

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

Dear ABC Inquiry.

The ABC is an incredibly important source of information for me and all my family. The news is both local and international and their journalism is excellent. Media Watch is also an excellent program as it does highlight misinformation, not only from the ABC but all other media outlets also. There is no other program like it.

The science, history, psychology, religion and arts etc..programs are beyond compare to any other privatised radio or television station. WHY WOULD YOU DEPRIVE THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC OF EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIVE MEDIA? ARE WE AIMING FOR AN UNINFORMED PUBLIC? Most other radio and television stations produce an excessive amount of mind numbing trivia for the public.

The ABC is vital to the culture of Australia. On arriving to Australia over 20 years ago ABC was the only radio and television station that did not shout at me when listening or watching. All other radio and TV stations shouted adverts at me at regular excruciating intervals, with little content in-between. The ABC was and still is an amazing source of up to date information and education. PLEASE DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC. AUSTRALIA NEEDS IT IN PUBLIC HANDS. THERE ARE TOO MANY ADVERTISING MIND DULLING RADIO / TV STATIONS ALREADY.

Please keep the Australian public informed and educated with views from both the right and left of politics and society, as it is now without the enormous influence to content exerted by commercialism.

As a tax payer I am more than happy to see my tax paying dollars fund the ABC. Please allow it to continue.

Kind regards.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3284




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Need for an Independent ABC

The ABC provides a range of views on all news and policy issues which cannot be reliably provided by commercial sources. Only the ABC network has a legislative obligation to deliver balanced coverage, while commercial media are able and willing to promote a particular view and opinion on issues as they see fit. The ABC record is unequalled in its service to the broader Australian community. Such service would be impossible from a provider influenced by commercial imperatives.

[REDACTED]


WA 6148 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in public hands

The ABC is a valued, independent and trusted news and current affairs station. It provides alternative quality programming to those of us who feel that commercial TV is a mind numbing experience interceded with second rate "race to the bottom" programmes. That the proposal to privatise the ABC is born of spite and "fear of scrutiny" by governments is proof positive that we need this quality national asset to remain free of interference by government or other forces.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3228 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Increase the budget to the ABC.

To think that the ABC could end up like the other commercial stations gives one an empty feeling. Decades ago the ABC had fantastic programs and it was the only station to watch. Can we reverse the trend and increase the budget to the ABC and SBS.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2026 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is our go to for quality, unbiased information and entertainment. It features Australian voices, Australian culture. It is the best thing on tv expressly because it is not beholden to commercial interests, but to the australia people. STOP its death by 1000 cuts. STOP its manipulation by the hard right wing of the so-called Liberal Party. STOP the vested business interests that have the ear of the Federal Government from taking away the people's broadcaster. We want to keep it.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3160 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We pay for the abc, not the government and we want to keep it that way. Keep it in public hands!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3206



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

i have worked in media and understand the importance of having a publicly owned and operated national broadcaster

[REDACTED]

QLD 4217



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

Freedom of speech is dear to me and my whole family. It surely is the basis of a democratic system of government. When we listen to programs like 7:30 for the news, we feel we can trust the information presented. I do not think this will happen if the ABC is privatised. It is a very bad idea.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2481



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell the ABC

I find absolutely no logic in the call to privatise the ABC. The ABC is not only owned by us - the taxpayer - not the current Government - but the fact that it does present both sides of an argument and this is the key to a democratic society. The ABC does a fantastic job of investigating issues other outlets do not touch. Check back over Walkley/Kennedy Awards and the majority of winners will be from the ABC. You get 'Breaking News' on commercial channels - like a dog riding a skateboard - on the ABC you actually get world wide news.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2065




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't destroy our ABC

The ABC has been a constant presence in my entire life as it has with my whole extended family. I fear privatising will prevent many unique programs being developed. We need a broadcaster who isn't manipulated by corporate interests to make content that may not be commercially viable but still incredibly valuable to the our unique Australian culture. Handing over the ABC to corporate interests will take away an iconic feature of the Australian identity. Privatising Telstra was bad for Australia. We can see the results of privatising our energy today. There is not a single person I know who won't vote against any party who may privatise the ABC. No one wants the shouting heads media of the USA.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2518 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC

As a rural farmer keeping the ABC in public hands is imperative as a voice for us. However it has become apparent that some broadcasters fear for their jobs and do not always report independently. The coalition only pick and choose on any reporting that may be against them. Please kick them out.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3304 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please keep the ABC in public hands! As an Australian, I feel so proud of our culture and country. The ABC is the only broadcaster where we only see and hear our Australian voice. It also gives our home grown bands, musicians academics and film makers a platform to reach out around the country. If privatised this will be lost to commercial interests, as ptoven by all our comersial channels.
PLEASE, do not privitise our ABC.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2207 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

The independence of the ABC is integral to our Australian way of life. It should never be handed to the corporate barons. Surely corporations own enough of our media already.

For me the ABC provides high level investigative journalism and analysis. It also provides an ad free listening space.

The ABC belongs to the people so Hands Off!!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3747 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The local ABC becomes a friend and valuable supporter of the local community thanks to helpful activities and support of local groups and the helpful friendly announcers This the community would sadly miss this support

[REDACTED]

NSW 2539



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

This government seems to just privatise everything, how about we stop trying to make money from everything and let at least one channel have an unbiased voice.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4280



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must be kept as a Public Broadcaster

I watch the ABC because I trust it. The journalists provide FACTS not opinions so I am provided with solid ground to base my choices on. The ABC is a world respected organisation. I am proud of the ABC. I support the ABC. Democracies are the richer for such shows as Media Watch and Q &A that invite discussion and community connection to OUR ABC and all it stands for. Hands off !

[REDACTED]

VIC 3125



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the people

I lived in the farming community of Brunswick Junction for over 50 years. The Country Hour on radio was a regular source of information and education about the latest in farming. My kids grew up with Playschool and Mister Squiggle. It was the only television I allowed them to watch. Similarly my grandchildren are growing up watching ABC kids. I believe it's very important to have standards for kids tv. Their viewing influences their language and their attitudes. The broad nature of news coverage covering events in other countries keeps me in touch with the world. I care about justice, freedom, equality and I reckon the ABC reflects my values. Please keep the ABC in the hands of the people.

[REDACTED]

WA 6224 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

We listen to ABC radio and watch ABC television. Commercialising it will bring advertisements and the types of shows that are common on existing commercial channels. Cutting edge investigative journalism will be quashed and the public's right to be informed will be diminished. Most people I know are vehemently opposed to this notion.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2481



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

To whom it may concern.

I am a private citizen, taxpayer and voter in my late 60's and am heavily reliant on the ABC for getting -
+reliable reportage on current affairs,
+a forum for discussions of a broad range of issues
+journalism unfettered by commercial interests

In addition the ABC presents a mix of Drama, Arts and general-interest topics on its various platforms -
unmatched by broadcasters/publishers with profit margins as a motive. I agree that cost accountability is
necessary but to threaten the existence of Aunty ABC is ideological extremism of 'free' market purists.
Society exists and the public interest needs to be protected in a mixed economy. I submit that the ABC is
central to maintaining that public interest and should, therefore, be adequately funded by Government on
behalf of citizens and voters, especially in these times of disruptive political activity.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Belair SA 5052
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SA 5052



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in our Hands

I was dismayed to hear about the Liberal vote to privatise the ABC. I am currently listening to ABC Radio, as I do every day, to an investigative journalist's report on contaminated drinking water amongst remote Aboriginal communities. This level of intelligent and unbiased reporting is essential for our country. I also watch ABC television every day, including 4 Corners, where many important issues are aired. Privatisation would jeopardise this independent reporting, surely a real indicator of a true democracy.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7004 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the people of Australia!

The ABC is owned by the people and to privatise it is simply another undemocratic attempt by the Turnbull Government to stifle any reporting or public debate regarding political issues. The ABC is essential to rural communities and from a personal perspective its news programs, documentaries and drama programs are premium viewing compared to the mediocrity served up by the commercial networks who seem hell bent on dumbing down the population. Privatising the ABC means the end of watching television as far as I am concerned.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4877 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

I am extremely concerned that there is a move to privatise the ABC. The ABC is our national broadcasting service, and provides some of the only accessible news and entertainment for regional areas. It has been manifestly evident that when public services are privatised, they become more expensive, less efficient, more biased, and less accessible.

Perhaps one of the most important things about the ABC and other publicly funded broadcasting services is that they play a crucial role in our democracy. If we privatise the ABC, we're taking away from the fairness that we claim to hold so dear as a country - and we will be taking another step towards the inequality and social tension of countries like the USA. I implore you to consider the consequences of privatising the ABC, and the general trend it follows - and to keep it as the property of all Australians.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3004




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the only information provider I trust. Again and again the ABC apply for FOI to shine a light on issues that would go undetected. It is imperative to us as a society to have an unbiased media provider. Never privatise the ABC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3002 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep my tax going to the ABC

As a daily listener of RN and regular listener on the abc listen app, I have a deep appreciation for the many radio services including news, podcasts and music. I keep informed on issues I'm interested in and learn new things on varied topics. I do not listen to commercial radio as I am not interested in their content, opinions or Adverts. Similarly I watch ABC and ABC comedy when I turn on the tv and regularly stream shows on the abc app. I'm excited to be pregnant with my first child due in January and look forward to using the abc kids service of which I've already seen some fantastic content like Get Grubby. As a proud Australian starting a family who has paid tax for many years, I would be ashamed, disappointed and saddened by a decision to privatise or indeed cut further funding to any of our public broadcasting services, especially the ABC.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3228



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't mess with our ABC

Does the ABC have an "undue advantage"?

Yes .

It has the advantage of not cow-tailing to the views of its management.

The advantage of ;

providing Australians with unfettered reporting,

nurturing young Australian talent ,


supporting creativity ,

and most importantly it has the advantage of the backing of the Australian public.

Don't mess with our ABC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


NSW 2750 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC (across radio and television) is my primary source of information and news. It is the only place that I am able to be confident that the selection and slant of coverage is not being influenced by advertising interests. I have always found it to provide a range of opinions (even one's I don't agree with) and see it as an important voice for democracy. It is essential it be kept in public hands and funded appropriately.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3053 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands

The ABC news is the only one I bother to watch - it's far superior to the Commercial channels. Also 7.30, Foreign Correspondent and Four Corners - nothing like them on the other channels for in-depth reporting. The Coalition attacks on the ABC are a real worry - they want to control and manipulate the media we can watch. Just like totalitarian regimes always do.

Public broadcasting is a lynch-pin of our democracy - you can't compare it to the commercial media and Public funding is a must.

In the UK they fund the BBC through licence fees for a TV paid by every household, and the BBC's income is guaranteed! Which is a great idea - the government can't inflict funding cuts at every budget!!

[REDACTED]

SA 5211 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. When I want to be well informed and listen and watch news without any added drama, or sensationalism, just the true hard facts I turn to the ABC. When I want to watch good quality Australian television I turn to the ABC. When I feel like tuning out or just need white noise I turn to the commercial stations.

Privatising the ABC is a mistake, a mistake we won't be able to turn back. Politicians shouldn't be afraid of a broadcasting corporation that seeks and investigates the truth without bias, they should welcome it, embrace it. Our government must think about the Australian people first NOT their own political careers.

KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2041




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The idea that the ABC should be privatised is ludicrous. We need a national broadcaster that is objective, balanced and impartial - a role that the ABC now fills admirably. The relentless attacks on the ABC and continuing cuts to its funding are perpetrated by those who are uncomfortable with revelations that expose their corruption and misappropriation of public money. This is exactly why we need a robust, publicly owned national broadcaster. I do not want another TV and radio service governed by the advertising dollar. Our country is better than that and I urge you to retain the one balanced, fair news service we have in this country. The ABC must stay in public hands and I urge an increase in funding so it can continue to do its important work.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3212 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

I oppose privatisation of our ABC.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2156 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

It's astonishing that this conversation is even occurring - my conviction of the value and truthfulness was fixed back in the 60s despite the concerns and displeasure of my media/ involved parents. The denigration and mocking of public figures, ambiguous slant of news, the narrowness on domestic and international reporting was such that to gain any sort of world view was denied; left me with only 1 option ever since - the ABC for all its faults was head and shoulders above the alternative.

With respect.
Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2330 

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

To privatise the ABC is not on

[Redacted]
TAS 7050



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Hands off the ABC Mr. Turnbull!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VIC 3015



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

I have always been an ABC viewer/listener and don't want it to be privatised for many reasons as I hardly view any commercial TV.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2118




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is the people's ABC

I'm of The boomer/x generation who are the main 'consumer ' of the ABC. Not just now at this point in my life but always. I trust the service ethos of the ABC to give me information that has depth and understanding. I refuse to be distracted by the impartiality argument that is always put forward by opponents of the service because that idea of impartiality is a smoke screen, especially in this era of 'fake news'. It is a matter of trust and I for one trust the ABC to give me enough information to make up my own mind and opinion. I have never been able to trust in the commercial services in the same way as their mission is about the intent to maximise profit and not to provide just a service to the Australian and wider audience. I also worry about access and as I travel around the country I cherish the availability of the ABC. We still have a long way to go before access to any service is good in regional areas let alone equitable. Yet another reason that I would not be in favour of privatising the ABC as there would be no business reason to do if it were privatised.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3071 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't destroy one of the few good aspects of Australian media.

I watch ABC TV and listen to Radio National, ABC News or 702 Sydney most days. They all represent one of the few remaining sources of balanced, insightful, intelligent programming. I watch the Australian documentaries and dramas and imported serials (such as BBC period dramas and comedies) with great enjoyment. Privatising the ABC can only lead to one outcome — programming for financial gain. That means churning out cheap quality programs e.g. reality TV and talent show contests or radio programs with shock jocks and endless ads. Presumably it also means we'll be bombarded with advertising for revenue purposes.

Please, consider the consequences of privatising this precious Australian resource. When it comes to Australian media, there are few aspects we can still be proud of; the ABC is one of the few.

Thank you for considering my submission,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


NSW 2066 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands please

The ABC is the only program I watch on TV - Is is free of commercials and has interesting programs from Political to Drama. It encompasses both international and local material and the presenters are most professional, not having a sponsor to please and subliminally promote. Please please do NOT privatise our ABC - Ever!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2030 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The sell-off must never happen!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2027



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Australia's ABC is right up there in terms of world quality. We watch ABC the majority of the time. When overseas I can't wait to get back to our ABC. It is very important that it stays in public hands away from commercial influences.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4670 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC needs to be kept in public hands

I live in a regional area and watch the ABC more than any other channel. It's a major concern to me that the Coalition's attacks on our ABC. The very premise of the inquiry to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded, misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


NSW 2483 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our national broadcaster and fund it properly!

We depend on impartial reporting. Commercial channels pander to corporate interests, they stay with the shallow stuff that offends no one important (= people with money).
Current affairs at the ABC are top notch.
Take the decisions about ABC board and funding out of the hands of government and make it answer to the
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VIC 3125 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Taking the ABC away from me would be like putting a gag in my mouth and stopping me from voicing my opinion. History has shown me that the first thing a dictator does when he gets into power, is to close down the independent news outlets. I don't want to lose my right to speak about issues that effect us all.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2304



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation

Privatisation has been a failure with our electricity and gas. Our banks have failed the people. NO MORE Privatisation. The less fortunate in society suffer.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2117



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC


It is unbelievable to think that the government would even consider this educationally focused media needs to be sold off to a corporate body to manipulate to suit their own ends.

My children and my grandchildren have all benefited from this diverse educational source of nourishment; even as parents my children have learnt how to relate to their own children as babies through the skill of Playschool presenters.

As older citizens we watch it all the time because of its lack of advertising and because we can trust what we hear and see.

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

[REDACTED]

NSW 2533 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern

I absolutely and categorically do not agree with the privatisation of the ABC. Years ago when I worked for Telstra I also argued against the privatisation of a public asset. I wrote to Telstra to advise that they could take their shares back (\$10,000) as my values of social responsibility were worth more than the “pieces of silver” Telstra were offering

Respectfully yours

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2044




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

The idea of privatising the ABC is absolutely abhorrent. Without independent public journalism our democracy would be gutted. The public owns the ABC, hands off vested interests!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA 5606 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


I have grown up with the ABC and so have my children. I would like my grandchildren to have the same access to tv that does not bombard us with constant advertising and poor quality programming. When I was a kid in the 1970s I lived in rural NSW, we had two channels on our tv and ABC was one of them. We weren't allowed to watch the commercial channel because of - well commercials. We never listened to commercial radio either - it was ABC or nothing. Double J and subsequently Triple J was always our station of choice in the car. Waking up to Radio National or local ABC radio with either interesting topics that made you think or bringing attention to local issues is something I know will be there when I choose to access an ABC program.

I am concerned that the Coalition's continual attacks on the ABC via reduction in funding and constant inquiries on whether ABC is biased or impartial (which is a huge waste of both time and money) as well as the constant criticism in msm when the ABC reports on something that they do not agree with or shows Coalition policy to be bad for Australia, is a death of a thousand cuts. We need a public broadcaster that can provide quality Australian programming and quality journalism. We need a public broadcaster that is available across rural and regional Australia as well as the cities and towns. That is who we go to for when areas are in a state of emergency.

The very premise of the inquiry to see if ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by being publicly funded misses a crucial point - which quite frankly is more vital than ever - as public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy by providing news, critical analyses, documentaries etc and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

The advertising in SBS programming is irritating and ruins my enjoyment of the programs they provide. I do not want to see ABC go down that same road.

Public broadcasters provide a service that no commercial media outlet can, by highlighting issues and topics that commercial media won't touch or fully investigate in case what they report has an effect on future commercial opportunities. ABC and SBS should remain publicly funded.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
TAS 7009 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

[REDACTED]


The ABC and SBS channels are the only channels I watch. I hated it when the SBS were forced to put advertisements on every 15 minutes because the funding was cut. The ABC has had to go part way down this road because of funding cuts. They advertise their own programmes too often and have dumbed down a lot of the programming. I have been a Friend of the ABC for many years. I would much prefer all taxes I ever paid go into the public Broadcasting service than into Defence and payment of for the most part corrupt and venal politicians. Politicians demonstrably do NOT give a damn about their constituents. Stop thinking that money is the only motivation and meaning in life. We have the highest suicide rates and rates of depression in the world. We still have a most unequal society and the country is in bad shape. I believe the ABC is in peril because it shines a light on the governments of the day, highlights the corruption and is being strangled by cutting of funds.

Listen to the people.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3931 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I love the ABC as it is. Ad free, unbiased and full of great stories to warm the heart and make us think. Do you really want it to become like the hideous 9 network? Please, keep our Aunty in public hands

[REDACTED]

NSW 2515



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC speaks for ALL people. We do not want it hijacked by privatisation and then be fed propaganda to suit the interests of either political party.

[REDACTED]

WA 6065




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our sacred ABC in public hands!!!

As a secondary teacher for over thirty five years, one of the main skills I have constantly taught is critical thinking. In this I encourage students to ask questions... sometime difficult questions, then to seek evidence, then to argue a position... then to come away with an opinion that they can justify and claim ownership of. The ABC does all of these... as compared to commercial channels that actively seek to discourage people from doing any of these.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3747 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

In a world of trashy reality TV, sensational news channels and poorly-structured children's programming, we need the higher standards set by our ABC who doesn't rely on paid commercials governing content. I can't see that the dumbing-down of our society is a sensible step into the future.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3218



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

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

It is the most trusted news source for local, Australia-wide and overseas news with Australian journalists providing insights for Australian listeners and viewers.


It provides quality Australian dramas with Australian actors and Australian issues. The overseas dramas such as Poldark and Endeavour are also quality dramas and have insights that are relevant to Australian viewers.

The ABC has high quality discussion programs such as The Drum and high quality interviewers such as Tony Jones.

I lived in Townsville once and the only local news source was through the ABC.

The ABC has the biggest variety of programs - gardening, law, music, comedy, visual art, nature, children's, travel etc.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2031 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is my go to TV channel as it provides well researched & in depth analysis of topics instead of the empty puff pieces on commercial TV that are just statements without any research or in depth analysis to support the claims.

The entertainment programs on the ABC are far more interesting than the manipulated so called reality programs aired on commercial channels. How anyone can waste their time watching commercial TV is beyond my understanding it is so hollow & shallow & it feels like you are just watching one advertisement after another - more advertising than anything else!

Please do not privatize the ABC or I'll having nothing to watch. I love My ABC.

[REDACTED]

SA 5043 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands

I love the unbiased opinions of the ABC, and the lack of commercials.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6163 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must stay in public hands

There is no reason to suggest that the ABC is UNBALANCED - in fact it is BALANCING. Where the privately owned, corporatised media reports from a perspective in answer to their shareholders and paying clientele (advertisers), the ABC is unbiased reporting. If this is perceived by the right wing of the LNP as UNBALANCED, then it must be seen as a perspective brought about by their own biases.

I do not want to see the ABC go the way of commercial stations, where the 'news' program routinely presents 'news stories' that shamelessly advertise products in a supposed 'news hour' (e.g. the regular appearances by Gerry Harvey explaining his current electrical goods specials on the 6 o'clock news, and Australian industry workers and actors miss out in favour of overseas interests ... this is ludicrous if you let the ABC follow down the path of corporate ownership. If the LNP were to do this, then I hope the rest of the country will join me in putting the LNP, and any parties that support such a measure, at the bottom of the electoral vote list.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4574



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: PLEASE Do not privatise my ABC

I am reaching retirement age & I have been watching the ABC all my. I love this its broadcasting channels & very rarely watch the commercial stations. The ABC provides me with clear & non-fake-news reporting on our nation's issues about our community, environment, cultural topics, news, art, debates, music, comedy, movies & so much more. This channel is owned by the taxpayers of this nation & should remain as a public broadcasting iconic institution. I have very low respect & tolerance of all the commercial TV stations which are profit-driven & full of advertising. The practice of privatising our public utilities etc has, as history now reveals, resulted in huge detrimental effects on the Australian community, whom you are elected to protect & represent. I find myself regularly asking the question "Whose side are the politicians on?"

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Sandy Beach NSW

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2456 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC - the value of non-commercial television

ABC is the only channel that invests in serious rural and outback reporting and documentaries. Landline, Rural News and Backroads to mention leading examples. These are high-quality and provide the sort of information and perspectives that commercial television never has and probably never will. Like the special investigative reports, all of these shows are committed to important themes and quality journalism and are non-political. Four Corners for example, would simply not be made on commercial channels. Please see television as information and education and not let it fall to the commercial objective of producing the least possible for the greatest audience share.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2037 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands....

I depend on the ABC for independent analysis of current affairs, both local and international. I have the utmost respect for the editorials and journalist who are employed by the ABC. I am very concerned that if the ABC is commercialised, we will have another Murdoch style media feeding us incorrect information that will suit only its own political agenda. We must keep Four Corner, 7.30 and other quality political observers independent. If I cannot reply on the ABC and SBS, I will have no where to turn to for trustworthy independent analysis.


