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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC as is

For years the ABC has given me information about how my member of parliament has stood up for my concerns by reporting question time when the parliament is sitting. For those of us who have been in flood areas, bush fire and natural disasters it is the ABC that has been our life line. Please do not remove this essential service.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** THINKING OF SELLING THE ABC? Please think again.

I live in the New England electorate, and have not commented at all on the behaviour of our local member, despite my feelings. But if the government removes its support for the ABC this will be the end for me. I am so tired of assets owned by the public being sold off. Think if the commonwealth bank, Medicare and Telstra, and look at the results. If the government even thinks about getting rid of the ABC, I will never vote for them in the electorate of New England again.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is part of my family. Without the ABC , there would be little worth watching on TV or listening to on the radio. Look what has happened with other privatisations. The CSB with which I grew up is now a shadow of its former self and mired in corruption. Any government which would even contemplate such an egregious action like privatising the ABC has has lost my vote forever !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to Australians

Just one example that lives in my memory -- the truly outstanding work that the ABC did in covering the London Paralympics - one of the most important contributions to Australian community that I have ever seen. And the commercial stations wouldn't touch it because they thought there was no money in it (a disgrace to them). This might never have happened in a privatized ABC and Australia would have lost an important opportunity to give disabled people a voice and a chance. The flow-on from that ABC contribution to the Australian community has been significant for disability and disability services and is almost impossible to calculate in rationalist economic terms.

The ABC belongs to Australians, not to corporations and not to global conglomerates.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

Please don't privatise the ABC. It is mandatory that Australia have an unbiased/neutral source for the public to be informed of what is happening in Australia. We especially need our wonderful investigative journalists that we feel are not being paid by big business or lobbyists.  
I don't want us to become like the US and feel that we have "fake" news!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised

I believe that the ABC is a trusted, unbiased news source.

I am concerned that the attacks on the ABC by members of the Coalition and other media organisations are motivated by mercenary motives.

The very premise of the inquiry into whether public broadcasters have an undue advantage over commercial outlets misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC

I would say that ABC and SBS are the two channels I watch the most 75% of the time. It is because of their programing and impartial new coverage. I can trust them.


If ABC were privatised so that it is profit driven we would loose much of this effort and many of their news programs. 4 Corners is one of the best!

The closure of ABC is purely a political ploy to attempt to close down any entity that criticizes the government.

Pass legislation that prohibits shutting down ABC or privatizing it and also includes funding it at adequate levels.

just another attempt at suppression of opposition... are we becoming North Korea?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping our ABC on public hands

I feel that the ABC is one of the most important cornerstones of democracy in this country. Privatisation has already put our electricity grid into China's hands. Without integrity and the freedom to determine and fund its own programs, the ABC becomes a puppet of the socio-economic forces which are already trashing the Earth. Decades ago we lost the wonderful art and theatre components. Without a free independent ABC there will be nothing worth watching and TV will be unwatchable, the news untrustworthy, the discussions biased and democracy will no longer be a descriptor that can be applied to Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

As a taxpayer I am delighted that a very small portion of my taxation dollars go towards a independent public broadcaster that is not swayed by public opinion, corporations with their own agendas or politicians who are either afraid of the truth or wish to pinch pennies. Please tell me why the ABC must be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** If you gut the ABC you will gut the soul of this nation

Dear Decision Makers, I am a clinical psychologist operating a private practice (i.e. a small business) working in country NSW. When I hear that there is a strong drive to privatise the ABC my automatic reaction is to feel utterly gutted, appalled, incredulous and also very sad. I rely on the ABC, particularly radio national and ABC TV, to keep me informed of current issues related to health and well-being (pertaining particularly to country issues). It is through the ABC that I learn about current research across a wide field; e.g. on obesity, endometriosis, suicide prevention initiatives, diabetes, youth mental health and much more. The ABC makes content accessible for all. On a daily basis I refer to recent programs that I have seen on the ABC or heard on the radio to reinforce the content of a therapy session. I also try to keep current with innovation and initiatives occurring within our rural community so that I can support local businesses. The heart of our CBD is full of empty shops, as is the case in many country towns. If the nation wants us to keep producing in order to sustain the nation, then we need to ensure that we maintain infrastructure that reduces isolation and keeps us connected with the pulse of the larger nation. And the pulse of the larger nation needs to be aware of what happens in the country. I live in a township and I have never been a farmer; however, I love to watch Landline and listen to the Country Hour because I learn so much about what is happening around me in the larger rural community, and then I can support it, but also be informed when issues walk in my door. If that exchange of information is taken away and replaced with content dependent on profit, then we will all suffer. I also worry that as a nation we are losing the skill of listening. The ABC provides content that is worth listening to; it provides content that is stimulating and keeps our souls alive and interested. If you gut the ABC this Nation will be another step down the road of becoming a nation without a soul. I need to get to work right now as I need to travel, and whilst I drive I will be able to listen and keep up to date; but if the ABC is gutted, even my travel to work will become more mindless. I will definitely change my allegiances if the ABC is gutted and I will become an active and public campaigner against those who wish to further gut the infrastructure of this nation. I have had enough. I will no longer be politically complacent. This is going one step too far.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protecting the ABC!

In the era of 'fake news' the ABC as our national public broadcaster is essential in providing us with clear and concise information and analysis. The commercial news channels are concerned with making money and consequently can be swayed by corporate interests in delivering news and in some cases NOT reporting on issues where there may be a perceived conflict of interest with their financial masters. The neocons directing the Federal Coalition will ruin this country if their right wing agenda continues to progress. This is not the country I grew up in and I'm not sure I like where we are heading!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC safe from our political class.

I am surprized to hear that the Liberal Party believes it has the right to privatize the public broadcaster the ABC. I do not want the ABC privatized for the following reasons.

1. It is the only source of accurate reporting on both radio and Television. It reports accurately on the political system and parliament. I don't trust either of the major political parties and amazed that they believe they have the right to silence the ABC.

Parliament may have the funding power over this institution but should have no right or ability to propose selling it. The ABC provides

1. Excellent and accurate coverage of politics and politicians
2. Has great entertainment programs for all age groups
3. Provides excellent childrens programs
4. Excellent shows like 7.30 report and the Drum

The only radio and TV I watch is from the ABC, there are no other appropriate sources of accurate information except from some newspapers ie the SMH.

I advise all political parties to keep their hands off the ABC, I vote.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

It is not just important, but imperative that we continue to have an impartial, independent public broadcaster in Australia. In this dangerous world of "fake news" we need to make sure we have a reliable source of news and investigations.

Having a reliable, trusted public broadcaster is an extremely important part of having a true democracy. There has never been a more important time, particularly with evidence of other state's "interference" to ensure that the ABC remains in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should remain in public hands.

After 40 years of listening to radio and it remaining my primary source of news I would urge the enquiry to recognise that the privatisation of the ABC will cause me, and I venture to say a multitude of others, to tune out completely. There simply are no quality alternatives. This will leave those who cannot stomach the impact of commercialisation, and who are not skilled at negotiating the net (we still exist) disconnected from the media. I am tired of the suggestions of bias in the reporting of our public broadcaster. I don't have to listen too long to hear commentary both in support of and in opposition to my political views. Either way, it is nearly always of high quality.

