the only other station along with SBS worth watching. The lib party hate that ABC tells the truth on their greedy agendas, and they have been cutting it down in pieces- it is a voice of sanity and quality in the world of rubbish and personal agenda pushing by the likes of the lib's mate Murdoch. Please stop this! It belongs to Australia and NOT UP FOR SALE/CLOSURE!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:57 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC must not be privatised to ensure fair, and balanced news reporting continues.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The value of the ABC to our democracy, far outweighs its cost. A voice that is not driven by profit, contributes far more to our democracy than any other media that can be bought and sold by the highest bidder!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The Libertarian push to privitise the ABC by The Liberal Party, the Conservative Think Tank IPA and the Media monolith and Foreign Influence agent News .

Libertarianism is a corrosive force in Australian politics. Its mainspring and benefactor is US Billionaire Rupert Murdoch.

This foreign influence on our government policy is evident in Murdochs association with the Libertarian Think Tanks in the USA.

Keith Murdoch, Rupert's father was a founder of The IPA, a Libertarian Think Tank which is an agent of change for Rupert Murdoch and promotes his agenda.

As support of the corrosive nature of privitisation I present a video of its destabilising effects in the USA.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I am travelling in Europe at the moment but retaining the ABC in public hands is so important to me. The ABC is vital for keeping Australians informed no matter where we live or are travelling places. And programs like Mystery Road are wonderful. I almost didn't go on holiday because of the first episode! Looking forward to seeing it all when I return home.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands -- don't privatise it!


I have been watching the ABC with enthusiasm since I was a young teenager. Even at age 14 I was impressed with shows like Monday Conference and Four Corners, as they helped me understand the big issues facing Australia. In place of Monday Conference there is now Q&A, but Four Corners is still going strong.

The ABC is not biased. Rather, it strives to give many viewpoints and goes out of its way to ask the public what they think. Q&A is a good example of this evenhandedness. I much prefer the ABC (and SBS) news to the commercial news, which frequently focuses on trivial matters or 'hot-button' topics like petty crime and sport.

If the ABC were privatised, how would it maintain its balanced approach? Chances are it would soon cave in to 'market pressures', and present only 'marketable' content. In other words, it would dumb everything down, and there would be no in-depth analysis at all.

For these reasons I implore the government not to privatise the ABC, lest Australian news is reduced to a bare rump of what it is now. Australians need information on current affairs that is unbiased and informative -- not infotainment.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC.

The abc is ours, not yours to destroy. It accurately reports on news and current affairs and provides programs and services to country folk that commercial channels simply refuse to provide. It is a channel with community at the forefront. Even with its budget slashed year after year it still survives as a beacon of knowledge in a world of fake news. Please remember that my family, friends and I not only support the abc but we all vote as well, and will most certainly vote against any government that tampers with the abc!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 2:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Everything old is new again (and vice-versa)

Short memories and a 'victim mentality' disallow those in the Conservative ranks to recall any and all previous occasions when Labor governments- state and federal - publicly fumed at the 'treatment' dished out to them by The ABC. Richard Carleton and Bob Hawke circa 1983 comes to mind.. What about "At Home With Julia"?: Can you imagine the bleatings emanating from the current crop of right-wingers if the ABC aired an unflattering satirical parody of their current or former Prime Minister?? This is pathetic bullying by those who cannot handle any criticism and assume the INDEPENDENT public broadcaster won't fall into toady-like line as their friends on Sky News, 2GB et al all do. They don't notice any time the ABC gives the left a going-over.. simply because it's not happening 24 hours a day. Absolutely pathetic. They should be embarrassed carrying on like little spoiled brats, not getting their way all day every day. As much as our political leaders wish otherwise our ABC isn't, and has never been, a mouthpiece for the Government of the day. Thank Heavens for that!! The ABC is truly independent. Fund her properly AND LEAVE OUR ABC ALONE!!

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NSW 2207 

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in public hands!

To whom it may concern,

I am writing with concern about moves to privatise the ABC.