[REDACTED]

NSW 2500 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our A.B.C. in PUBLIC hands

I have grown up with the sound of and trust in the ABC National and International News. I'm in my 73rd year and my interest and trust has developed as I've grown. Like my father before me, and now my son, I take a keen interest in matters of national import. Further I find both the ABC and SBS a wonderful source for broad cross-cultural and other interests (the public broadcaster supports my volunteer role in this way). During lengthy periods of illness and debilitation I have a faithful, trusted and stimulating companion. I am not simply a 'rusted on'. My trust and believe in the ABC has been long and well earned. Like 'my' ABC I am not afraid to critique or ask the hard questions!

I am very concerned when I see every single delegate to the recent Liberal Party (the once august LP) Council raise their cards voting to sell off our National Broadcaster, our National Treasure. At a time when trust in institutions, in particular in political processes and institutions is at the lowest possible ebb, it is essential that we not only maintain, but support those institutions which richly deserve it. Individual issues arising can always be addressed, but as we know from the sell off of public assets like Electricity, Gas, Water and Telephony, the results are rarely in the public interest. With the world order in a state of flux, at the very least, we, the public require more than glib Personality presentations of car crashes and celebrity scandals etc. The capacity to ask the hard questions of WHOEVER might be in government is a gift of democracy - to date. I recall the cover-ups in major institutions (hospitals, military and other academies, churches, aged care facilities...) being carefully uncovered/brought to light, and therefore public pressure, only through skilled professional investigative reporting and documentation. This will never be paid for by any commercial broadcaster! Have you looked lately, I ask? Commercial broadcasting is another species all together, commercially driven (thus not looking to compete with content-rich public interest programs) and necessarily short-focussed. I understand that ratings slump when politics/politicians are on for more than a few moments - so nothing like a long and searching set of questions are possible. The Public and the Commercial are two completely different beasts. They serve utterly different 'gods', goals and purposes. The Public Broadcaster has often been the first target of military coups. Control by the Powers that Be is the goal, with the shut down of all questioning of all policy and agents. These are unhealthy if extreme situations. As we know, truth is not only the first casualty, but the first target. So Why? Why would we as a nation wish to destroy what has been slowly and carefully built and maintained across this continent? When I watch programs like 4 Corners or Q & A or Insight, or Stan Grant, Back Roads, Landline and numerous others, I see a host of thoughts, beliefs and positions. Only some accord with my own. Only a few come from my neck of the woods, but oh how I welcome the chance to join these national conversations. Rather than sell off and rail against the very idea of an institution of such proven value and quality. I will take it very badly, as will many of my cohort. The fabric of the nation will be torn. Robust democratic processes rely on comprehensive reporting and cultural coverage: this feeds the vitality of the nation. Rip it apart and we are all at risk.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
QLD 4171 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I do not EVER want the ABC to be privatised. It is the only institution worth watching and listening to. Every single day it provides me with entertainment, thought provoking issues, sport and a myriad of other programs that I hold in high esteem. One of the most important aspects from my point of view is that all presenters, whether they are reading the news or presenting a program use their voice to relay information in a calm measured tone. In all the years I have been listening no one speaks with an aggressive sensationalist tone which is all I ever hear if I happen to stumble on commercial TV or radio.
SAVE OUR BELOVED ABC

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


VIC 3155 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in local hands

Because the ABC is a publicly owned broadcaster, I believe it is the most objective of news sources available as it is not under the influence of individuals or corporations as privately owned news sources are. It is reliable and accessible across the country and overseas. It provides a balanced view of issues and reports on subjects in the public interest. It shines a light on the activities of government and business and sees facts and science as being the basis of good content. Commercial providers do not have the focus in education and tend to deliver entertainment instead of facts in their news reporting. In times of crisis the ABC provides important community information with alerts for floods and fires, and ABC radio remains accessible when power fails. Without the ABC our nation would be poorly informed, and vulnerable to rich and powerful bodies being able to influence public opinion without scrutiny. ABC local radio is a fantastic platform for communities to learn about themselves and in particular Newcastle radio has wonderful local content programs such as treasure hunter and the story box that take listeners to their region and its people to show how our community lives. For all stages of life, the ABC gives us the news but also a broad range of entertainment and opportunities to learn about our world and its people. Without the ABC I wouldn't bother with Television or radio at all.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2320 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

As an independent artist and musician, the ABC represents the best forum for my creative work. Without it, I would not survive.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2479



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

It is imperative for a healthy and responsible democracy that there is an independent public broadcaster, that is independent of both the government of the day and private commercial interests.

Recent savage budget cuts to the ABC have already compromised its independence and its capacity to report, investigate and entertain. The commodification of information inevitably leads (consciously or otherwise) to its distortion to meet commercial compulsions and satisfy commercial interests. One consequence of this is the monopoly of prime-time broadcasting to meet popular interests as a sole or predominant objective. The dreary progression of so-called 'reality' shows on current commercial tv channels is an example of this. The ultimate fate of privatised broadcasting is its availability only to those who can afford to pay for it; it also leads to the exclusion of minority interests and the neglect of less populous areas such as regional and rural Australia.

please retain an independent ABC in order to promote the continuing development of a resilient, healthy democracy.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA 5041



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not undermine our democracy by privatising our broadcaster

The ABC is an essential part of Australian life. If you privatise our broadcaster you will add us to the fascist countries of the world. Perhaps that is your intent after all.

Australia needs to retain some form of cultural dignity and originality. You will demolish our culture and turn us and a larger Hawaii.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


VIC 3011 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain public

Balanced presentation of news is a fundamental foundation of our democracy, privately owned media outlets reflect their own agendas and do not operate in the interest of the community. The ABC's sterling record in the production of quality Australian drama is the second major reason to keep our ABC in public hands. Politicians who believe privatisation of the public broadcaster would be acceptable to the public is grossly misguided.
The ABC must remain public!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2540 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only free to air channel that is not full of commercial rubbish. They have well respected and informed journalists who bring us the real stories and events without all the sensationalism of commercial channels.

PLEASE do not privatize the ABC.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3114



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Dear everyone . The ABC should not be privatised in this age of commercial TV and internet we are bombarded with commercials and miss information and bland programs. The ABC although not perfect has some very good programs covering many subjects from current affairs,documentary's,kids programs and local and overseas dramas. As a very trusted and iconic entity let's keep it in public hands.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2774 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in the peoples hands.

privatised the CBA..... went well, the dead still paying the price.
privatised Telstra..... still haven seen the results of competition bring the cost of communication down!
most power assets privatised.... price of power has been on the increase ever since.

we have three private broadcasters, none of which are worth watching unless you like advertising dressed up as news or cooking.....

We need to keep an independent broadcaster, politicians keep your hands off the ABC & SBS.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4179 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC TV is my only source of news. I only trust ABC

The ABC along with SBS is the only TV I watch. I love that it is ad free and everything is captioned which is important for me as a deaf person. Other channels on their internet channels do not caption much. ABC iview does and its accessible for me. ABC works much harder to present well researched and balanced shows. Four Corners and Media Watch are unique and present stories of real people that are in the public interest. Commercial TV is licenced to pursue a profit and therefore push products and endorsements. ABC does not do that. ABC widens my mind in a way that commercial TV does not. I learn and I learn to understand other peoples views and the variety of their experience. Commercial TV lacks diversity and is much more the realm of priveledged white men. We already have to work hard to work out fake news from real news. We are already in danger from sensationalism and opinion. Dont make us work harder to get facts and news and trusted expert opinions. Our world needs this more than ever.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2132 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must never be privatised

The ABC does an admirable job in informing citizens. We would be ignorant of so much that influences our lives were it not for the investigative power of programs such as '4 Corners'. The public nature of the ABC ensures openness and transparency. Its charter from inception was never meant to serve commercial interests.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4066



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: my abc

i will not ever vote for a gov/party that would try to noble or sell my main source of current news.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4221



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC, fully fund the ABC & do not privatise the ABC

I am appalled at the failure of the Liberal Party Government's unconvincing and ambivalent support for our independent national broadcaster.

Already the Liberal Government has begun the process to hobble the ABC by failing to provide inflation adjusted funding.

Privatisation is not the only way the Liberal Party Government can push the privatisation barrow; we have already seen the reduction in funding as another way the anti ABC group can be placated; this includes paying off Senator Pauline Hanson for her support of this government. What a trade off !

I am a swinging voter.


Our democratic process will be compromised if the Murdoch press is allowed to dominate our media.

It only takes an orchestrated campaign by the Murdoch Press to create a swing of the voters which results in a change of government.

Hands off the ABC

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Wantirna South, Vic 3152

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
VIC 3152 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the most trusted source of news in my orbit. And more importantly (for me) they create amazing, boundary-pushing, diverse, Australian content like no one else in this country. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. They are an important voice that represent so many more of us than commercial media would ever be willing to.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2250




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I love watching shows on the ABC, especially Australian mini series like the Code. Spicks and Specks was always my favourite show. These shows would not exist if the ABC was owned privately. Everytime a Government, no matter which side, sells something it always ends up screwing the Australian public over. It's about time the Government actually listened to the people.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2517 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep and public. Really are we actually doing this?

Without independent media there is no democracy. The power of media today is paramount. It cannot be underestimated and by those who wish to subvert it..it is not. It's actually unbelievable such a discussion as this is even happening. The fact it is will already hurt many. We are only here mitigating that hurt. Of course this idea, though we all know is true is now acceptable to be dismissed without even response. Bleeding hearts they say. But it is not there hearts at risk. Or children, or hunger, or pocket, or freedom. Shame on us. Shame.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7275



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

Keep the ABC in public hands where the public can bring any government in power to account. The ABC is where I get honest reporting not influenced by powerful people in the community. All governments need to be brought to account and not influenced by the rich and powerful.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2121



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT DESTROY OUR ABC BROADCASTING TREASURE

The Australian ABC Is a worldwide treasure for informative reporting that is not corporately swayed in biased opinions.

THIS NON BIASED REPORTING IS IMPORTANT FOR BRINGING THE REAL ISSUES TO LIGHT THAT OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PAYING ATTENTION TO BY REPRESENTING ITS PEOPLE'S OPINIONS AND SAFETY & ACTING UPON THE MANY MISDEMEANOURS HIGHLIGHTED BY PROGRAMS SUCH AS 4 CORNERS.

DO NOT DESTROY OUR LAST RELIC OF TRUTH BY SELLING THE PEOPLE'S MOST IMPORTANT ASSET.

ACT AS YOU SHOULD AS A POLITICIAN & INSTEAD OF BICKERING FOR RIDICULOUS PARTY POINTS, LOOK TO THE TREASURES OF INTELLIGENCE OUR NATIONAL BROADCASTER OFFERS AND HELP PRESERVE AND ENHANCE OUR NATION'S INTELLECT.

DON'T TOUCH OUR BELOVED ABC AND GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE PITIFUL PARTY DESTROYER OF INTELLIGENT WIT, INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS AND STORIES THAT REPRESENT OUR PEOPLE.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2463



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am aged and rely on the ABC for news and current affairs to inform me accurately every day of my life.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2207



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

How can a small bunch of scared little minds make up their minds for a bigger bunch of free thinking fair minded thinking people over the future of the ABC. We all own the ABC and I didn't vote for you so don't sell off my ABC. People who burn off the ABC today will see themselves burn in the next election.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2484 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF OUR ABC

Attention the Liberal party . The ABC is public property, not yours to sell. When you loose government as you most certainly will come the next election, if you privatize our ABC, you will also loose the respect of many of your loyal constituents.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2422 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC , NOT SOME FOREIGNER'S

I am a 71 year old who has been listening to ABC Radio all my life, and regularly watching ABC TV since it's inception. The proposal by the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC, (ie hand it over to Murdoch), must not be allowed to happen. Commercial media has become a mouthpiece for conservative right wing groups and the ABC is the only major broadcaster putting forward a balanced and critical version of events. This proposal must be rejected !!!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2774 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must never be privatised

The ABC and SBS are the only channels I turn to. I REFUSE to watch all the rubbishy meaningless shows put on by the commercial channels. I like informed, impartial TV, for my inquiring and educated mind!!!! I resent the LNP putting our public broadcasters at risk of being polluted by right-wing money-makers interested only in profits, not a balanced presentation, representing all walks of life. I LOVE jjj, radios 702, 576 and news radio 630. My mum loves Australia all over with Macca on a Sunday. She religiously watches Gardening Australia, Landline and other informative shows. You are trying to undermine our very identity as Australians!!!! How dare you! I am extremely angry about this.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2159 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We love the ABC! Keep it public.