I have no faith that the integrity of the ABC can be maintained through privatisation. Self interest is an unpredictable commodity integral to privatisation. I would have thought the risks are obvious.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC independent and in our hands

ABC and SBS (Semi privatised) are the only two TV channels that are truly independent and provide an informed view for the thinking public.

Lets keep them that way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC represents as honest a media organization can be. It owes nothing to a select group. Its share holders are the people of Australia and it is to them the ABC clearly serve. I grew up on many ABC programs and am stunned to think there are Aussies out there that consider this very Australian institution a threat.

Sorry Mrs Abbott, Murdoch, Abetz, and Jones, the ABC is getting in your way for massive dishonest profit.

Keep your grubby mitts off our Aunty.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** tanzania media foundation

Australia is the poorer for its allowing media ownership and control to become centralised as a virtual duopoly. A vibrant free and fair society depends on allowing a wide range of views and opinions to be expressed and considered. A small African country is aware and democratic enough to encourage diverse, independent, vibrant and quality media, both print and electronic.

Yes, LNP, it is undoubtedly in your interests for uncle rupert to gain even more leverage in this country's media, but I earnestly plea that you consider the greater good for this country and my fellow citizens and to not only cease to push for the privatisation of the ABC, but to urgently restore funding and actually increase media diversity along the lines of the Tanzania model.

Please consider,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is my choice for both radio and TV. ABC news, ABC 24 Four Corners, Australian Story, Drama, insiders, offsideers, Q and A, 7.30 Lateline Business Today, Land-line, Local Radio breakfast drivetime grandstand, in particular the cricket, Macca on a Sunday morning all fill my days and my children's days and have been part of my father and my life which now spans near 70 years. The ABC is the people's choice and Must stay independent of commercial interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am 28 years old. I don't live in rural or regional Australia where the ABC radio and TV is a lifeblood to the farming community. I live in Sydney. I watch Netflix and Stan. I am the generation that people would say the ABC is no longer relevant to. To them I say: you are wrong. Even my most anti-ABC of friends can track their childhoods by the quality children's TV produced. My best friend named her child Jemima and when my work put me in a position to meet Monica from Play School on more than one occasion, all of my Facebook went wild. In the later years of high school everyone watched Sea Change (one of the best Australian dramas ever produced) and talked about it in the school yard. Our hearts broke when David Wenham abandoned the show for LOTR. Everyone watched The Chasers and no one could stop talking about the time they got through high end Australian security even with a comedy member dressed as Bin Laden. But even in high school, as a young person, I was saddened by the difference in the number of drama produced on the BBC in the UK and Australia. The two are sister public broadcasters but what's the difference? Why was the BBC so able to showcase more; more comedy and drama, more fresh acting talent and more new script writing? The UK's population size is only part of the answer. When I was about 16 I realised something; the BBC was well respected by government with strong policy in place to protect it. Even over years of BBC cuts, the UK public still overwhelmingly know and love the BBC and pay the licence fee. I would pay the ABC one in a heartbeat if it meant I got more locally down drama, comedy, investigative journalism and quality on my TV. At University, Qanda was the talk of the town. Sometimes Four Corners. Qanda still is. People my age love it. Just read twitter and the #qanda and #auspol hashtags. Recently, when Employable Me aired everyone I knew watched it, even people who claim the ABC is for old people. You can't say that is also hugely popular as is Miss Fishers Murder (Australia's very own Midsummer Murders?) time and time again the ABC has shown it is able to reflect the diverse voice and views of the many in Australia, that when it does have the funding to make drama, it can make it well, that investigative journalism is alive and well in one corner of the box set at least. I haven't even mentioned the importance of ABC radio, including Triple J yet. The thought of a privatised ABC makes me sick to my stomach. It makes me ashamed to be Australian. To claim a commercially run channel will reflect the voice of all Australians and not just white Australia is a pathetic liberal party joke that many people can see right through. I and many like me are tired of the conservative status quo which tries to sell people my age the lie that the ABC is biased (reporting facts is not bias. Showcasing a viewpoint different to your own occasionally is not bias. This isn't 1984 though this country may well soon be). I've had enough. The ABC is a trusted and beloved institution right across Australia. The people who say otherwise are a small but vocal minority. Let me leave this submission on a simple note. This government with its claims that the ABC is biased, inefficient and irrelevant does not speak for me or millions of other Australians who say this: the ABC is relevant. It reflects our views. It reflects our multicultural society. It reflects our concerns. It is not inefficient just because it produces works of substance (unlike the commercial channels with their endless sports and soap reruns). And most of all it is not biased just because it does not salivate over One Nation and the Hard Right Murdoch style. Do we or do we not live in a democracy? My message to you is simple: Hands. Off. My. ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The thought of the ABC in private hands makes me sad and angry that this could take place. I like to keep informed with current affairs and always watch 7.30 and 4 corners not to mention QA and documentaries that keep me informed. The programming for children is exceptional and the comedy a godsend. All this would disappear in private hands and end up like all the others. Homogenised. Lacking depth. This is another political grab. Silencing the truth. KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF THE ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

It is extremely important to me to have an independent public broadcaster in Australia. I depend on independent news and current affairs which is not swayed by political allegiance or corporate donations. The ABC is renowned for its high standard of journalism and plays an essential role in keeping Australians informed and holding governments and business to task. It also plays a significant role in producing and promoting local content, including dramas and documentaries. I fully support keeping the ABC in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I don't want the ABC to be privatised because if that happened the new owner would not be unbiased like the ABC. They would have vested interests in presenting news and current affairs in ways that promoted their own profits.

I mainly watch SBS and ABC on TV because the programmes on those channels are about diverse sections of our community. The ABC made "Employable Me" about finding jobs for people with disability. I loved seeing how these courageous people overcame difficulties and were rewarded for their special skills. Which commercial channel can you think of who would show such a subtle show which concentrates on trying to demonstrate the way the world looks from a person with a disability's point of view? Even if a commercial channel tackled this subject they would have to please their advertisers so perhaps they would take the angle that a certain political party facilitated the individuals finding a job or maybe their would be product placements in the show for disability aids.

This is only one tiny example from among the many many wonderful programmes I have enjoyed on the ABC over the years. Therefore, I submit it is vital to the Australian people's entertainment and education to keep the ABC as a publicly funded entity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should be left in public hands.

The ABC should not be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do not consider privatising the ABC. It provides a balanced coverage of news, local and overseas. It also provides a lot of information for farmers and other regional dwellers who otherwise might not receive a service. I personally think that the classical music station is irreplaceable, again for those who are unable to attend live performances.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:10 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

Freedom of speech is one of the defining rights of any society. In Australia it is critical to have a national Broadcaster who is free of any financial or political interests whose mission is to serve the best interests of the people. The ABC is an important part of the Australian democracy and any move to privatise it is clearly an attack on our rights. This is a shameful manifestation of powerful private interests such as Rupert Murdoch lobbying the government for their own return rather than the Government maintaining the best interests of the Australian people. The ABC does important work in being able to investigate issues and create programming for the people rather than for the profit of corporates. I cannot state strongly enough how important it is to maintain its public ownership and restore its funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC provides most of my information on Australian and World news. It is a trusted source of news and despite claims otherwise is much more balanced than many commercial outlets.