I find the ABC the only source of consistently honest, reliable, rigorous, objective journalism. This is especially true on Australian news.

If the ABC were to be privatised Australian democracy would be gravely wounded. The threat to privatise the ABC is a threat to the fabric of our Australian communities, a threat to the cohesiveness of our society. The ABC provides a gold standard of journalism that others aspire to, the ABC asks of others media outlets "will you too investigate the world with probity and without bias".

The presence of ABC requires of our politicians an accountability it asks of them "do you take responsibility for your decisions and those consequences that follow, do you understand the consequences."

How many royal commissions, inquiry's and other demands to reform the unjust, the inequitable, the morally corrupt have the ABC been in large or small part responsible for?

Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, the Fitzgerald Inquiry, the wood royal commission to name but a few, . Where would we be without Four Corners? Much poorer intellectually and a good deal more morally corrupt by what might go unquestioned and unknow.

It makes me feel hollow to think of what my kids will miss out on should the children's programming head towards a commercial model.


The opportunity to experience television without the insidious and even nefarious presence of advertising, with all its beckoning to junk food and toys.

Please leave the ABC alone, continue to fund them as is needed!! We tax payers get far more back that what we put in.

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Kind regards

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WA 6281 

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** STOP, The ABC is not yours to sell off!

The ABC belongs to me and to the people of Australia. I have worked for over 40 years and my taxes have paid for building and maintaining this icon of national broadcasting. The coalition has absolutely no right to privatise, sell off or dismantle the one true voice of democracy in this country.

We don't have to look far to see the absolute disaster and chaos that has beset our banking industry since the government privatised the Commonwealth Bank and deregulated the banking industry. Likewise the sell off of Telstra/Telecom, another tax funded and built nation-wide communications network that was reliable and affordable country-wide, sold off and dismembered to greedy and unscrupulous operators who only provide a effective network communication in areas where they make the most profit and leave our county and remote areas to what's left of Telstra, who have just announced another massive cut back in staff and no doubt their service to these areas where Australians are still living, working and paying taxes. The privatisation nightmare continues as we look to the absolute fiasco that is now our national energy industry. Blackouts, massive price hikes in domestic electricity and gas that the average Australian family can no longer afford. Another national disgrace is the insurance industry, and it's no need surprise to discover that selling off the GIO has not given us better, fairer or less expensive insurance. It has just filled. The pockets of the company CEO's and shareholders and is costing everyday Australians a lot more.

The liberal/National party and their commercial media backers need to realise that the Australian taxpayer is fed up with their arrogance and their deceit. The proposed privatisation of our one and only remaining publicly funded company and national broadcaster is tantamount to censorship of an industry which has provided reliable, well informed local, national and international news, featured informative programmes with local content and interest, encouraged open debate on social, moral, financial and political issues. It has had a major impact on developing our entertainment industry through using considerably more Aistralian content and developing our county's talent through inivative, successful and highly acclaimed programs, that generations of Australian's have grown up on.

The successive cuts to the ABC's budget, and now this privatisation threat is a gutless act from a government who can't stand anyone questioning their motives, exposing their inconsistencies offer an alternative view to the spin doctors whom they employ to confuse and mislead the Australian public. If the coalition government want to see how people really think about this outrageous proposal then they need to make it their number one campaign policy for the next election in order to get a permission from the people who actually own the ABC, and that's the people of Australia!s

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC as it is. The only truthful reporting of everything.

I watch ABC for all my news and Entertainment. It is the best channel to watch as the content is interesting...not the disgusting reality TV that all privately owned media run. At least on the aaBC you get interesting Australian content and a balanced view of everything political.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep the ABC in public hands

In the era of "fake" news there seems to be only one source of non-fake news in Australia and that is the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public!!

The ABC as a public broadcaster is there for the greater good of the Australian community rather than the whim of a commercial owner and its self-serving political affiliations. If governments are performing ethically and truly in the public interest they should not be afraid of a public broadcaster and the accountability it seeks to uphold.