When my daughter says her name is Jemima, the delighted response is always "Playschool!" The ABC is a much-loved, much enjoyed and highly trusted source of news and entertainment for our family. When little, the ABC gave us gorgeous children's shows that we knew were good for our children's development. As they grew into teenagers, the engaging and fun War on Waste, Gruen, and the Check-Out gave them vital information, stimulated their thinking, and getting them talking about the world about them. The Chaser team helped them to understand politics and elections. Compass challenged them to be inclusive and thoughtful. Dramas kept them entertained. And our all-time favourite, Spicks and Specks, still brings the family together as adults, to laugh, sing, and yell answers at the telly, providing joy and togetherness.


The ABC has been an integral part of our family's life for decades, and is definitely the number one channel in our home. Having no ads to interrupt, and knowing that content is well-researched, impartial, well-thought-out, and highly relevant, is incredibly important to us. We need the ABC, to give us superb, stimulating, and socially engaging children's programs; to bring awe-inspiring nature documentaries, and, most importantly, to give us impartial, informative, and independent news and current affairs.

We are incredibly concerned at the Coalition's attack on the ABC, and demand that the ABC stays in public hands. The spurious inquiry into supposed advantages over commercial outlets is a complete sham, and is extremely worrying, as without a public broadcaster, our very democracy is threatened. Comparing the ABC to commercial media is like comparing a bicycle to a budgie: they are completely different entities, and claiming that public funds gives an advantage in media is unbelievably ludicrous, and, frankly, is idiotic.

The Turnbull Government is completely out of touch with the public - around needs, wants and preferences - and wasting money on pointless inquiries to generate inaccurate and biased 'evidence', is ethically and morally corrupt.

We love the ABC. And Australia needs the ABC. Keep it public, and be proud of it.

[REDACTED]

ACT 2614 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Traveling out western aust the only news available is through the ABC with its various informed news shows on radio. Don't hear any of the commercial news stations broadcasting now, so more than likely they will not do that in the future. They are money driven. In the past the ABC has provided when asked by commercial broadcasters personnel & equipment to is own disadvantage. This is the only unbiased voice avaiable to Australian people with no monetary bias. Please keep it

[REDACTED]

QLD 4127




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We need to maintain a public broadcaster not funded by private companies or interests giving it bias.

Fair media (public & private) is the basis of a well functioning democracy with coverage to hold our politicians to account and to keep us informed so we are able to make good evidence based decisions, regardless of our political views.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3207 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the public

I enjoy the ABC. I never watch commercials channels They are just too mind dumbing with the constant commercials breaks. We need a TV channels that is not controlled by big business and brings competent news coverage and quality programmes.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2795



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF THE ABC!

DO NOT EVEN THINK OF PRIVATISING THE ABC. I am 74 and have never felt more strongly about anything that you lot in Canberra might be thinking of doing. I would take to the streets and join any protest to show how much I care that the ABC remain a PUBLIC broadcaster. You have tried to cripple it by cutting funds. Seems to me you don't like honest unbiased reporting if you don't like the ABC. Be very careful what you wish for. After all, this is Australia and it's still a free country.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2093



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

In January 1931, Robert Gordon Menzies (the father of Australian conservative politics) led a delegation that supported an independent public broadcasting for Australia. That broadcasting service is the ABC.

There is no economic case for privatising the ABC. It was specifically created to provide independent social, educational and cultural services to Australians - services which are provided by very few commercial media services and by no other mainstream media services. The bipartisan vision for the ABC was that it should serve the public interest in the widest sense, not return a profit.

The ABC contributed more than \$1 billion last financial year to the Australian economy, on a par with the government's investment in it. The ABC's per capita funding has halved in real terms over the past 30 years, and the latest cuts in funding further disadvantage audiences.

We voters have watched as Abbott and Turnbull governments have cut the ABC's funding by \$338 million since 2014. We are only too aware of the influence of narrow political, commercial and ideological interests, such as the IPA and its members (and Pauline Hanson!) on the coalition's support for the ABC.

The ABC provides more quality services to more people over more distribution channels than the rest of Australia's media combined - and at a fraction of the total cost and without being a paid mouthpiece for commercial interests.

The hostility shown by the government to the ABC over the past four years will bite - and bite hard - at the next election. The message from us voters is clear - fund the ABC as it was meant to be funded by your political forefathers; attempt to privatise it at your peril.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2060 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


I am absolutely appalled that the Liberal Party should be considering privatising the ABC. The ABC has been the backdrop to my life since the 1950s. I can't begin to list the numerous programmes, ranging from children's programmes to current affairs; whether on radio or television, which have been a constant source of information, education or entertainment for myself and my contemporaries over the years. Moreover I have always felt that the ABC was able to present such quality programming precisely because they were free from the constraints of having to make a profit. If commercial media providers are able to do better, then they should get on with it, but I would like my money (ie my taxes) to go in support of one of the few institutions where quality is the benchmark, and not somebody's profit or 'bottom line'.

I am not convinced by the argument that the ABC is irrelevant. If that were so then how can it, at the same time, be crowding out the commercial media companies. If no-one is watching or listening to the ABC then how can this possibly be 'crowding' anybody? The conclusion is obvious - the ABC is too successful; the commercial media companies can't compete and they would like the government to help nobble the competition.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I believe the ABC is an iconic institution that embraces the best cultural aspirations of Australia and because it has played such an important role in the history of this country we should value, preserve and extend this contribution rather than seek to diminish it in any way. It should also go without saying (I hope) that an independent media which does not operate in a climate of fear or favour, is fundamental to a healthy democracy. The commercial product is a very poor relation and we certainly don't need to go any further down that path.

If commercial companies can't compete they should get out of the business.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3070 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not sell or privatise the ABC

I am retired and live in an inland NSW country town of 25,000 people. I access ABC television and its digital off-shoots daily, listen likewise to ABC radio, especially the regional network and Radio National. Due to the contraction of print-based local news, the Country Hour is my best way of keeping up with what is going on outside the town limits (and in the rest of rural Australia). Radio National has carried on the traditions of the ABC I have known since my childhood over 70 years ago. It has been a major contribution to my education and my knowledge of the world in general. Like many country folk, I believe in the power of the community and communal enterprise – the sort of power which built local hospitals and supported them with fund-raising fetes. Privatising these assets (which has now been going on for over 30 years) has eroded the whole sense of communal enterprise and pride in who we are and what we have achieved. It is encapsulated in the name of the nation itself: the Commonwealth of Australia; unfortunately both political parties over the past 30 years seem to have ignored that implied contract with the people. The ABC is one of the greatest assets of that Commonwealth, and the thought of it being sold is monstrous

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2350



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as our public broadcaster

I am a long term supporter of the ABC as our public broadcaster.
The ABC has provided me and my family with quality radio and TV for as long as I can remember. In particular it provided terrific childrens' programs for my children, and now my grandchildren.
I want the ABC to be there for my great grandchildren.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2161




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

We should have independent broadcasting rather than the Murdoch Rag

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VIC 3799 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is an essential part of Australian life

The ABC is woven into the fabric of our everyday lives and both TV and radio are essential to keep us an informed part of the fabric of Australian life.

The daily news broadcasts untainted by info-mercials alone are irreplaceable let alone the unique programs like "Four Corners" we still have left from the deliberate destruction of the Coalition.

As your own appointee Michelle Guthrie says, the ABC is more popular than both major political parties combined.

It is time the grasping hands of Rupert Murdoch are removed permanently from our ABC.

[REDACTED], Barraba NSW.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2347



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands PLEASE

I depend on a neutral media body for my intellect. No brainwashing for me thank you very much. Mrs.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2015



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I find it appalling that the Government is considering privatising Our ABC. It has been part of lives and the only reason I would watch TV. In these days of sponsorship and media ownership monopoly we need our ABC more than ever for some uncompromised reporting. The ABC is also supports Australian productions which in turn supports our talented Australian actors and directors. I cannot imagine Australia without it! This is an outrage in my opinion.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2481



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is an important educational and neutral broadcaster that must stay in public hands. The privatisation of the ABC would mean that we lose a valuable independent media outlet that is unseated by political standings or corporate ratings, which would change the calibre of journalism and fairness of coverage that we currently see.

As a member of your voting public, I ask that you add your voice to the chorus arguing against the privatisation, and in support of our national broadcaster, the ABC.

With Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3122



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC/SBS in public hands

I am distraught that an elected government wants to privatise the ABC. The ABC across all media platforms is my major source of news and entertainment alongside SBS. Living in Darwin I am limited in what is trustworthy news, and the public broadcasters are the ones I rely on to keep up to date with what is happening in the world. It seems that the current Government is paranoid that the ABC is anti government. From my perspective, watching and reading the ABC, I am amazed that the Government has taken such a stance and opened an inquiry. The ABC is an important institution in Australia providing a balanced and unbiased service to many Australians who want quality news and entertainment which commercial media fail to deliver. Please do not destroy MY ABC and SBS for political reasons, such actions would be a reminder of regimes such as Hitler.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NT 0820



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC's charter is a very precious thing

There are currently many voices and interest groups calling for the dissolution/ privatisation of the ABC. This is in spite (or is it because of) the fact that it is the most trusted institution in Australia, and provides an amazing spectrum of services across the nation. This is in spite of budget cuts by governments of all stripes. We have enough examples of privatisation resulting in degradation of services to make us consider inflicting this on our most iconic news, education and entertainment provider. Consider OPTUS' inability to cover the World Cup, and having to call on SBS (oddly enough, another organisation some folks would like privatised) to take over and cover its failure. Think Commonwealth Bank, which since privatisation has developed a toxic and rapacious culture of ripping off customers.

I work from home, and the ABC provides me with wonderful resources to keep me informed, amused and delighted. ABC Classic FM in particular is balm to my soul -- as an older Australian who lives alone it provides beauty, company and a musical education. When I have insomnia, I can flick on my radio in the middle of the night and be lulled back to sleep by delightful classics from all eras. I very much doubt a profit driven privatised ABC would see that as any priority.

It is so important for the soul of Australia that there are some institutions and values that are not for sale, and where there is a forum for all kinds of ideas. I do not see the commercial media offering fora of that nature -- quite the contrary in some media organisations with very narrow points of view and affiliations. I can understand political parties being sensitive to criticism. However, the best response to that is for them to have better policies that are clearly in the interests of the Australian people and less often so blatantly self-serving for interest groups on all sides of politics.

Please do not even consider privatising the ABC. It has served Australia well for decades, and is underpinning of democracy here. Democracy is under attack in so many countries around the world now. Don't weaken our democracy now. Hands off the ABC!