I'm concerned that governments will always try to avoid criticism but it is a function of democracy to have a strong, fair voice to bring issues to the attention of the public. The ABC does this in it's current affairs and the excellent Radio National. We would be lost without it

Brought up in the UK with the BBC (before commercial broadcasts) Public Broadcasters have always been a source of information as well as entertainment. Short grabs of information on important issues leads to an ill informed public which is dangerous for democracy.

So tell the nay sayers to leave the ABC alone and if they think their opinions should never be open to criticism- they're in the wrong job

Claims that the ABC is a threat to commercial operators are just plain wrong. So, in the interest of the community keep the ABC strong and well funded.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC cannot be privatised.

Corporate interests already have too much power in our society. The ABC is the only media outlet with a mandate to serve the interests of the Australian people and is therefore essential for a properly functioning democracy. That is why it was established, and need for an independent source of accurate information has never been more important in the cacophony of vested interests and hidden manipulation that is the modern media landscape. Australians need a media outlet that works for them, and not for the highest bidder.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

A public broadcaster cannot be privatised

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public control

I would like express my strong opp to any attempt to privatize the ABC. The existence of an independent non commercial and publically funded broadcaster is the mark of a civilized society. The public rely on the ABC to provide them with unbiased news reporting and in depth analysis of social, political, cultural, and scientific matters of importance in Australia and around the world. The nature and quality of this information is not available through commercial broadcasters who agenda is closely aligned with their financial backers.

You only have to look at the high regard in which independent broadcasters are held in the wider world to understand its importance in supporting a civil society and an exchange of ideas. I refer here to broadcasters such as BBC world I service NPR in the USA . The ABC used to have this reach before. Cutbacks started to erode its services.

If the government of Australia wants its neighbours to understand and appreciate Australian culture and to form strong bonds with our country the the ABC's international services are a crucial support in this agenda. Domestically the ABC through its support of original I Australian content has done more to explain and disseminate the culture of compassion and understanding that so represents Australian values, than any other broadcaster in this country. To remove it into private hands would be to destroy an avenue for improving social understanding amongst our many and varied peoples.

The ABC has acted as a window into the structures of our society informing us about how Australia works. Landline explains the importance and workings of mining companies, farmers, small town, agricultural boards and forestry. The ABC weather broadcasts have given us insight into the BOM. Financial analysis teaches us about the workings of our markets and the regulating boards that control them. The list is endless. No other broadcaster is interested in giving the public a dispassionate look at the influences and structures of our society.

If not the ABC where would we go for such information ? To the BBC? Surely not, surely we have not come so far as an independent nation to now discard our wonderful independent public broadcaster only to depend on England for intellectual public discussion.

The argument that the ABC is unfairly competing with commercial broadcasters does not stand. The role of the ABC is to lead by example not to compete. It's whole rEason for being is not to compete but to lead by excellence in broadcasting. Let the other broadcasters do better don't bring down the ABC to their level.

It remains only to say that my family and that of many of my friends and workmates have grown up with the security of knowing that the ABC was an institution we could turn to for entertainment and education on current affairs. It stands for what Australia stands for, to encompass all our peoples ideas, hopes, and aspirations and to reflect that back to us in outstanding broadcasting.

Privatizing the ABC would remove one of the backbones of our society and would certainly be viewed as a catsrophic unaustralian move on the part of any government.

Thanks for considering my submission

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC belongs to us, the people, and must not be used as a political football.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please do Not Privatisise the ABC

The ABC is extremely valuable to me, especially the radio . I listen to Radio National daily and classic FM. No commercial station offers coverage of issues in the same manner and no other station offers classical music. It would not be commercially viable! I only watch ABC television as even SBS has too many commercials for me. Unfortunately though, I suppose due to funding cuts ABC television now carries many programs imported from overseas like "Antiques Road Show" and "Grand Designs". I'm not interested in these but do enjoy good Australian drama. Privatisation would mean that the ABC would like the commercial stations only carry what is commercially viable. We need this other voice.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:08 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I remember the first time I realised that commercial news is decided by commercial interests. I was working as a customs officer at Sydney airport. I got home one day and my family was excited about a celebrity airport event. I said "no, that flight was cancelled, it's coming tomorrow" they said "but look it's on the news". I guess channel 9 had sponsors who had paid for advertising during this exciting story. I guess they had footage from another airport. I know they lied.

Since then I've been very sensitive to the accuracy of news reporting. I know the ABC isn't perfect. But they don't make things up. And they are especially careful during elections.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a keystone of our society

A nation cannot have true democracy and fair process if the media is not independent. The ABC and Fairfax and Crikey are the only voices we have to expose the numerous dodgy goings on, influence peddling, corruption etc that riddle our society. Without these independent media, the Clive Palmers, Eddie Obeids, Botany , Liverpool and Auburn Councils etc would have open slather in their efforts to extract all they can from society. No wonder that the forces pushing to privatise the ABC are the very same ones that would suffer most from their corrupt behaviour being exposed. The ABC has to be made more efficient no doubt - some current shows are so lightweight they are no credit to the ABC that has produced so many hard-hitting exposes over the years.

Leave that entertainment to the commercial networks, who do a better job of it anyway.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

The ABC is vital to sustaining our own culture. It alone shows the broad spectrum of who we are and where we live throughout the whole of the country. It tackles subjects that would not be palatable or profitable (more importantly) for commercial outlets. The pursuit of money would be central to any privatised broadcaster - there would be no room for reflection of who we are, what we stand for, and where we are going. Such a move would spell the end to Australia's individuality. It is essential that the ABC remain a public broadcaster, and that its funding is increased. What it gives to the fabric of our society far outweighs its cost. Sincerely [REDACTED]

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QLD 4065 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep our ABC in public hands

There is nothing on any commercial channels that compare with the information and diverse views that are offered through the ABC. Aiustralian Story, 4 Corners, Insiders, Q&A, are programmes I rarely miss, and if I happen to miss them I am committed enough to watch them on IView. If the ABC is sold to commercial interests, Australia will be suffocated with inane reality shows (already Australia is flooded with them) and inane advertising. If the Australian Government wants a thinking populace then ridding the public of the ABC will never yield that result. This makes me think that maybe the Australian Government considers the Australian populace would be easier to control with non-thinking, reality-watching morons. Keep the ABC. Keep Australia unbiasedly informed.Keep Australia thinking.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A Commercial ABC can not be the voice of Australia

If the government commercializes the voice of Australia ABC , it just as well hand over the keys of parliament to big commerce.  
there is a reason that EVERY OTHER COUNTRY ON EARTH has a national Broadcaster. It is the voice of those countries , the voice of parliament , it is the unbiased voice of freedom.  
IN WWII the BBC was that voice of freedom , selling off ABC would be backstabbing all Australians , telling them [REDACTED] your freedom.  
Selling off ABC will backfire to the Liberal Party like nothing else Australia has ever seen .... don't risk it !  
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NSW 2084 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The Public is us

Our Owellian times must cease! I call on your humanity. Pay yourselves the huge amounts you do but leave our news sources alone.  
This 'us and them' attitude is humiliating in the scheme of things.

[REDACTED]

SA 5032 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

A privatised ABC would be the worst possible outcome. The ABC is our only impartial media outlet, to lose that impartiality would be devastating for Australia.