The funding and continued service by the ABC and SBS are my tax dollars exceptionally well spent. To privatise it is nothing more than cowardice on the part of the current government.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:34 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

The ABC must not be privatised. It offers a vital voice in a media world dominated by commercial interests. Humans are about more than just money. There are infinite reasons how the ABC makes us a richer stronger society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public

I enjoy watching and listening to programmes on a network which are not constantly interrupted by commercials. It is essential that the ABC remains independent so that it can report accurately and not be swayed by an agenda.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 1:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

ABC radio has been my constant companion for nearly 70 years. An independent News and Current Affairs service must be maintained and not sold to someone who is dependent on sponsors and advertising for revenue. But the ABC isn't just news and current affairs. It's science, literature, theatre (sadly less than it used to be because of funding cuts), history, philosophy, religion, music and so much more that would not be maintained if the ABC was privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A diverse media ecosystem is essential to a healthy democracy.

I would recommend that the inquiry consider how different forms of media have different strengths and weaknesses, and that encouraging a monoculture would put our society at the mercy of the weaknesses of that one source of journalism.

Advertising-funded media obviously has the advantage of a certain distance from government control. However they can still be heavily biased by the political leanings of their upper management which becomes an increasingly concerning issue as media consolidation continues. They still require access to government ministers which can be denied if they are too critical of their policies. They are unable to perform journalism critical of the businesses which advertise on their networks for fear of losing revenue. Perhaps most importantly a media organisation dependant on ad revenue can not freely report on any malign influence that political donations may have on government decision-making. That sort of reporting has the affect of reducing the utility of those donations for businesses, thus businesses will donate less which results in less revenue for the media organisations which sell timeslots for political advertisements. Most political donations flow on to media corporations thus those corporation are only incentivised to increase the flow of those donations regardless of the consequences. Corporations, by law, may not take actions which reduce their own profits which makes them ill-suited to many forms of public interest reporting.

While a publicly funded broadcaster is vulnerable to pressure from the government of the day, it is on the other hand protected from powerful business interests because it does not rely on them for revenue, thus it can freely report on corporate wrong-doing and help ensure that companies can not simply bribe media organisations (via ad buys) to ensure their crimes go unreported. MOST IMPORTANTLY a public broadcaster acts as a brake on the influence that private donations can have on political parties. A fully publicly funded media organisation's revenue is completely separate from the system of political donations. Thus it can more freely report on pay-to-play or otherwise corrupt behaviour stemming from those donations, whereas an ad-funded organisation is dependant on that system and would be biting the hand that feeds it.

Independent media is also worth a mention. While they suffer from a low signal-to-noise ratio they carry none of the baggage of larger organisations and are free to explore any topic or distribution channel they desire. Independent reporting can act as a circuit-breaker, bringing attention to important stories that both public and private media fail to report.

I think the elimination of any of these forms of reporting would be a mistake. They each have strengths which compensate for each other's weaknesses and the Australian public would be less informed and more vulnerable without the contributions of both Public, Corporate, and Independant media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands

Do not EVER privatisé the ABC. It belongs to the people. It signifies free speech

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands please

Dear Sir, with all due respect , we need an Independent source for news, current affairs and the very important , 4 Corners. In this world of fake news, what would we do without our trusted ABC.  
Yours Faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC fully independent and fully funded.

It is incredibly important that the ABC be kept free of commercial interests. Australia is best served by journalism which is above party politics or driven by commercial needs. Our nation state can only grow and mature with a fully independent news and reporting organisation.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I believe that the ABC is a trusted and ethical organisation and has been so for as long as it has been in operation  
It reports in a fair and unbiased manner when providing information to us, the public who fund it  
Via our taxes.  
It also provides a wonderful platform for Australian programmes of a variety of genres .  
I also believe Australia is well served by having an organisation like the ABC which is not controlled by private enterprise.  
If it is privatised it would follow the same path as commercial networks who remain at the mercy of shareholders who then can influence and control the direction and content of our national public broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC private we need diversity

When Newcastle was hit by the Newcastle East Coast Low , streets were flooded lives put at risk , the only radio station that kept the public informed for the whole of the weather event rain deluge was the ABC radio 2NC . They kept people safe they were part of the community . You privatize the ABC and that all ends and everything will be run from Sydney . No private broadcaster came close to ABC's support of the population . We need a media that is not influenced by the dollar .