Kind and sincere regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2049




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is our only public broadcaster and as such provides us with content which commercial stations would never air simply because of ratings/advertising pressures. The ABC does not bend to a particular owner's viewpoint and therefore is able to tackle all enquiries and air all programs regardless of which side of opinion they fall. I think this is a good thing because by showing a broad spectrum of viewpoints it gives us the opportunity to think and make up our own minds about all issues, not just the ones commercial stations think are necessary. Would you have us be a nation of robotic followers or a nation of thinkers and questioners. Nor is it a question of economics as the current state of commercial broadcasting shows that another player in that field would stretch things even further. We have seen the effects of privatisation in other areas and it hasn't always had a positive effect and usually brings everything down to the lowest common denominator and that is money. I value the ABC precisely because it is not restricted by these constraints and is able to show many different programs, points of view and points of broader interest.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3937 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Let our ABC do their wonderful work

I enjoy the way our ABC has supported ordinary Australians and this will change for the worse (as has all the other government organisations that have been privatised) Let our ABC do their wonderful work.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2485 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The issue of the far right and fake news is in the US an extremely troubling issue - if you don't like what is being said, call it fake. It appears the far right of the liberal party would like to see this replicated here in Australia. Well

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

I believe in the fair and impartial reporting of the ABC and SBS and these are the only places I get my news. I also believe that the ABC is one of the most venerated public organisations in Australia and should not be treated in this manner.

[REDACTED]

ACT 2605 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

I'm sending this from a Telstra email account. I trust you're not going to suggest its privatisation was a raging success! As soon as an organisation is in private hands, returns to investors inevitably take first place.

But of equal importance is the insistence that the ABC present content impartially. Just how are you going to ensure that when the "commercial in confidence" firewall is up. In public hands, the ABC is subject to public scrutiny. In private hands the cost of a question will no longer be the cost of an email - more like a Royal Commission!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2546 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

The ABC provides exclusive, high quality content that is free from the narrow restrictions of commerce. It has been the only free-to-air broadcaster that my family and friends have any trust in and our main source of family entertainment, and the reason for this is that it is free of corporate bias.


The detractors of the ABC talk of its need to be impartial, but fail to understand that corporations and those controlling them have their own bias that is under less scrutiny and control than that of the ABC.

The ABC's charter prevents this so called bias, but private interests are not restricted in this way.

Disbanding the ABC for reasons of preventing political bias is a case of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face - the damage outweighs any possible gain.

Don't do it! You kill Auntie at our collective peril!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3071 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public.

If the ABC were to be privatised I would probably not watch TV at all. My husband and I (both in our seventies) mainly watch ABC and SBS programmes on TV and listen to ABC radio and ABC podcasts as we feel that they provide the most balanced and comprehensive news and information in Australia. Most significantly the ABC provides us with Australian programmes especially great new dramas such as Mystery Road, and as Australians we need to see ourselves on our screens not Americans. I just loathe the cheap, nasty reality shows and ancient re-runs such as the other channels are currently showing. Keep the ABC as the Public Broadcaster, it is important for the good of the country as a whole. In fact, I believe that the ABC should be allocated greater funding not less to enable it to produce more original Australian programmes.

KEEP THE ABC AS OUR PUBLIC BROADCASTER.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4556 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC In public hands

I am distressed by the defunding of the ABC.
The ABC must be supported to maintain its standard and expand its reach by all means. Failure to support the ABC will be a vote loser.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2570 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I do not consent to privatisation

The ABC comes as close as it can to true journalistic facts and if it cannot at the time available the ABC uses investigative journalism to update its facts via documentaries. Murdoch news, and TV is for those who want to be totally immersed in unreality, illusion and fake news. Most people in Australia want the choice of being informed by news or by subtle entertainment means.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3153




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I ask that you not degrade , or privatise the ABC in anyway. The ABC to me represents a truly democratic nation and all that is good in Australia . It allows ideas and debate free from the clutches of money and power. Programs such as 4 Corners offer me the only trusted News source I can currently access. The ABC should not be seen as a threat to private companies. It should be a basic resource for all Australians to have access to . It allows for free an open discussion of ideas. Privatisation will allow for commercial organisations and their owners to set the agenda for this nation . Certainly not the direction I would like to see Australia take any further than what we have already gone .

[REDACTED]

VIC 3015 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

We would be devastated if the ABC was no longer a public broadcaster. Current Liberal and National politicians would do well to read the original charter drawn up when the ABC was established. Sir Robert Menzies was a contributor to the charter.

We rely on the rich and varied content of both radio and television. Programs such as Off Track, Conversations and news and current affairs on radio, and Four Corners, Landline and The War On Waste on television are just are several examples.

We have little tolerance for the advertising of private broadcasting.

We cannot find in-depth and independent, unbiased content in private broadcasting.

We think it was a very poor decision to stop the broadcasting of Radio Australia. Australia's neighbouring countries had a valued source of information removed. This is just one example of the result of funding cuts to the ABC.

Life for us without the independence of the ABC would be very different, and far more lonely, as we enjoy a wealth of ABC content given by seriously good presenters.


We so hope that Malcolm Turnbull will keep his word, and not see the value of the ABC just in economic terms.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3079 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay in public hands

I am a widow who has worked internationally, living alone - by choice in a regional area . As a 'newsaholic' , when I am at home I literally have a radio tuned to ABC's Radio National virtually 24 hours a day so that i can pick up on a range of things that interest me.

i am very involved in my local community and have a keen interest in both national and international affairs.

There is absolutely no way I would get the same wide coverage by listening to commercial radio - dominated by opinion rather than information. Similarly the commercial television stations offer vacuous superficial news coverage. i appreciate a range of informed content, not often uninformed opinion.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2350 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public.

The ABC is one of the last sources of quality journalism in Australia. It is imperative that the ABC is sufficiently funded for this to continue. Already the attacks on ABC funding have reduced its ability to provide a world class service. This funding squeeze needs to be reversed.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3163 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is uniquely independent of vested interests and so able to present the news from another angle to the commercial broadcasters. It is a valuable asset for all Australians, and essential to our democracy. Since most of our print media are now controlled by the Murdoch family, it is even more vital that the ABC remain genuinely independent.

Who needs another commercial channel?

No one wants Australian TV to become like the US system or the Chinese!

The ABC must be protected from from these partisan threats and remain a truly public broadcaster.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3150 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is fundamental to our democracy

My lifetime experience has taught me not to rely on the truth or balance of commercial media and it gets steadily worse. I depend on the ABC for providing me with reliable news and investigation daily, and for its unique role in supporting regional communities given paltry attention by commercial media. My day would be the poorer without ANC FM and my grandkids would be very unhappy if their programmes disappeared. Please do not put Murdoch's and ideological interests ahead of the needs of our people, communities and democracy!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2445




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

To maintain a strong healthy democracy the ABC must be kept from privatisation. The ABC are the only media organisation in Australia doing fair dinkum journalism and that is vitally important to keeping all sides of politics honest. The ABC is a integral part of keeping Australia society a fair and just society. Do not privatise it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2193 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The public ABC is important to all Australians. It provides a balanced, unbiased view into Australian and world societies untainted by crass considerations of profit-making, unlike commercial broadcasters that must cater to the agendas of both actual and potential advertisers. Hence, such news and current affairs broadcasters would perforce avoid stories which might reveal business corruption. Hence, flagship programs like Four Corners would be hamstrung as regards their remit.


Internationally it has been shown that countries with strong public broadcasters have more democratic political systems that are less beholden to wealthy elites and the imperatives of shareholders.

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 should not be compared with commercial media.

I thank you in advance for your close attention to these crucial considerations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6210 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC public

It's important to me that the ABC stays public because there's no way that the radio and TV shows that I appreciate the most would get produced if it was privately owned. Shows like Backroads and Rosehaven where small country towns are front and centre. Radio shows where people with disabilities actually get a voice and shows like four corners where investment in investigative journalism is actually valued. Please don't mess with the ABC. It works so well for a lot of us who's interests will never match that of a commercial operation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

VIC 3056



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell of the ABC

The ABC plays a vital role in presenting fair and balanced news to the community. I have been getting the majority of my news and entertainment from the ABC all my life. If the ABC is sold, good quality news will be eroded in favour of cost cutting and fattening profits. It's imperative that Australia has a well funded public broadcaster that sets the benchmark for providing good quality, hard hitting investigative journalism and is a good source of entertainment on free to air television.

[REDACTED]

ACT 2906




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the abc in public hands!

Our public broadcaster has been responsible for exposing so many issues to the public that have then been investigated and put into the hands of police. The ABC are ALWAYS looking at the actions of politicians and are always catching out wrong-doings and exposing injustices in general. Most other media outlets are owned or run by those in business that can be bought off or influenced by mates in political parties or other places of power! Protect the power of the People! Protect the People's voice! Protect the financial independence of the ABC! Protect the ABC - in the interest of the People!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


NSW 2502 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public. Hands. It is our taxpayers right to have an independent broadcaster, I love having no advertisements, interrupting my train of concentration. I love Media Watch, four corners, Andrew Denton (sucked to the dark side) Qand A, our ve

Very own Australian dramas, 7.30 report. I don't want my life influenced by one very wealthy person, so that he can run our country undemocratically. It's OUR ABC, let's keep it that way.

[REDACTED]

WA 6333 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's Our ABC, for all Australians.

The ABC radio and television are constant companions in our household. As we live in a regional city we cannot afford to attend concerts by our capital city orchestras with world class soloists and the broadcast of these concerts by ABC Classic FM is our only way of enjoying such world class music. The recent live broadcast of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra concert with soloist Anne-Sophie Mutter was brought to us at home by ABC Classic FM.

The ABC is the only news and current affairs outlet we trust. We rely on programmes like 7:30, Four Corners and Foreign Correspondent on ABC TV and AM, The World Today and Background Briefing on ABC Radio National.

We also enjoy programmes like Life Matters, Back Roads, Landline and Back In Time for Dinner as well as ABC dramas like Harrow, Jack Irish, Janet King and others too numerous to mention, all free from commercials.

We can never trust commercial media to present unbiased coverage of events. Commercial interests and owner dictates taint coverage. Increasingly advertising is being presented as news.

Keeping the ABC free of advertising and commercial interests is essential to our democratic process. The ABC must never be privatised.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4700 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: never!

The ABC does not belong to the private sector, it belongs to the people. When these moves start happening to the only remaining government owned broadcaster then we are living in a police state. We no longer have a say and it indicates that democracy is not working.

Stop this from happening please.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2049 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

The centre of a democracy is its public broadcaster, a bit like public transport, health and education it is essential to providing access and equality to all Australians. Critical thinking and an active community with a voice and a platform, that is not subject to unmediated powerful commercial groups /lobbyists / interests are core attributes of Australia that must be protected.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7018



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!!!

Hands off the ABC!!! The ABC provides vital, intelligent, unbiased, interesting content which the commercial stations do not, vital in a democracy and the those who do not crave reality TV!!! Please, don't touch! Thankyou.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2251




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I listen to about 6 hours of Radio National each day, and watch 1-2 hours of Channel 2. I don't want to hear music; I want to hear informed debate and in-depth analysis. No privatised network offers this. There is already adequate choice of private networks for Australians who prefer to listen to light entertainment. But the ABC is the only choice available to me, and the silent majority of Australian professionals who agree with my views.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4061 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must never be privatised

necessary for objective news & information in Australia

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


NSW 2024 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Where would we be without our trusted public broadcaster? The other broadcasters are all about ratings and profits so presenting news in a balanced, considered, truthful way is NOT high on the priority list. Without the ABC, our news will be filtered through the narrow views of the owners of a few media companies like Rupert Murdoch. Australians deserve choice. Without the ABC we have no choice. We can't afford to "dumb down" all news and current affairs as the commercial channels do in pursuit of ratings.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3070 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC for all Australians

The ABC is one of the most important institutions in our democracy and in our vibrant national culture. Privatising the network would put more control in the hands of the few at the expense of the many.