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VIC 3429 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Defend the ABC

The Liberal Party's proposed privatisation of the ABC would be an unmitigated disaster for Australia, setting the country firmly on a path towards more partisan public debate and emasculation of arts and culture. As a means of promoting Australia through 'soft power', the ABC as a properly funded public broadcaster is also second to none. Any threat to that status will diminish Australia's standing in the region and globally. As a reliable source of news and comment the ABC is also a vital public institution to stand above the often nakedly self-interested and biased positions adopted by commercial media interests.

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NSW 2049



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

It is very important to have an independent voice in the media considering that only a very small select few have control over the rest of the media in the country.  
To be a mentally rich society we need that independent voice

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VIC 3130





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's our ABC

It's not your ABC, it's OUR ABC!

I am absolutely outraged that there has even been a suggestion to sell of OUR PUBLIC BROADCASTER. For me it is the most trusted source of news and investigative journalism in the country. The ABC airs the most brilliantly produced drama, comedy, and children's shows and commercializing the channel would just ruin it, you know why??, because they're not in it for the money!! The very premise of comparing the ABC to commercial outlets completely misses the point, it shouldn't be about making money, it should be about quality and trust. The ABC plays an essential and irreplaceable role in our democracy, to sell it would be a travesty.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3031



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

Hello, as a family we pay tens of thousands in tax. We have private health insurance and don't need any social support. We contribute as much as we can to civic life.


One of the most visible and valued institutions the government funds is the ABC. There is no media mogul influencing stories, they are not selling a product, it provides wide coverage of local and international events and long form documentaries on radio and TV.

Privatisation of the ABC will bring our family into the streets in the city and our community protesting and advocating for a change of government.

Keep the ABC in public hands and well funded.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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NSW 2203 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep abc in public hands

Abc is no doubt the best tv channel we have best news service great unbiased presenters fantastic programs and series no commercials interrupting programs and in regional areas relies on this channel for emergency alerts

Turnbell keep your hands of a much loved tv channel

Your government interferes too much in our lives bring on an election sooner rather than later

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NSW 2541 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

What other broadcaster has investigated injustices in our society to the depth and accuracy that the ABC has? The list is numerous, keeping us informed and prompting investigations and enquiries, leading to much wanted change. Keep our ABC free from unwanted and biased ownership.

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NSW 2577 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

We need at least ONE independent broadcaster without corporate interference or bias. I rely on they ABC for this and feel it is very important for our children and grandchildren to have the same.

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NSW 2251



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect the ABC

The ABC needs to be maintained as the independent news and current affairs provider in Australia. They tell it as it is, warts and all. Politicians don't like this and want to take unpopular topics away from public view. We must maintain the ABC in it's current form to protect our democracy.

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QLD 4703 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC media privatisation hussle.

Just thought I would comment about this fiasco the liberal party has voted on to privatise the ABC media..it seems that the government seems to think that selling off the peoples assets to private enterprise is a bottomless lucky dip pit of treats for the big end of town to exploit and prosper from..the ABC should not be gagged and kidnapped and sold into slave labour to the highest bidder ..it is the voice of the people ..it does a great job of entertaining and more importantly keeping an eye on shady situations occurring in government and private enterprise etc ..though the lines are blurring more as time passes..selling off the peoples assets under the guise of cost cutting generally only results in higher costs to the public for that rebadged item and a more commercialised complicated version eg when SBS started or Telstra ..Unity Water ..Commonwealth Bank..Medibank..the shopping list goes on ....I like the ABC and feel it would be a great loss to the people of this country and would like to see an expansion of the ABC in funding and programming which would create more jobs and keep it in the hands of the people..thankyou and bless all those who sail to the new lands of enlightenment and entertainment via her journey..cheers [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in Public Hands

ABC is the only unbiased voice for the people of Australia where we can listen to all sides of the story. If privatised this will be compromised like most other privately owned media

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TAS 7004





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I have been watching the ABC since I was a teenager. The ABC gives us the Australian perspective and should never be privatized. All generations watch the ABC who give us cutting edge shows and perspectives on what is happening in Australia. The Coalition's attack on the ABC shows that they don't like to be criticised, but that is our right as Australians, for all political parties to be questioned and criticised on public TV. The ABC news and Four Corners is our most trusted news source. If the ABC is privitised this will go very badly for the Coalition and will just commercialise all of our TV news sources which is very unAustralian.

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NSW 2042 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Privatization

How can a right wing so called intelligent institution even consider selling off the ABC and turn it into yet another organisation based on minority opinion forced on all who look and generating more ad space to ruin anything which is attempting to entertain us ,even if it is the fourth repeat!!

If the ABC goes this way then I go.

Why is the Right Wing so out of touch with so many of their ideas, in the public space, they are condemned and derided.(I've run out of exclamation marks!)

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QLD 4068




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keeping the ABC a public broadcaster

I am totally dismayed and frankly scared for the future of our country if we allow our ABC to become a private company. As the most trusted source for news in Australia we cannot be left without the real investigative journalism that the ABC is known for and that time and time again has led to real and positive changes and improvement in our society. From children's educational programs to comedy to seeing our own Australian stories and drama reflect our culture ...the ABC is like the beating heart of this country. To privatize it would fundamentally change it to another commercial TV station and we already have plenty of them...what we need is a strong and independent ABC that is allowed to do the job it was established to do without interference from politicians who are afraid of scrutiny. As Michele Guthrie says ...the ABC is more popular than both Labor and Liberal parties put together and it is clear that the Federal Government has no social license to sell off the ABC...

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NSW 2480 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must be kept

Please do not think any further about privatising the ABC. It is the only channel without any infuriating ads, it has brilliant educational programs and investigative journalism as well as good Australian dramas. We rarely watch commercial channels because of all the American imported rubbish. Australian people need the ABC to keep informed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in public hands

We have an unconditional right to retain the abc which provides all programming without the controlling influences of power mongers. Aunty is one of us.

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QLD 4670 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I have been watching and listening to the ABC all my life - my son was encouraged to learn about things by having access to the programs produced by the ABC.  
This ABC is an essential part of Australia's culture

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VIC 3147 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 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, which does not provide unbiased reporting or current affairs. The ABC has a long and respected tradition across Australia, particularly in its service of rural areas, providing unique programming not available from commercial networks.

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NSW 2780



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC belongs to ALL australians

The ABC is part of the soul of Australia. It covers real stories and events without the 'shareholder' vote.

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QLD 4740





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC out of private hands.

It is imperative to the independence and impartiality of our beloved National broadcaster that it remains in public hands. It simply should not be privatised.

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VIC 3158



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

Hands off MY ABC!


I appreciate the music, the films, the TV, the UNBIASED editorials.

I will NEVER AGAIN vote for the Liberals or Country parties if you privatise MY ABC.

Keep your hands off it.

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NSW 2444 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

My husband and I are elderly, infirm pensioners. Our minds remain sound and the ABC stimulates, encourages, entertains and engages with us. Especially during inclement and cold weather we are housebound and the only joy left to us is through the ABC broadcasts.

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NSW 2065 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The reason parliament legislated the independence of the ABC back in 1947 was to ensure Australia's political processes remain transparent. Unless that happens, our democracy is compromised. Time has shown the ABC is the only media organisation capable of presenting independent news and current affairs programs, free of bias and political interference. This would be lost if the organisation was privatised. But, not only that, the ABC represents excellent value for money for all Australians, That should not be compromised.