I listened to one of the Murdoch son's panning the ABC and saying it should be closed , that occurred just before all the scandal about the illegal tapping of phones in the UK . Excuse me but I feel strongly that the ABC has the moral high ground .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need an independent media

We must maintain an independent ABC because it has been so successful in operating as an independent voice, even when its voice is uncomfortable.

The "news" from the other media is so trite and so full of manipulations that I really only read it for the challenge and debate.

In a world increasingly threatened by spin and fake stories, we need the ABC to protect our country. Perhaps it could get the \$84M from the defence budget. It certainly wouldn't be wasted.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I want an independent public broadcaster

I am extremely concerned about the Liberal Party's recent decision to privatise the ABC. The ABC is the only television station my husband and I watch. We watch it because it has no ads, for the excellent Australian drama programs and for their news and documentary programs. We want a public broadcaster that produces quality Australian drama. This is vitally important not just to keep an Australian film industry going, but also to ensure that Australians are able to view Australian productions that reflect our culture and unique environment. We do not want to only watch overseas productions that dominate commercial TV stations - and increasingly the ABC.


My husband and I are also very keen to keep up with Australian politics and current affairs. The ABC news and documentary programs are excellent and unbiased in our view. We are not interested in watching the drivel that passes for news on commercial TV stations.

I believe that if you want informed public debates on issues in Australia, the Government must support an independent broadcaster and be willing to be criticised.

If the ABC is privatised, we will not watch TV at all. Then the issue becomes where will we get information on issues that are important to us as Australians?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

We need a public broadcaster free of political, commercial or other interference.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

To privatise the ABC would not only be a travesty but would violate the principle of a truly conservative government.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should not be bought

The ABC has been a great source of information and entertainment to me and to my family for many years. I can rely on the national broadcaster to use journalists for information and entertainers for entertainment. When you dumb the ABC down to get advertising dollars you lose the chance to have an educated society. Is that the intention? Please do not think such an action will ever be forgiven or forgotten. Hands off my ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

ABC Submission

## PUBLIC FUNDING OF THE ABC (AND SBS) IS ESSENTIAL

The basic premise of the inquiry is to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded.

In a world where eliminating “public funding which allowed advantage over commercial outlets” was the basic premise for all considerations by government, there would be no publicly funded hospital system (which limits the possible client base for such companies as Ramsey Health), no publicly funded libraries (which limit the potential sale of books from Amazon), no publicly funded schools (which limit the number of potential privately run schools, thus forcing all families children into the education that their parents could afford which in many cases would be none), no publicly funded parks, pools or gardens, where people can gather and enjoy publicly funded entertainment, (thus limiting the possible attendance numbers at and potential development of more places eg themeparks like Dreamworld, Water World, Wet-Wild and the Mayfield Garden near Oberon)

There is every possibility that the current enquiry will, in fact, find that the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded. That is not the point. The essential *raison d’être* for public funding of the ABC is, in fact, to insulate it from the competitive nature of the commercial outlets. It is to ensure that it can offer fearless reporting, without fear of retribution, and without conflict of interest.

It is essential that the ABC retain this financial independence.

## WHY I LOVE THE ABC.

The ABC is important to me and my extended family. My siblings all live in very remote regional areas in Queensland (Mungindi, Walgett, Emerald and Theodore) and the ABC is the only station from which they are able to receive clear, reliable quality broadcasts. They depend on the ABC for up to date news on such factors as detailed local weather forecasts, local flood and road conditions and important regional news. This is particularly the case in Theodore where, because of the direction of the repeater station, the Charleville station is essential for them to receive rural broadcasts. In the absence of the ABC, their only source of news is located in the Northern Territory, and focuses on Alice Springs, Darwin and Mt Isa. This is hardly appropriate for residents of a community located in Central Queensland.