The argument that a commercial approach would make a network more responsive to 'consumers' is deeply flawed. As effective as a market economy is in the efficient distribution of certain goods, such a system is no substitute for an open, democratic (in the broadest sense of the word) and free exchange and distribution of information. Together with the SBS, having an institution like the ABC is a recognition that there is a 'commons' element of the 'goods' that are created and distributed through the news and information media. While that commons - like the ABC as it's institutional manifestation - is not perfect, it is a central element of our national ethos and our political economy (to use an old-fashioned term). It is certainly better than the alternative, if countries with no national broadcaster are anything to go by.

As final point, the Liberal Party Conference proposal that the parts of the ABC not involved in rural and regional services should be quarantined from privatisation is: (a) totally impractical, given how integrated our national communications and news media are; and (b) a tacit acknowledgement that privatising any of the ABC is detrimental to the nation. After all, if something is good for Australians living in rural, regional or remote areas, why is it not good for the rest of us?

The ABC ain't broke (despite the efforts of governments to starve it of funds), so don't fix it. ('Fix' being used here in the colloquial sense, as in race fixing!)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ACT 2602



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should not be privatised

Do not touch the ABC it should be an independent voice not subjected to advertising & corporate greed. The right wing politicians want it sold because they think they are biased to the left. Rubbish they are balanced & fair. Hands off. We don't want it being another Chanel 7, 9 or 10. They have rubbish programs catering to the lowest common denominator. Leave it alone

[REDACTED]

VIC 3796




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I rely on the ABC for factual up to date news, I do not want to delve through news to "weed out" phony or false news stories. I rely on the ABC for in depth analysis of local, national and international news to increase my knowledge and be aware of how issues may develop and/or ployout. I also do contract work in remote regions with the ABC realistically the only organization that provides full news services in these areas. Commercial media is about profits and would not provide the same coverage as the ABC. Th ABC is an integral part of Australian society and I will stand with others to ensure the ABC is not privatized. stand

[REDACTED]

SA 5114 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

The ABC has been an important part in our children's lives, as they were growing up, and now they are adults, their children have watched it. WITHOUT ADDS. AS a parent I haven't had to worry about them being influenced to eat unhealthy foods, or crave the latest toy. We could trust the ABC with our children. We refuse to watch commercial television, and if the ABC was privatised we would just sell our television, and never vote for a party that had sold our beloved ABC

[REDACTED]

SA 5173



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The A.B.C.

Australia needs a public broadcaster to ensure our democracy continues and Australians have a news source they can TRUST

[REDACTED]

NSW 2153




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off ABC

I would rather privatise Parliament than privatise the ABC.
Funding for the ABC should be linked to Parliamentary salaries - even though the ABC is much more productive and TRUTHFUL than parliamentarians.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3442 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

An independent non-commercial media outlet is vital to the functioning of our country. Don't privatise the ABC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2260 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay in public hands

An independant ABC is absolutaly vital if the public at large is to remain informed appropriately on all the important current issues facing Australia as well as the rest of the world.

These days, the private media has become "the Fake News" industry. It's become impossible to trust most reporting coming from the commercial channels.

We need to have an independant source of news, free to explore and expose the way multinationals, banks and sometimes even our government is acting illegally and against the interest of the public.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4552 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC 100% publicly funded


Keep our ABC 100% publicly-owned.

I grew up watching our ABC as a child. Since having my own children, they too watched programs like Play School and Sesame Street. The children's programming on commercial channels tends to over-stimulate children, and treat them as fair game for advertising. There is nothing else that I feel comfortable with.

Our ABC's news, investigative, and current affairs reporting is unflinching and exactly what Australia needs to hold corrupt players accountable in our democracy. Nothing that currently airs on commercial channels can match the quality of 7.30 or 4 Corners. Where else can Australian viewers receive such in-depth analysis? What other channel criticises itself, as we see in Media Watch? This is balance. This is authentic television.

Commercial channels far out-number publicly-funded channels. Our ABC is a lone voice of balance and brilliance. Talk of privatising our ABC is demeaning to taxpayers who have funded such high quality television that we love and respect.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2785 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the citizens of Australia.

To whom it may concern,

I am deeply troubled by the news that the ABC is on the brink of collapse due to privatisation by the government.

I grew up with the ABC and it is the only news I completely trust.

It is not run by greed and money but instead it runs on truth and accuracy.

My family have always been Liberal voters growing up on the land running our own business however if the government where to privatise the ABC you would lose not only my vote but also my fathers who is 92 years old who watch's 4 Corners religiously.

Please scrap this insane idea of privatising The ABC.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3927




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: my ABC

ABC is part of my life. Do not take it away from me. I am semi retired and as I have more time at home I appreciate the stimulation of their programs, and am grateful that I am not bombarded with advertisements, which I despise. Throughout my life I have watched public assets being sold off for short term gain, and have not been impressed by the results. Hands off my ABC!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2095 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Daft idea to privatise ABC

I love the unbiased reporting of the ABC, NEWS Channel, 4 Corners, Q&A, The Drum etc and the devotion to in-depth research; that commercial services will not provide given their devotion to profit only.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2575




[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not change the ABC.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]


NT 0845 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off OUR ABC!

If both Labor and Liberal Governments are of the opinion that the ABC is biased against them, that is the surest sign that the ABC is, in fact impartial. The ABC gives us a view of what is actually going on without the hype that commercial stations provide. I go to the ABC for my TV news, online news and radio programs. So far, I have yet to see anything that a Government in this Country has privatised become better. Economic research has long shown that the key driver of productivity is competition and not ownership. Government-owned businesses that face strong private sector competition operate similarly to those competitors. And simply privatising a fat, lazy, government-owned monopoly tends to create a fat, lazy, private monopoly, not a lean, mean productivity machine. Economic research has long shown that the key driver of productivity is competition and not ownership. Government-owned businesses that face strong private sector competition operate similarly to those competitors. A privately owned ABC would certainly be very biased. The public in this country will not stand by and allow the ABC to be privatised. Look forward and consider the next election Liberals- we will surely eject your government if you are foolish enough to continue with this campaign to do this.

[REDACTED]

SA 5162 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I live in a regional area and the ABC is my most trusted and most valued source of news and information.


I am deeply concerned by the constant attacks on the ABC. The comparison of the ABC with the commercial media is like comparing apples and oranges - same basket of fruit, but completely different and should be judged accordingly.

The loss of the ABC would lower the standards of journalism across the country, would make it less independent and undermine our democratic processes.

Please rethink this ideological madness. Not everything in the world that is public, has to be privatised.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3458 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands please

Please keep the ABC in Public Hands, it's the only station I listen to and watch to fall into privations would be a great shame....

[REDACTED]

NSW 2866




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep out ABC (and SBS-NITV)in public hands

The ABC plays a crucial role in informing the general public on a range of issues and themes that are covered in a much more highly opinionated and ideological way by commercial news sources and broadcasters. That is their prerogative within federal law to do so. It is only the ABC and SBS that seriously offer less partisan perspectives. This is the role of a public broadcaster; the ABC programmes - Background Briefing, Four Corners and Mediawatch are essential listening and viewing for the community which is crying out for more honesty and integrity from politicians. These programs help to highlight and call out inequality and corruption in our society - an essential role for all media networks. Without a publicly funded ABC these are the kinds of programs that are likely to be chopped. Q&A is another program which stems from a decades old community forum format (Monday Conference etc) which provides the general community the opportunity to ask publicly, questions of politicians and various other leaders, ranging from business, education, science, the environment etc. These are not commercial network style formats - these are the exclusive genres of publicly funded networks - which give the public a voice. The commercial networks wont go there. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Its absolutely ridiculous to argue that there's any commercial or undue advantage the public broadcasters have over commercial networks. Public broadcasting its essential in a democratic society, for the very fact that commercial networks dont represent the diversity of society or the interests of a diverse society or the opinions of a diverse society.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2204 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise our ABC!

Our ABC is the most respected and trustworthy media outlet we have in Australia. They remain unbiased thanks to the charter, unlike commercial media. If the ABC were to be sold, we would no longer get factual news, and that will lead Australia down the road of the United States of America. Our ABC has been in public hands for a long, long time - it's part of our Australian culture. They are one of the only media outlets delivering Australian-made content.

We cannot privatise the ABC as it's part of the Australian way of life.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2590 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise ABC

It's important to have one network that's completely independent

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3199



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep or ABC in public hands

My submission is as follows

The history of our modern age tells us clearly that the shut down of dissenting voices is always the first step towards totalitarian control of media and of populations. All who aid and abet censorship and control at this level ignore the cost. Corporate media ownership has nothing balanced or, in my opinion, good to offer Australia or future generations of Australians. I therefore call on you to resist immediate pressures that would cause you to do other than consider the future good of all Australians by voting against corporate censorship of observant and balanced reportage. Taking a lesson from history it is a shallow conception of the realities of corporate control to imagine that Nazi censorship was not driven by the commercial forces that installed Hitler into power in the first place. Mussolini told us that fascism should in fact be called corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power! Who can deny that we stand in jeopardy of censorship of the truth and the corporate agenda-profit at all costs!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3134




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep abc in public hands

don't fix something that isn't broken and don't be afraid of accountability

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3460 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands of our ABC

The ABC should not be a political football. In the same way public education and health shouldn't be either. A democracy such as ours is built on the slings and arrows of robust and vigorous debate and the ABC sits at the centre of what makes this country Australia a wonderful place to live. Hands off our ABC to all those who feel its scrutiny, hands off our ABC to all those ideologues who have forgotten that our society is a rich and diverse one and hands of our ABC as is it remains the most trusted organisation in the country.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2577 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserve democracy - do NOT privatise the ABC

The ABC is the ONLY broadcaster which can be trusted to provide in-depth news and current affairs programs which are accurate and honest. Without exception, the commercial broadcasters produce news and current affairs programs which are either shallow and superficial or biased in favour of the people who own the broadcasting companies. It is no exaggeration to say that the threat to privatise the ABC is a threat to Australian democracy.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2782 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

There is no comparison between the nature and quality of commercial broadcasting and that of the ABC. We MUST have a public broadcaster that reflects and addresses the community's needs. We need authoritative presentation of and analysis of news and current affairs, at a global level, quality television for children and Australian produced programs that explain and illustrate our multi cultures and that encourage us to be more tolerant and understanding of how we are.

When our country is threatened by natural disasters we need the ABC to keep us informed with dedicated coverage to what is currently occurring. The ABC is OURS and MUST remain so.

[REDACTED]


VIC 3084 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hands off our ABC. It is now the only free to air TV that offers quality viewing. It would be totally destroyed if privatised and subject to advertising. SBS is all but unwatchable now because of advertising. I am happy for my taxes to fund the ABC.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3207 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

To whom it may concern,

I do not support privatising the ABC. I believe those who do are doing so with short sightedness and political and emotional frustration.

Two main criticisms that I have heard over the last few days concern me:

- the criticism that people who work for the ABC are somehow taking money from taxpayers in a way that is devious and underhand. I support a fair and transparent salary system - however let's not lose sight of the fact that there are many varied and vital public services which employ workers using tax payer funds. The ABC should be no different.

- the criticism that the ABC does not distinguish itself from other networks and therefore should not exist, and subsequently be replaced by those other networks. The Australian Broadcaster has a role (that is historic as well as in our future best interests) to develop content and investigate issues in our communities, not driven by a company profit imperative. We need news that driven by the public interest and not a private interest or incentive.

I believe that we have a right to view content without be advertised to by business and company agendas, and we should have a place to access that kind of media somewhere in our Australian media landscape. The ABC is unique in this way.

The ABC should be given more funds to deliver a broad range of social and political viewpoints - and not squeezed to a narrow base.