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NSW 2121 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our government funded ABC is critical to the nation

The ABC plays a critical role in the social cohesion of our country. It also has a critical role in recording the social history of Australia for future generations. Consider the magnificent series "Mystery Road". So well written and so insightful in teaching us all about the complexities of indigenous-white settler relationships. One thing that Britain is so admired for around the world is the work of the BBC. Similarly people look to the ABC regarding Australia. DON'T TAKE THIS AWAY FROM US!

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QLD 4121



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** My family, friends & I NEED the ABC to be independent,

I live in Regional Australia & need & wish to be informed of up to date validated research in health (Health Report) & science (Robin Williams) & to hear discussions of new publications, laws, current public debates & popular entertainment from an intelligent, independent source.

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TAS 7250



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC in public hands

Dr Blake; Play School; Pie in the Sky; Rosemary & Thyme. These programmes either would not have been made or would not have been bought without the ABC. It galls me when the commercial stations trumpet a 'new' programme that we saw years ago and without ads. When one compares the standard of the 'bubblegum-of-the-mind' churned out by the commercial networks with the adventurous and cutting edge material, not to mention the high quality documentaries and investigative reports, produced by the ABC, one can only lament the plunge to the bottom that would ensue without it.

Of course, that is a relatively minor issue when compared to the fact that there would be absolutely no balance in news reporting without the ABC. Despite government and One Nation (both of which seem to find any criticism or scrutiny unacceptable) assertions that the ABC has a left-wing bias, Blind Freddie could see that this is only relative to the blatant right-wing bias of the commercial networks. Obviously, a (foreign) media baron like Rupert Murdoch would be ill advised not to use the power of his empire to further his right-wing ends. That is why, notwithstanding the government is trying to destroy the ABC with funding cuts if it cannot sell it, it is vital that we keep a lone non-right-wing voice to present the news and viewpoints, which are anathema to the right.

A society in which only 'selected' information is presented to the public resembles more the 'Brave, New World' of '1984' than a true democracy, therefore, it is vital that we do not go down that path.

In the interests of honesty and transparency, although I do not work in the industry, I should point out that I did my PhD in media discourse analysis.

Thank you for your consideration.

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VIC 3934 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

The ABC is the only broadcaster which holds the government of the day to account. This is the case regardless of which party is in power and in doing so gives the public information they can trust. With so many broadcasters pushing their own agenda we need the balance which only the ABC can provide. We also have a right to watch television without being bombarded with constant advertising. The ABC is also producing quality Australian content which is unfortunately being curtailed due to the funding cuts this government has already imposed. Further attacks on the public broadcaster are not fooling anyone in their intent. This is a blatant attempt to shut down any voice which does not agree with the current government policy and produce a population of sheep towing the line. This must NOT be allowed to happen under any circumstances!  
Hands off the ABC!

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NSW 2479 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Submission to the government inquiry into the ABC.

My wife and I wish to express our heartfelt support for the ABC to continue in its role as public broadcaster. We feel that this is our only local source of independent and balanced information on what is happening in Australia and the world. Monday night is our favourite viewing. Australian Story is particularly important and often inspirational in revealing stories about our everyday heroes. Four Corners investigations have been very important in holding many organizations to account. It is an important tool in the functioning of our democracy. Q&A allows us to hear all sides of the debate about issues. It is very balanced despite protests to the contrary. Gruen is another favourite combining humour with incisive observation. Then there is all the ABC does to foster local drama and culture. Our lives here living in the country would be so impoverished without our public broadcaster doing what commercial networks can't and will not do since they are always answerable to their sponsors. Please keep our ABC in public hands.

Yours sincerely,

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QLD 4370



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't destroy the ABC

The ABC & SBS are the only decent intelligent news and culture sources of information for the Australian people. Destroy at your peril.

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NSW 2041 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the nation

The ABC is the Australian NATIONAL broadcaster. It represents the voice of Australia from children to adults. It infuses our society with laughter, insights, commentary, tears, drama, opinion and analysis. It is beyond commercial interests, offering unbiased and balanced reporting. Just because a political party does not like it, does not make it wrong.

I do not watch commercial television. I am a highly educated person with a PhD, who believes in critical thinking. The ABC provides a lens through which we can analyse our democracy that is not tainted by vested multinational corporate interests, is not out to avoid taxes, and does not treat the population as consumer dollars to be exploited so the profits can go offshore.

The ABC has long been at the forefront of cutting edge social commentary in comedy, drama and current affairs, that has made our country a richer and more vibrant community. The attacks on the ABC by this current government, who are closely aligned with the IPA, are an attack on our democracy. Some things are required for a greater good, one that underpins, not undermines, our society. This is what the ABC does. It gives a voice to many viewpoints, not just to those who wish to hack our democracy. I can go to any commercial right-wing radio or television station for that, I choose not to, I choose the ABC.

The ABC is an inconvenience to those who do not like what it says or represents, and that is why it is a vital to our NATIONAL interest. Up the funding for the ABC, and protect it.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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VIC 3188




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Never will I let the ABC be sold.

Democracy requires an independent enquiring press and an engaged society. Our ABC has facilitated my whole life, from my children 's watching wholesome programs, to all stages of their lives. They have learned that information and freedom are essential for intelligent for rational discussions. Our ABC is a reflection of us. It's relevance is greater today then ever. Any attack on the ABC is an attack on us. NO .NO. NO...

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WA 6010 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC Public!


The ABC provides the people of Australia with essential information and has done us a huge service, particularly with its various investigations. The ABC has uncovered the unconscionable rorts taking place along the Murry-Darling. Without the ABC expose, the public would remain largely uninformed regarding the harmful activities of the banking industry. It is the ABC that has allowed the public to see the continuing inhumanity of the live export market.

Truthfully, as a citizen, it seems that the very services provided by OUR national broadcaster are THE REASON why the government wants to 'commercialise' it! Our leaders seem to have great fear of the populace hearing unsavory truths and would prefer, like another world leader, that the people be informed ONLY of those things the government wishes them to know -- not information about Panama Papers and tax avoidance!

Being a citizen living in a regional area, the ABC provides essential information not available in any other way.

The ABC is a respected and cherished Australian institution and cannot be compared to commercial broadcasting. Fund it properly! It belongs to ALL of us!

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NSW 2446 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

We rely on the ABC for objective, unbiased news and commentary. The so called current affairs programs on commercial television are a sham. We do not want the likes of them on a privatised ABC. Hands off! Don't change it - increase its funding.

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NSW 2323 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping our national broadcaster as a public entity

Following a period living in the UK and enjoying the BBC forecasting service, moving back to Australia I was struck at how impressively informative the ABC is in comprehensively covering the topical issues of the day but also drawing attention to key matters in some depth that we the public would struggle to locate without such a service. I learn something new every day from the ABC and as a teacher I draw on much of this material as resources for my students. the development of podcasting means that their minds are opened to the arguments surrounding important issues that affect all of our lives. As someone who teaches in a management school, I am aware that commercial entities could not possibly cover the scope and depth of the ABC due to than market imperatives

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QLD 4109 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has to be neutral and publicly funded. In Switzerland every household pays a yearly tax and in the recent vote a few weeks ago the population accepted to continue paying. This shows how important it is to have a National Channel we can trust.