Our children have now grown into very well educated, responsible citizens, and we are pleased to say that we believe that access to the ABC and its children’s programs strongly influenced their learning, unimpeded by the commercial consumerism that they would have been exposed to had their TV viewing been limited to commercial stations. Whilst such programs as “Bananas in Pyjamas” and “Thomas the Tank Engine” might be continued by a commercialised broadcaster, it would necessitate exposure to commercial advertising which would require constant monitoring. Whilst the children were viewing such programs on the ABC, we, as busy parents, were sure that we did not have to worry about this added time-consuming responsibility. This reputation and attraction of the ABC for quality, educational children’s programs, without commercial advertising, must be preserved.

Even as teenagers, and young adults, we were pleased that they had access access to a broadcaster where they were not exposed to the constant pressure to engage in social practices eg sports betting, consumption of alcohol, consumption of fast food, utilization of multiple credit cards etc etc. This allowed us to raise our



young adults without constant exposure to values which were contrary to those which we hold.

As adults, our three children understand the meaning of “confirmation bias” and appreciate that to be truly informed, one must expose oneself to all aspects of every story. The ABC has always offered them programs based on in-depth journalism, involving journalists who are not afraid to ask the questions, and are prepared to delve into areas where those in employment of commercial media moguls, would fear to tread. It is absolutely essential that this freedom be preserved, and for that reason, the ABC should not be commercialised as it would inevitably introduce conflicts of interest and other complexities which by definition curtail that freedom. The ABC is, and must remain a trusted news source.

#### PUBLIC FINDING OF THE ABC ALLOWS IT TO PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN OUR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

Governments are powerful. In our Democracy, the people and our justice system have the role of ensuring that power is utilized in the interests of the people. To do this, the people must be an informed body of individuals, and the source of that information must remain a trusted one. This is not always the case, as history shows many examples of democracies in which governments, and influential individuals in the government, have usurped power, with devastating consequences, eg Hitler in the 1940s. A common means for usurping that power, and gaining the support of the people has been the use of propaganda, through control of the media, and dis-arming former reliable, trusted news sources. Any attempt by the Government to curtail the funding of the ABC is an attempt to weaken the potential for in-depth reporting of the ABC. We cannot run the risk of a society in which our trusted news source is no longer financially viable.

There must be no cut to funding of the ABC.



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC Must stay in public hands

The ABC is one of the best assets Australia has. The breadth of its programs that explore fields such as culture, arts, social change, science, business to philosophy is astounding. My and most people I know, our lives would be poor and diminished without thought provoking Radio National and soul soaring Classic FM. The ABC radio and television programs have served rural and urban Australia with a richness and diversity of programs that no privatised media company has ever gotten close to. It has continually stimulated and nourished the heart of our country's people over last century and the beginning of this, and provided high quality educational and entertaining programs freely to all Australians with or without financial resources. It is vitally important to have a public broadcaster without the bias of political, corporate agendas and product ads influencing/ coercing us into mindless consumers. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC a public broadcaster

I am happy for my tax dollars to fund the ABC, it is a vital service that give us all an opportunity to be informed without having product force fed to us.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands, keep Australia smart!

I've just returned from living in SE Asia, where the lack of of quality public broadcasters, makes it hard for the public to be well informed about anything: scientific principles, health developments, the value of science, innovation, and where there's almost nothing educational on TV for children.

A good quality broadcaster, is like education, good schools, a proper healthcare system, and infrastructure; it's what separate Australia from becoming a highly divided society like the U.S where a man who has very suspicious links to the Russians, can be president.

It seems that the Liberal party is becoming, not the party of ordinary Australians, or small business people like myself, but the party of the elite, that wants to create a more and more divided society.

There are still some great initiatives from the Liberal Party, such as greater childcare benefits for working families, and especially working women, or the simplifying of the personal tax system.

But if idiots like Eric Abetz, represent the Liberals, who have no idea what a good public system and a good government means, then it's not a party i will support.