Thank for considering my submission.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2042




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not to be privatised

ABC radio and TV are the only news and entertainment media I listen to and watch. I do so because I can rely on objective presentations rather than be influenced by commercial and political interests. The ABC was intended by Menzies to “be organised on an independent basis and that cultural potentialities of the Broadcast Service be considered a matter of primary importance”. Please keep it so.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2261 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands!

The ABC is the only broadcaster independently presenting information, ideas, discussion, education and amusement which is not constrained by the influence of political bias.

I grew up in regional Australia where a commercial channel and the ABC were the only options for television viewing. My parents encouraged my siblings and me to use television for amusement, education, discussion and only the ABC has ever provided all three, consistently to regional areas.


The ABC is a strong and independent voice of the nation as is demonstrated through their news reporting, morning television, investigative reporting, political debate and thought-provoking series' which examine the structure of our society. Without this voice, the voice of our nation will be silenced, my voice, the voice of my friends, family and colleagues and the voice of generations to come...Privatising the ABC will remove this independent thinking, stifle the action of our people and their communities and will deaden the vigour and passion of discussion and analysis of our society, which is the instigator of change and progress for all. Privatising the ABC will be the next step in closing down the voice of our nation.

We cannot allow the ABC and SBS, for that matter, to fall into the hands of commercial operators.

Maintaining both channels through public funding, is the only solution and is essential to the democratic functioning of Australia.

Please support me in maintaining the ABC for all, the nation, our people by continuing to fund it publically.
Thank you,

[REDACTED]

QLD 4740 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC produces and presents the only good quality content on free to air television. Content that is intelligent and unbiased. If it is privatised it will go down the path of commercial channels with inane reality shows, frothy current affairs and ads for gambling. Our society should expect more than this and aim higher

[REDACTED]

VIC 3162



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

In this time of fake news, we need a public broadcaster.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA 5038




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE THE ABC

A Conservative Government In New Zealand destroyed their National Broadcaster, and now the available the TV and Radio is pathetic.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT TILL IT'S GONE!!!!!!

[REDACTED]

QLD 4169 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off MY ABC

Please do not privatise our ABC!

I am 40 years old and have been lucky enough to spend significant time living and working in regional Australia as well as the city. For the last 20+ years I have enjoyed having access to the provision of high quality news services, local content, local music and Australian and international sport provided by the ABC.

The funding cutbacks, political attacks and moves to undermine the ABC has me worried. In an age where QUALITY news content and current affairs is so hard to find, I am lucky enough to live in a democratic country where I can rely on the ABC to provide this. I can't rely on other news organisations to provide quality information. If the ABC is privatised it will undoubtedly result in the dumbing down of our country, which sadly I feel is already happening. You only need to look at the poor quality of content provided by some media organisations to see where news and current affairs is heading. Some of the content provided by other media organisations under the guise of news and current affairs is laughable.

Future generations deserve to be able to benefit from the provision of services and content provided by the ABC as everyone else has in the past.

Changes at the ABC in recent years are already having a detrimental impact on the provision of services at the ABC. I can already see the reduction in quality news and current affairs topics currently offered which I believe is the result of cutbacks and some poor decision making by a few at the ABC. I don't understand why people want to target such a high quality, unbiased organisation. It sadly reflects on political parties that wish to undermine the ABC – they make it all about them and not about the general population they are meant to represent. We want the ABC, hands off please!

I appreciate that in tough times, government funded organisations, programs and departments are impacted by funding cutbacks. Everyone has to share a little of the pain and I don't expect the ABC to be exempt from that. However, the integrity and quality of the ABC must be maintained especially in a time when free, quality news content is so hard to find.

Do not privatise the ABC.

Stop attacking the ABC.

Support quality news content.

Support local content.

If you privatise the ABC you will be committing us to a future where fair, impartial, quality news and current affairs is not freely available to all like it is now and has been in the past. Stop interfering with the ABC, listen to what the general public want and we want the ABC to stay in public hands.



WA 6162



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC a public owned entity

I believe that we in Australia have financed, from its beginning, the ABC broadcasting organisation and have now a real asset for the Country as well as an independent voice. I believe that the independence of the ABC is critical for the continued democratic process in this Country. We have had, in the broadcasting industry, a series of "media moguls" whose editorial objectives are to make profits and who have an influence over the outcomes of elections by backing the Party they believe will deliver the results they want for the best outcome for their bottom line. We need a publicly funded media organisation for the democratic good of the Country,

[REDACTED]

QLD 4701 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My Abc

For the last 47 years the ABC has being my only sources of knowledge and entertainment to me and my kid and grand kids ,it us and it in s for us ,we are the invy of the world have a broadcast that report the truth and unbaices news ,it is a sources of knowledge for the next generation of uncrupted Australian ,we love the ABC and we all condemn any how take it away from us

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4216




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our Abc in public hands

Our media ownership concentration is among the highest in the developed world. Hands off the abc.....Australians will not go down without a fight against the growing right wing fundamentalist movement in parliament and their corporate backers. We have had enough.....this is the people's voice.....don't try to silence the abc.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2008 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Been watching for decades. Leave it independent and unbiased.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4053



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

privatisation just means we are being sold out by politicians the public loses again .no one wants the abc sold except the rich.this is public broadcaster what gives you power to sell public property Turnbull the turncoat

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

QLD 4304 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

I believe that the ABC is a vital service that should remain out of the hands of private corporations. It is a well-loved, and well-respected institution, and privatising the national broadcaster is a recipe for disaster. The ABC provides the most balanced news and current affairs programs without resorting to grubby, underhanded journalism that the other four private media channels provide, and is a voice of reason in a world of fake news and Donald Trump.

The ABC is too vital, too important, to the greater Australian public when it comes to regional and national news, and the range of programming it provides-- from ANZAC Girls through to Summer Heights High-- is top quality.

Privatising the ABC will leave rural communities who rely on Country Hour and other radio services without a voice, and is one of the few radio stations with more content than just music.

The Liberal Party's callous decision and constant belittling of the national broadcaster over the past six years is a damaging and worrisome trend, pandering to the interests of Mr Murdoch and other big donors, and should be thoroughly investigated.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2623 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands.

I do not want an ABC that leans to the left or right I just want them to tell it as it is,that is exactly what they do. It is one of the great media organizations in the world. If we lose it we will never get it back again.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3936




[REDACTED]

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

The ABC is the only public institution that can be trusted in 2018 without it Australia will no longer have a mind or a heart. Our liberal politicians constantly complain about regimes like China, Russia and tell us how proud they are that we can speak freely so why are they wanting to shut down the only institution that allows people to think and for government to be held to account. The ABC not only investigates the Liberals, Labour Was investigated pretty fiercely when they were in government. Please don't take away things we all love, children benefit from it, teenagers benefit in an Australian society where no longer do we have initiations to adulthood they can learn what's going on in our world through a trusted resource such as the ABC, and older people understanding how commercial media is riddled with vested interests and have a vested agenda. From Drama to Unbiased news reporting please don't take this away from us please don't inflict us to advertising and meaningless dribble. Keep out ABC it's not yours to meddle with its ours. Please leave it alone.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


VIC 3909 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:21 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need our public broadcaster! No privatisation is appropriate.

The ABC is much more than a broadcaster as it is an essential public service and does much good work that would never happen in a privately owned corporation. The best example is being the emergency broadcaster during bushfires; the ABC does an excellent and sincere job of keeping the public informed during emergencies and no commercial broadcaster compares at any level. The ABC also shines a powerful light on the culture, lives and economy of rural and regional Australia through programs such as Landline; again no commercial broadcaster does anything similar and such work is a great way for people who live in regional Australia and urban folk to appreciate regional and remote Australia. I also don't believe that ABC is biased to the right or the left; as a staunchly independent broadcaster it does often irritate governments of all persuasions but that is actually what it should do if the truth it uncovers isn't convenient for the powers that be. The ABC is an essential government service and should not be privatised in any way, shape or form and it should have its' funding increased over time rather than decreased. My life would be impoverished if the ABC was privatised because so much of the good things it does would not happen in an organisation that has to generate revenue for its activities. I am more than happy that my tax dollars pay for the ABC!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3072 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:21 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Are we following Putin?

So it seems the vast majority of the Liberal Party want the ABC privatised. Is controlling the media so that all we get is Murdoch and similar drivel the aim? And who is going to make the wonderful children shows that the ABC is renowned for? And when the children are watching their programs are they also going to be watching sugar laden ads? The ABC is doing a great job with its limited resources. Let that continue to be!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2452



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We need non bias honest information & privatising the ABC will prevent this from happening. I'm am very pleased & happy that my tax money goes towards funding the ABC to keep it running. The ABC keeps the politicians honest & it would be shameful to take this away from the public. The ABC is not duplicated by other commercial stations so Keep your hands off the ABC! What is the liberal party hiding ? Why don't they like investigative non bias interviewing? Keep the politicians honest!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3364



[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Free from Political Control

Hi, I'm writing to you to express my outrage at the Liberal Party's move towards privatizing the ABC. The ABC is a lifeline for me: it is a place where I can go to receive a fair perspective of what is going on in the world. I do not trust Rupert Murdoch's news outlets any more than I would trust the Devil to give me good counsel and so I do not want to be left with them as the only megaphone of news. I can understand why the hard right of the Liberal Party, Pauline Hansen and Rupert Murdoch, etc want it shut down: it's because the ABC often exposes their shallow, self serving and sometimes illegal actions that, if not for the ABC, would go under the radar. The ABC also provides many thoughtful and inspiring shows that are a pleasure to watch, unlike the commercial stations that show brain frying shows like "Everybody Loves Raymond". My main source of entertainment is the ABC and if it was privatized it would be forced to cater only for the brain-dead masses. I therefore respectfully request that the ABC be kept free from Political interference and funded to enable that to occur.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3198 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands - do not privatise it

The privately owned TV stations have no interest to me as their news and community interest news coverage and programs are all the same - very poor quality journalism, almost brainless analysis of issues, almost always pro big company, just boringly useless and I haven't watched them for years. The ABC is my source of unbiased news and other very interesting quality journalistic programs. They are expensive to support out of the public purse, but we spend way more on useless things like submarines and other people killing crap for meaningless wars with real people!

[REDACTED]

VIC 3182



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatization of the ABC

if the coalition privatises the ABC I will never vote for them again.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3551



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC

The ABC is essential to provide information to everyone in Australia. This is very useful when there is an emergency.

Various programmes give information that is not available elsewhere.

Privatisation could mean that WA could get information that is pertinent to NSW and visa versa.

The ABC does give a chance for anyone to give their views.

We get an excellent service for our small individual tax payment.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2287




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands, please

I do not want to see the ABC privatised as we are already bombarded with an overwhelming amount of commercial propaganda.
The ABC is the only credible, trust worthy source of real news in Australia, and the fact that you wish to privatise it raises a red flag with me as to what you are trying to hide. What is it that your corporate buddies wish to hide from the public?
If we truly live in a democracy, what are you afraid of?
Leave our ABC in public hands.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2148 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Democracy and the ABC as a public broadcaster.

If you allow the privatisation of the ABC you are allowing only those people with millions of dollars a voice. A public broadcaster is fundamental to our democracy. A privatised ABC is one more step away from the democracy Australia has always valued.

Give the person in the street a voice by not privatising the ABC. At least their whispers can be heard via a public broadcasting channel.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3984 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as a public institution that tells both sides of the story.