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QLD 4061 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC Newcastle is my only source of news. The presenters are very professional and in an emergency it is the emergency broadcaster and keeps Newcastle people informed with regular updates.

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NSW 2294



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

That is the only way that the ABC could remain an independent body!

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NSW 2145



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am a long time viewer and listener of the ABC and to me it is the most reliable and important source of news in Australia. It is impartial and not afraid to shine a light on corruption and injustice. My children also love the ABC and it has the best childrens programs in Australia. Its also an excellent source of quality drama and documentaries. The programs on the ABC contribute to a sense of national identity and inform and entertain, and reflect the cultural diversity of, the Australian community.

The coalitions attacks on the ABC mark a worrying possibility that political ideology will silence this important and impartial voice. Privatization and advertising would weaken its independence. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Allowing many people access to news, radio and tv programs across Australia with minimal ads

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NSW 2234



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC funding safe

Dear Sirs and Madams

Please keep our trusted ABC radio and tv safe as it is the only media which tells us the truth about news and current affairs. We need it. If govt needs to save money, take it from submarines and war planes budget. ABC and SBS are the only places where I can get truth in reporting. I NEED THEM. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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SA 5062 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our hands!

I love our ABC as it is, privatisation would turn me away.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC will not be privatised!

[REDACTED]

I watch the ABC, and being one of the millions who trusts them, i like to see the truth about Liberal Party corruption, not the sanitised lies peddled by commercial pro-Liberal stations.

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NSW 2439



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster.

The ABC has a genuine history of independent reporting. It provides for Australian content. The political attacks on the ABC from all sides of political parties simply proves that we need an independent broadcasting agency

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SA 5066 



**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC needs to be kept in public hands and well funded.

Both [REDACTED] and I do not want the ABC privatised. We need independent news services to preserve our democracy. It is a sign of civilisation that such a service like BBC (UK) and CBC (Canada) can lead the way culturally and reflect our changing identity.

The ABC does not need to pay it way but it does so anyway. The ABC shops reflect the high quality of books, DVD and material it produces. Many of these authors and creative people would not get a start otherwise. It trains staff and offers a pathway to many careers. Locally it is valuable in building community and for public safety eg in the case of fires. Its community bulletins and information with local news are valued. We lived [REDACTED], frequent bush fires meant we learned the value of ABC radio.

A profit motive is distorting in news and information. Selective use of news can give a completely false impression of what is happening, eg see Media Watch to get examples of absolutely false fake news disseminated by private broadcasters.

Having the ABC advertising free is an immense privilege. Advertising distorts and trivialises the facts, the aim is to sell and convince customers often at the expense of the truth. The recent Banking Royal Commission is evidence of numerous examples where banks are deceiving and robbing customers.

Land line on the ABC provides services that no private company could provide. Local radio stations and TV stations are invaluable. Australia is a large sparsely populated country and needs the ABC.

ABC services to overseas countries were invaluable in linking other places to us, eg the Chinese and Indonesian radio services which were sold off to Murdoch. We should start these again, it was the cheapest diplomacy, with widest coverage we could have.

The profit motive is distorting, leading to the lowest common denominator in many aspects of television and radio, eg Alan Jones, and commercial News broadcasts. Sensationalism and selling feature prominently in these programs. Many viewers and listeners cannot discriminate between items and take them as gospel because of language difficulties, poor literacy or cognitive skills.

The ABC aims to lift its viewers and listeners by providing inspiration and stimulation, it can do its best for them, not just make money from them.

Think of Classic FM, Radio National, QI War on Waste, Media Watch, the News bulletins and the much loved Catalyst (sadly missed as a regular science program) etc.

Budget cuts to the ABC have been like death by a 1000 cuts, gradual and relentless. Our politicians do not like to be questioned and their decisions discussed, so the ABC should not be subject to political pressure like this inquiry.

Staff at the ABC are highly trained and expert in their fields we need their commentaries and wisdom. Many are like community elders and we value their opinions and analysis eg Sunday 10am etc and we could name many more staff.

Much more funding should be restored to this institution. Keeping public organisations is much more efficient than privatising them eg see the energy distribution system now with a myriad of distributors all taking their cut as compared with Powercor which can plan for the future and keep prices low.

Pressure groups find it harder to exert their influence on the ABC than commercial broadcasters where money talks eg gambling ads which do so much harm to families and rob our community.

Foreign influence funded by countries where governments abuse human rights eg China have enormous funds to buy political patronage and we need to have the ABC to keep an eye on this.

Democracy is fragile and we need the ABC to fearlessly tell us what is happening, their programs often lead to Royal Commissions eg Child Abuse, Corruption and Banking are recent examples.

Happy to provide further information.

Regards

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VIC 3355



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The public owns ABC dont steal it from us

This is the channel I turn to for news and current affairs that have not been commercialized. Watching the ABC I know that I have not been turned into a "commodity" to be sold ideas products and paradigms that are exploitative and promote the very systems treat humans as opportunities to exploit. The voice of the ABC should remain as a challenge and an opportunity to influence our society to be more inclusive and allow questioning of the status quo. I deeply distrust the forces of the far right in any culture. Please leave our ABC as public, our voice for freedom equality and the right to question the government of the day.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** objective news and education

I am a paediatrician and president of a nonprofit organisation. I understand the ways in which ethos and governing principles of an organisation have a far-reaching effect on the public. My children and patients have benefited enormously from culture/ education driven ABC and in a world full of false facts, we still turn to the ABC for in depth unbiased reporting. While good management and attention to yield ( including some more subtle and long term measures) are important to maintain all institutions, O think moves to privatise a core means of culture and information provision are shortsighted at best and dangerous in their implications.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

We need to maintain a channel that is run in the interests of the people, not in the interest of big business.

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NSW 2166



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC to remain public

Dearest politician and public servant,

I write to express my concern that ABC may be privatised. I never imagined that this could even be a possibility. ABC is a trusted broadcaster from which much creativity and important Australian stories and content is born and sent out across our wide nation and contributes to the national psyche and character.

Privatisation would threaten the types of content created, with a focus on profit. I fear this would reduce Australia's ability to engage intelligently in issues. It would also result in less risk taking in cultural and entertainment content, bringing a loss of energy and lost opportunities to discover new forms.

I feel that the above would take place despite and contractual controls and requirements.

Australia needs the ABC. It is dear to our hearts and essential to inform public dialogue and expression.

I hope that the unpopularity of such a poor idea becomes evident across your party.

Much love,

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NSW 2155



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** don't privatise the abc

i can't watch commercial stations, they are absolute crap. the abc is the only trusted news we have in this country. i listen to abc radio and watch abc tv almost exclusively. privatisation would be a tragedy.

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VIC 3370



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone!!!!

I'm worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC, Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't touch the ABC

If you allow the ABC to be privatised, you will have allowed the elite corporatocracy to have finally taken over. We know that's what you want. But the people will revolt. Beware!

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NSW 2000



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I love the ABC and I vote

From great documentaries, to fine drama, unsurpassed support to the local music industry and so much more the ABC is one of Australia's most treasured institutions. The garbage that is served up on the commercials be it radio or television cant compete but only because they are racing each other to the bottom to give us rubbish like all these lifestyle shows. As a former member of the Liberal party who has held a number of positions over the years know this the lurch to the right is ensuring the party is no longer the broad church it once was. Shame on you all.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

I wish ABC will not be privatised as a public broadcaster is a cornerstone of democracy and there are plenty of commercial choices.