The ABC is not the Liberals ABC, it is our ABC. It connects city dwellers with rural residents, children with adults, scientists with ordinary people, people with interesting start up or business ideas, and teaches us about the importance of good healthcare.

Commercial media outlets such as the Sydney Morning Herald or the Financial Review are struggling to provide the kind of in-depth reporting that they did 10-20 years ago, and in this ever more complex age, with the growth of massive media conglomerates such as Google and Facebook, we need a public broadcaster that represents the public, keeps us connected to one another, and keeps us informed, promotes science, innovation, the arts and Australian ideas. There is no other media outlet out there doing that as comprehensively as the ABC. As an Austrlain who has lived in developing countries, where people can't make good and informed decisions due to poor quality public and commercial media, I think it is more and more crucial to have the ABC funded by my tax dollars. If the Liberal Party wants to save tax dollars, don't give tax cuts to multi-nationals taking jobs overseas, or cut back on your accommodation and travel spending, not on our right to public information.

The Liberal party is just trying to create a more unequal society, more closely modeled on the U.S, following the neo-liberal model, which just creates huge wealth inequality, and failing public services.

The more unequal society that Australia become, the less we are the country of innovation and a fair go, and the more like the U.S, Russia or a third world country, with just poor public services.

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The more inequality there is, then the more difficult, and the more crime there is, and the less social trust there is. I think the ABC, is one of Australia's great equalizers, it provides everyone access to fantastic, well-researched news and information on so many issues, and helps define our culture outside of commercial interests.



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect the people's ABC

An independent and publicly owned ABC is a vital part of our democracy, and must never be subsumed into an increasingly partisan commercial media dominated by a small number of individuals with their own vested interests to protect. The ABC is one of the few media sources I trust to give impartial news, and fearlessly investigate issues that are too politically hot for commercial media to touch. The very thought of it going down the commercial road in order to placate far right reactionaries is truly frightening. Please do all you can to protect and enhance one of Australia's true cultural, political and intellectual jewels.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC MUST stay in public hands!


To Whom It May Concern

I am extremely concerned that the government is considering the privatisation of the ABC, a national and beloved institution that has accompanied us all through childhood and beyond. What preschool child hasn't sat entranced through Bananas in Pajamas or Peppa Pig? We've all been riveted by the compelling storytelling on Australian Story, admired the fearless journalism of Four Corners and listened to intelligent debates on Q & A. We need this kind of television and only a broadcasting station publicly owned and that does not have to answer to private interests can do this. Not to mention that for many people in rural Australia this is their only source of news.

The latest attacks directed against the ABC are unprecedented and are signs of a government seeking to repress free, unbiased reporting. This is not something we would expect in Australia and smacks more of a dictatorship than a democracy. We the people, the taxpayers, own the ABC and we demand that the ABC remain in the public domain. The mission of public broadcasting is to provide a service that commercial operators don't or can't provide. The government has added a burden to this mission by its continual withdrawal of funds, year in year out. Any program now broadcast on the ABC is expected to prove its popularity to justify taxpayer funding. By slashing funding, the Coalition government has done its best to pare back some of the programming and in doing so has caused huge job losses across the station. But even with these cuts and the reduced programming, the quality of the ABC is far and above superior to anything else on offer and the ABC must stay in public hands. Our vitality as a proud, independent, democratic nation depends on it. Please do not allow the privatisation of the ABC to become a reality. We absolutely need it!

Yours Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

Trusted, real and relevant news from across Australia and the world

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The continuation of the ABC as an independent information source of information and views is an essential component of our social fabric. The ABC should be able to put forward views and information to the broader community that do not necessarily accord with the policies of the government of the day. There is a need for information and views that not only reflect community attitudes but also may better inform community understanding of often complex issues and policies.


The ABC has in our view undertaken this informative and educational role in an outstanding way for many years. It is not always correct but neither are governments or political bodies but the debate that results is usually an important element in having better informed community views on important issues.

Privatisation of the ABC would not only negate many of the strengths of the current organisation, it would destroy them and also critically affect its role in providing a nationally cohesive view of our nation on a wide range of issues.