Being nearly 70 years old, I'm not very technologically savvy but I'm well educated in terms of University qualifications and in terms of what I've read. From my point of view, the ABC appeals to the intelligent people more than other radio and television stations do. Our democracy would be greatly weakened if the ABC is weakened. Also, it is ABC Classic FM that brings to people the wonderful compositions created over hundreds of years by geniuses. I spend plenty of time listening to pop music on commercial stations too but if I had to choose between pop and classical I'd definitely choose classical. Back to politics etc. It seems to me that some extremely wealthy people are trying to be the government. But many of them are appallingly selfish people. Let's defend our democracy by defending the ABC. Finally, I'm not a socialist. I note that socialist countries tend to be dictatorships. Maybe they aren't really socialist at all but the result of powerful people CAPITALISING on an unstable political situation. Anyway, it seems that a 'mixed economy' is what we should aim for, due to what most economists have called "market failure". There are some things that are best done by governments and the ABC is definitely a part of a "mixed economy". Please protect the ABC - perhaps the only media organization which is compelled to tell both sides of the story.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2572 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Closing down or curtailing media outlets sets a country on the path to autocracy. It silences the voice of the people. The ABC has a long history of establishing the cultural values of this country, the most important of which include freedom of speech and unbiased reporting. Liberal Party funding cuts have been challenging these democratic ideals repeatedly.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2576




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC should be independent from Corporations and be the platform for the voice of Australian people. Otherwise democracy is no longer apparent.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3385 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public Broadcaster Ownership

Every great nation has a publically owned broadcaster. The state of the US today shows what happens when you don't! Right wing ideologues may try to muddy the waters but their underlying motivation is to have a government that is not subject to proper journalistic scrutiny.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2021



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is OUR ABC - keep the ABC PUBLIC

In light of recent, and not so recent, moves to recommend privatisation of the ABC I wish to submit to the Inquiry my belief that the Australian Broadcasting Corporation belongs to Australia.

Our national broadcaster should never become anything but Australian as it will cease to serve the whole country. The ABC and SBS are not commercial media and should not be compared with them. They are a national service to communicate to, educate and entertain the whole country, all parts of it, in all its diversity. This is the difference between the ABC and SBS and all the other commercial networks. The mission of the national broadcasters is to serve the nation not to serve the market and the dollar.

A privatised ABC will not be an Australian Broadcaster any more, they will not be able to serve the whole of this diverse country.

I am a long term ABC watcher, starting with Playschool and moving through Dr Who and Blake's Seven to my current deep appreciation of the attention to detail of the investigative work of 4 Corners and all other news and current affairs programmes. I would trust an ABC report above many other sources of news.

The ABC has a focus on supporting local content, on telling local stories, it is a voice for many of those who do not get so well heard in this country, as well as being the only source of information for many in regional and remote areas.

The ABC should always be questioning the actions of governments and the current government may not like this but whatever their stripes the ABC will look carefully at what government does so if the Coalition does not like this they should get out of government rather than trying to silence the voices of the people of Australia.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2780 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The idea of the ABC being commercialised negates the very reason the ABC is funded by Government - so that we have an independent broadcaster that has no chance of being manipulated for commercial purposes. I find it hard to know who to vote for these days as I've lost all faith in politicians but this is game changer for me. Anyone who tries to pass this won't get my vote!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2486



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Buck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

Having a public broadcaster is an important component of a free democracy. The ABC has provided a public service to all Australians as long as I can remember. It is an integral part of my daily life and I'm sure it is to many Australians.

The ABC is free from the pressures of commercial intrusion as is highly visible when watching and listening to the commercial stations. It is obvious that commercial interests are unhappy and threatened by the fantastic services provided by the ABC.

The ABC budget is not a cost to the Australian tax payer: it is an investment in quality journalism and content.

It is imperative that the ABC remains in public hands.

[REDACTED]

QLD 4074



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only source of objective news gathering for many in rural Australia. To even think about privatising it is an assault on decency and egalitarianism which is utterly unfitting for a decent Australian society where no biased information should be available to all and never be tainted by murky vested interest agendas of the corporate or political end of town. If the Australian government were to continue this folly and proceeded with the privatisation it would not just cement its place as the laughing stock of the OECD but would also automatically be granted entry to the club of demagogue countries who have zero respect for their citizens' minds and desperate need for informed unbiased news. The world has enough fake news as it is we do not need one more outlet that will contribute to it. PLEASE KEEP THE ABC PUBLIC.
Thank you

[REDACTED]

SA 5000 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No other broadcaster can replace what the ABC does

The ABC has a unique role to play in Australian culture, one that no commercial organisation could possibly replace. In terms of news coverage, this is best shown by the fact that whichever major party is in power complains about bias favouring their opposition.

As they say in the USA, the role of the media is to be the 4th arm of government. With Murdoch's publicly stated view that his property has a right to advance his views, this is no longer the case.

Precisely because of this, an independent, well-funded, vigorous ABC is essential for democracy, decency, fairness.

Please protect it.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3777 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

Hard Right bid to privatise the ABC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3066 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Independent news groups are an essential element of democracy

It is critical for any democracy to have independent and influence-free media.
If Australia loses that vital element of democracy by privatising the ABC then we are dangerously down the path to the situation where democracy is threatened and "dictatorship" (in whatever form) is a ghastly possibility.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2065 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


Please don't privatise the ABC. For me a world without our ABC as a public service broadcaster would be a disaster, a silent world. It provides music, debate, information, entertainment all day and often during sleepless nights. Without commercials and without bias. And this is true for audiences throughout the entire big country. No private broadcaster could offer such universal service. Or such consistent quality of content. The quality of ABC output is excellent and has been for the 50odd years that I have been part of that wide wide audience.

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia not some narrow interest group. It's value is inestimable and its loss would be devastating to both sides of politics. Save our ABC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2050 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the abc in public hands

I wish to state in the most clear terms my complete and utter opposition to any aattempt to privatise the abc which I regard as best media service in australia.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2478



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC

This s the publics ABC and not the governments plaything.
If the Liberals want it then it has to go back to the public on a referendum.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2464




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands please!

The ABC has been so popular over all these years with thinking Australians. Please keep the service as it is. Commercialising and privatising will make it just like the current commercial stations, with programs dictated by their advertising power, rather than any social, intellectual or political merit.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3850 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is a vital part of my life. I respect that it is a forum for independent and balanced views. The ABC is an integral part of my life and has provided me with intellectual and creative stimulation in multiple forums. It provides me with sustaining emotional support with the sense of connection and community that a vast variety of programs deliver.

[REDACTED]

VIC 3184



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to Australia. No privatisation..

The ABC is an essential part of the glue which holds all of Australia together, the cities and the country.

Wherever you go, the ABC is there for us.

In times of disaster or threat - bushfires, cyclones, storms, floods - where else do we turn for critical news and information? The ABC radio, of course.

We depend on the ABC's news to be unbiased and independent of commercial interests, and to expose wrongs such as Four Corners has fearlessly done for decades. Who else would have revealed the Darling River water stealing scandal?

The ABC has a beautiful classic music FM radio station. We need it to enrich our lives. Commercial-free.

The ABC needs proper and adequate funding. It is one of the reasons I don't resent paying my taxes, and I am distressed when the ABC funding is reduced.

The ABC is OUR public broadcaster, and it must NEVER be privatised, nor broken up.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2068 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

Our ABC IS INDEPENDENT.....keep it that way. Objective and impartial, and apart from SBS, the only channel worth watching. You may not like the scandal and corruption which the ABC constantly exposes in your government, but this is one of the reasons why you should keep your hands off it. This is the only channel that is impartial, unbiased and unafraid to expose your dirty dealings. It will be to your detriment at the next election if you privatise the ABC. The ABC is our ABC, don't change that. We know why you want to privatise it, we are not ignorant. The better plan would be to clean up your act, not shoot the messenger!!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2477 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I love the content of the ABC, it's interesting, diverse and people are able to give opinions without bias, which commercial tv has more and more of. The ABC gives a chance to new programs - which are so often awesome - that commercial stations wouldn't give a chance. I don't watch commercial TV, the shows are boring and everything seems to have a commercial focus. I'm sick of being sold to all the time, it's not relaxing or enjoyable and that's more and more what commercial TV stations and so much in our worlds is about.

It seems this move is politically driven and is another sad indication of the terrible path our politics is going down. So here's another letter being written to try not to let a great aspect of our society be destroyed by the self-interest of a few.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2026 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I love the content of the ABC, it's interesting, diverse and people are able to give opinions without bias, which commercial tv has more and more of. The ABC gives a chance to new programs - which are so often awesome - that commercial stations wouldn't give a chance. I don't watch commercial TV, the shows are boring and everything seems to have a commercial focus. I'm sick of being sold to all the time, it's not relaxing or enjoyable and that's more and more what commercial TV stations and so much in our worlds is about.

It seems this move is politically driven and is another sad indication of the terrible path our politics is going down. So here's another letter being written to try not to let a great aspect of our society be destroyed by the self-interest of a few.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2026 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands!

It's my tax money too. I want to see reality not reality TV, to hear news not paid for "news" and to be entertained with my brain switched on. Please leave OUR ABC alone in public hands!

[REDACTED]

TAS 7030




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC MUST stay in the hands of the Australian public as a public broadcaster

This country has gone down the road of privatisation and in all cases the service has deteriorated and where there are prices to pay they have risen In commercial media the content has done nothing but duplicate from station to station flooding us with cooking, housing un professional tak shows with cheap TV journalists that aspire to getting there own stories across If the ABC is sold then we can expect to get content that is seen as know the cost but not the value which is a neo-liberism platform. Abetz has no right to speak on behalf of Tasmanians the Percent of votes he gets in a manipulated senart election is peanuts As for the API and the extreme right wing of the Liberal party what the hope to achive by selling off is control of all media activity manipulating it so that they will not be accountable their personality is to name and shame (Taken from of the Murdock h eartless press) anybody or thing that dares to expose their heatless platform We need media like four corners 7:30 report Q & A Imagine for a second Allan Jones, Ray Hadley Gerard Henderson, Andrew Bolt the IPA, Greg Sherreden Paul Kelly and all the other likes that we have listened to in the past to dominate (like talking over any person that they don't agree with), we have listened to them so that we have a choice to make up our own mind the above mentioned will put a stop to all of that because that's what they are all about This extreme right wing group cripple the very culture that Australia has of a fair go The extreme right wing has a burning desire to nail down all Australians to there way. They will deny this but Australains need to study what the extreme right wing has done in the past, Our loss to an extent was made by John Howard during his Government and he's still in there trying to glue his aspirations to the floor so that we Australians are tied right down The ABC MUST stay a public broadcaster so that we as Australians on what every side of politics we are on can maintain our rights to make up our own minds on issues and not be subject with the foot on the throat attitude of the Liberal Party

[REDACTED]

TAS 7250 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Having a public broadcaster means there is a media outlet that belongs to all of us. To me this is the only way to have a fair, unbiased, democratic society and culture, where everyone's voice can be heard, and many truths can be shared. The ABC as a public entity has been part of this country for a very long time, and the public will be devastated if it is privatised. The ABC is an essential part of this country's democracy.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2780




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The beloved ABC should stay in public hands

My children, like the 50 odd years of children before love to see their stories, in their own voices told on PlaySchool. Any privatisation of the ABC will never be able to replicate the way public broadcaster tells our Australian stories with only the benefit of the Australian people in mind. Commerical goals will run our beloved children shows and bastardise any idea of news has a role in our democracy.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3280 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain publicly owned.

The ABC is important to me because as a pensioner I can't afford paid TV services so I need an truly informative free to air non partisan provider. News Corp already dominates Australia's press and all the remaining TV channels are politically biased, only the ABC strives to be independent.

I only ever watch either the ABC or SBS as they are the only free to air sources worth viewing. so for me, removing them from public hands would significantly effect my ability to keep myself informed.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3008 