I brought up my children watching ABC starting with Play School and then science shows such as Quantum and investigative programmes such as 4 corners to teach them. Now I am doing the same with grandchildren.

I have enjoyed 50 years of great ABC tv dramas as well.

Please keep the funding for public TV or you will lose my vote!

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NSW 2568



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A free ABC

I USED TO BE PROUD TO BE PART OF A SOCIETY BASED ON FREE SPEECH AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OVER CORPORATIONS .. THIS IS NO LONGER THE CASE  
I'M SADDENED BY THE FACT THAT WE TEAR DOWN THE VERY THINGS THAT MAKE US GREAT AND DISTROY THE LAST UNBIASED JOURNALISM IN THE COUNTRY WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THESE DAYS.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in our hands!

ABC is our voice and they hold the government accountable for their decisions. We won't have a voice to question these things if it gets privatised.

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VIC 3558




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am very angry at the prospect of the ABC becoming medium that becomes another source of third-rate journalism and biased( yes, biased ) coverage of political issues that feed the views of small minded people who echo the views of the Murdoch press. Australians are bigger than that.

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VIC 3350 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** attacks on the A B C

The A B C is already threatened by by funding cuts. This is a common ploy . When the funding is so low as to make it unpopular, that is when it is exposed to death by a thousand cuts. I will always vote for a party that respects the place of the A B C in Australian culture and democracy. To loose it is to leave T. V media to sensationalists hard right ideologues and exploitation. Bias Is best observed in commercial networks. Where news is based on ratings. and so often features the trivial and inane . major stories avoided for commercial reasons. We need an alternative that commercial interests can never equal. Thankyou

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please leave ABC alone

The ABC is the only news source I trust as being independent in reporting news and current affairs. It's 774 station in Melbourne is a big part of my life, and the children's TV channel has been a big part of theirs. I also enjoy weekend breakfast as well, not to mention insiders. It is truly disturbing to think that ABC could be privatised. Then we will have no news that we can trust and that has a major impact on our democracy. I would be truly outraged if the liberal party took such disgraceful action. So far I've keep quiet about various actions the liberal party has taken during office. This is not something I could stay quiet about. PLEASE leave ABC alone. It's an attack on our democracy.

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VIC 3095 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC should belong to the people and not be in private hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep the ABC in public hands

I grew up in rural Queensland. ABC was the ONLY TV station we had and when the family had to move to the Brisbane area ABC brought with it a stable and reliable news and credible programs. I have no trust in the commercialized stations agenda who are driven by profit and international funding; and if any government wants a true regulated media outlet we MUST keep ABC. ABC has a history of making public servants and the community accountable for their actions. The TV content is diverse and meaningful and the heart of the Australian people. As a tax payer I pay to fund ABC...not the liberals parties efforts to sell off everything. look at Telecom/Telstra...now the news reports that the government says they should buy it back. privatizing Telecom/Telstra has not worked out very well- has it! look how that has kept us all in the dinosaur era of technology! Leave ABC out of privatization and stop stealing its funding!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands Off Our ABC

I grew up with ABC Radio and TV and have a great deal of respect for the quality of broadcasting I have come to expect from "our" corporation. The standard of news reporting is second to none and the current affairs shows uphold that standard. The quality of programs broadcast for viewing pleasure could only be surpassed by a reinstatement of the funding that has been systematically ripped from the ABC since the Abbott government. The LNP does not support any company or organisation remaining in public hands because LNP cronies can't make money from it. This move is nothing more than a money grab and must not be allowed. Where else can our nation's children turn to for educational program content? Who else can we trust to offer quality content for TV viewing and Radio listening? The current range of commercial TV stations offer so much idiocy that I wonder how anyone can distinguish between the reality of commercialism and the real world - that's what passes for "Australian Content" on private television. The LNP must not be allowed to privatise our ABC - it is the voice of the people, not the politicians. Give back the funding stolen from the ABC in previous years and watch it soar to better heights - and watch our children's children improve their minds with quality viewing instead of commercial rubbish. Hands off my ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

The ABC is at the forefront of investigative journalism, with Four Corners bringing to light many issues of national concern. In a world of “fake news”, the ABC is open to scrutiny and seldom found errant. Radio National reaches those in remote areas, providing them with a service that commercial interests would find unprofitable. The ABC is an Australian institution. Hands off.

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NSW 2456 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC epitomises everything Australian. Five years back we were starting all over again when we moved here to Australia. Without a job and with a loaned TV our family relied on ABC Kids to keep my daughter entertained. Soon our family started hving our family time around programs such as Giggle and Hoot, peppa pig, Charlie and lolla and many of the other programs on ABC Kids and ABC. Even though vr well settled in Australia we continue to hv our family time around ABC and there's nothing better than the 'tap the ABC Me app' on ABC Me that catch my three year old sons attention. We hv a lot to loose if ABC isnt kept in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the only source of truth form many political issues. It is not beholden to multinational media owners who favour one political party (ie. the Liberals have News Media as their mouth piece)... And the ABC is not beholden to commercial entities.

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NSW 2221 

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
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** do not privatise out abc

Dear mr Turnbull, please be strong in the face of the hard right pushing to privatise our abc. I live in the Barossa valley only 90 kilometres from Adelaide but we rely on our abc for excellent reporting and non sensational morning news and talkback. Classic abc is a gem can you imagine it staying if the abc is privatised. Even my 3 year old granddaughter asks to have the ballet songs (her words) put on. During recent fires in the last few years everyone is glued to the abc for life and death information I don't think the Rupert Murdoch's of this world would keep up such a service without a subscription fee. You may find mr Turnbull that even conservative national party voters in the country vote against it vehemently . Please stand up to these dangerous liberal party members who only look at the bottom line in everything and not the Benifits for our country. Maybe tax the churches and you will get your money . Sincerely and with great hopde

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SA 5353 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

I would like to object in the strongest possible terms to the privatization of our ABC. The Australian public needs and is entitled to a media outlet free from commercial and political influence. The government's assertion that the ABC has an unfair advantage over commercial channels is perplexing. There is nothing stopping commercial channels from limiting their advertising and upping the quality of their programs. I would like clarification on this issue. It seems to me that this is yet another instance of this government trying to shut down the ways in which the general public is exposed to discussion and analysis of issues that affect us all. This exposure is an essential element of a democratic society and guess what we live in a democracy. What is the government afraid of? It purports to support open and accountable government while making these unconscionable attempts so shut down the ABC and Getup. I find it intimidating and it engenders distrust and apprehension regarding what the government may be up to. Please keep your hands off the ABC.

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NSW 2460





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I grew up in Qld under Joh, when police corruption was rife. ABC 4 Corners was the catalyst to change Qld for the better. The state and my children's lives growing up here are better because of the ABC.

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QLD 4030



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the bastards honest

Its our democratic right to have an independant voice in the media, the fact this government is concerned about it proves the reason for it!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't you dare privatise OUR ABC

In regional areas like mine, ABC is the most trusted reliable source of news- especially in times of natural disaster. Privatisation of ANY kind, takes away that trust. Listeners and viewers will think 'what are we not being told or what are we being told that the money wants us to not hear or hear?'  
We the people pay for our ABC and no government should forget or ignore that.  
Di not privatise our national broadcaster.  
It is not your job to filter or restrict what we hear or see even if it is criticism of the job you do!