The ABC has been a critical source of valued information and education during our time growing up and our family's development while we were living in both metropolitan and rural areas.

Privatisation of the ABC must not be allowed to happen!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Plea to prevent selling the ABC


I am a 20 year old UWA student and I write in a plea to prevent the off-selling of the ABC. The ABC has many quality programs for all ages from tiny children (ABC2), older children (ABC3), radio as well as adult programs, many valuable analysis shows and reliable unbiased newsfeeds through both ABC news tv channel and radio stations.

The fight for the single show BTN was enough to overturn a decision to close down the program, how could we then consider selling off our only not privatised television station. This is a short term monetary gain for a long term loss. The ABC doesn't risk takeovers or bankruptcy currently and thus is one of few stations in such a stable position. Many valuable shows (my personal favourites of Gruen, think tank, sammy j and more recently, home in time for dinner) will be sorely missed if this goes ahead. Funding has already been cut so much and the ABC still manages to thrive on the limited budget. It's a hardy station and we shouldn't be giving up on it and selling something that belongs to the nation for some quick cash.

Thank you for your consideration

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC publicly funded

I think that it is essential for our democracy for the ABC to remain publicly funded. Public funding means that this is a source of news and information we can trust as being uninfluenced by commercial and/or business considerations. It seems to me to give a voice to so many different parts of our population, regions, and different cultural interests. It's so much broader than the commercial outlets in what it presents. Please don't privatise it!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

ABC is an Australian icon and it provides good quality entertainment and independent news media, unlike commercial TV stations which do not provide the same quality as ABC. Therefore ABC should be protected at any cost.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stop Toxic Advertising

If the ABC is privatised, I will not be turning on my radio or TV. They are the ONLY stations with no marketing (apart from promoting their shows). I DETEST marketing for the following reasons:  
It is NOT healthy on any level for people to be constantly bombarded by stimulus to spend money.  
It is especially not healthy to stimulate people to spend money on things that are almost ENTIRELY bad for your health, mental health, the environment, the bank balance, family values and social values etc etc, - or even all of the above.  
Have you considered the effect this constant stimulus has on the mental health of those who can't afford (and may never be able to) the cars; holidays; houses; gadgets; white goods; furniture etc etc etc' ?????? Not to mention the JUNK FOODS that they possibly CAN afford?  
Do you even know that this applies a HUGE proportion of our population, who often can hardly even afford to pay rent ?????? - let alone the homeless and the pensioners, young and old?  
Have you actually considered the overall social, environmental or medical COST of this marketing mentality? Too hard? If you reply to this email, I'll send some statistics for you!  
I will have no marketing within my home, as I believe that we should be free to think of other things besides spending money for as many hours a possible. I am angry that you persist in degrading EVERYTHING to the base level of money.  
I am not alone in resenting your poisoning of our future by allowing such toxic products to be produced, let alone marketed.  
I suggest you re-examine your values on every level.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING AGAIN!! The ABC is an absolute Australian icon. It gives a balanced view in news & current events as far as I am concerned. It is an entity that generations & generations of Australians have turned to when needing advice & information. It has been wonderful for my children & now my grandchildren to learn & discover the world around them. It is also a platform for Australian writers to have their work shown through dramas & all manner of productions which does NOT happen on commercial channels. If these so-called plans to privatize the ABC go ahead, I will be very, very disappointed & very, very angry!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 June 2018 12:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Independent journalism and quality children's programming is not for sale

Dear Members of the Inquiry:

I was deeply dismayed to hear that the Government was even considering a proposal to privatise the ABC. My children grew up watching Bananas in Pyjamas ad free and all the formative programs they watched as teenagers were on the ABC. Behind the News was watched and analysed weekly at school, and quality drama with Australian accents spoke our language culturally.

The concept that the profit motive could replace the quality of our national broadcaster and national treasure is laughable.

In a world where spin and childish tweets from politicians can be labelled as 'news' we need sources we can trust to give balanced, fact-based information.

Please resist this outrageous suggestion

Regards

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