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NSW 2480




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stay away from any further privatisation

The further interference to the ABC by political parties will bring forward their own demise. We must keep something of decency in Australia and politicians are already mired by their criminal policies on refugees and their appalling inhumanity. Hands off OUR ie the PEOPLE'S ABC.

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VIC 3103 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

Don't privatise the ABC.  
The public has never been better off when Governments have sold government owned businesses ( Electricity, Telstra ! )  
Learn from your mistakes !

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SA 5153




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands and not privatise it

I demand that the Australian Broadcasting Commission remain a public funded organisation and never be privatised, to remain an independent not for profit organisation. While I am here it is my belief that the organisation funding be increased. Stop cutting funding and planning to privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3055 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC

Should the government sell off the ABC, privatise it, I will never ever vote for the coalition again and will work as hard as I can at every future election to have them defeated, I mean this quite sincerely. I was once a staunch Liberal voter but policies like this have changed me against the party. [REDACTED]

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NSW 2325 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

the ABC is important to me because I look after my three grandchildren who love Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig and mister maker and so many other shows without ads. Personally I watch the news and 4 Corners which non only I trust but gives a better prospective than the commercial channels. I am concern about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC as public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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NSW 2106






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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I grew up in the country with only 2 TV stations - the ABC and a commercial one. Not surprisingly, we almost exclusively watched the ABC. However, now as there are scores of TV channels, as well as many online sources, I still turn first to the ABC for the best content. We can't afford to let this go - especially as it not interrupted by constant advertising. We need a good quality public broadcaster and we have a great tradition to stand on with the ABC. Please don't let it go!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

When you have free TV channel uninfluenced by commercial interests you get honest, truthful reporting even if the hard right politicians don't like it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Let us be clear. The ABC is a trusted and high quality media institution in this country. It is a valued custodian of our cultural history and a teller of our stories. It is an important stabilising influence on our national democratic system. The ABC seems to me always to be distrusted by whichever side of politics is in power. This is just fine by me; it suggests they are doing something right.

In the year that Four Corners exposed the Moonlight State and brought down the corrupt Queensland government, if it had cost the whole of that year's ABC funding allocation it would have been worth every cent.

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NSW 2088 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I would 'go to the barriers' to defend our wonderful national institution and consider that it will backfire against the government. It is my connection to my country roots, provides an invaluable public service in times of national, regional or local threat that a private organisation would not provide for commercial reasons, fulfils my intellectual, cultural and sporting needs in a way I have not been able to find any way else and I cherish a non-advertisement media choice.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** OUR ABC

One of the few media outlets we can rely on for unbiased news. Not to mention much loved and educational programmes for our children. Local drama has already been gutted with few of our stories available anywhere.

If the ABC is privatised we can say goodbye to regional and rural programmes.

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NSW 2285




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC publicly funded and independent

Commercial media has its place, but I find little of interest amongst its offerings, which are bland and predictable. There is a place for an independent broadcaster capable of creating content that goes against society mainstream, and is hence interesting and surprising. Plus, the insightful reporting on news and current affairs shows away from interference by commercial interests is important for the body politic. Otherwise elections degenerate into simple popularity contests, something I fear democracy has already done.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC privatisation

The public broadcaster MUST remain public. The commercial media is majorly a disgrace in this country, and the ABC offers so much to so many.

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NSW 2195



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Do not allow the ABC to be privatized, my children have grown up watching a variety of ABC programs and benefited greatly from there learning content. I choose to watch Four Corners and 7.30 report where I know the source of information can be trusted. Australia needs to hang on to the ABC to maintain impartial trusted media source for current and future generations.

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NSW 2484





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:49 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

It is quite Ok the way it is. I don't want anything to change because we've seen other companies privatised and then they go by the wayside and nothing can be done about it. It's too late after the gate has been opened. Privatisation has been the downfall of every other company and it's the people that suffer for it. We don't have much left where we have a say. Privatisation has been a downgrade - not an upgrade.

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QLD 4608



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone

The ABC has been a constant companion throughout the lives of myself and my family. Balanced, independent, diverse; the ABC is central to who we are as Australians. The last thing we need is another broadcaster pushing their own agendas, funded by the lobby groups and advertisers pushing their views on us.

Get on with running the country and leave the ABC as our ABC, or face the consequences at the polls.

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VIC 3951



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The Precious ABC

I have said I would want to leave Australia if we lost the ABC. It is my solace, my university without exams, my philosophy, my Minefield, my intellectual life. It has already been truncated, robbed of Poetry, Michael Cathcart every weekday, so much has gone. If Four Corners went that would be the end! It holds all those in power to account. No wonder they villify it.

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NSW 2535 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I do not want the ABC to be privatised!!! So much of our media is aligned - one way or the other - and ONLY the ABC provides a forum for ALL points of view without bias. It's current affairs programs are an essential public service. For example, "Q&A" gives the very people who would close it down an equal voice with those who support the ABC. All over the world we are seeing a move to narrow, populist, authoritarian governments. This is the wrong direction for the world! Keep our precious ABC in public hands and give it the funding it needs to do even more!

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VIC 3937 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep our ABC in public hands

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in the hands of the people

We need a station that is less influenced by how much money someone has and politically unbiased. We can not have our one station that has the ability to actually demonstrate news and help open peoples eyes as to world events go to those who are less inclined.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC OURS.

The only reliable source of accurate information is the ABC. It is unbiased because it answers to no profiteering bodies. I stay up to date and informed because of the ABC. It would be devastating to privatise it. Please I urge you DO NOT PRIVATISE OUR ABC.

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VIC 3691



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am horrified at the prospect of the ABC being privatised. It is a unique aspect of the Australian culture. It broadcasts programmes of great quality that commercial channels won't touch. It broadcasts programmes without commercials. It supports Australian actors and production teams.

The 'Liberal's seem to claim that it has a left wing bias, which I personally do not see, and for me it presents issues with a balanced viewpoint. It seems to me that the Liberals just don't like being brought to account for some of their 'stupid' decisions which are not in the best interest of the public but in their own interests. If there is a left wing bias it would only help to balance the right wing bias that comes from the commercial channels!

Like many people I am getting sick of the government continually privatising utilities that are in the public domain. It has not been in the best interests of the nation. Look at the mess the electricity supply is now in with costs continually rising.

Hands off our ABC

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NSW 2088





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC in public hands for perpetuity

There are no words. Do this and you stick the knife deep into the back of democracy in Australia. It's so bleeding obvious why there is a push to privatise the ABC, but it's the ONLY FREE TO AIR CHANNEL / ORGANISATION WORTH WATCHING!!! Turnbull needs to [REDACTED] and do the right thing. What a shill.

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VIC 3870



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the last bastion of non corporate news, don't let the last hope for truthful news be silenced.

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VIC 3201 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** do not privatise the ABC

Ordinary Australians value the ABC as it is. We are mortified by the move by the Liberal Party to wreck the ABC. Please do what you can to preserve the status quo.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC station AD free

I do not want OUR ABC broadcasting station beholden to large company advertising. Let the Australian listeners have the right to an Ad free space.

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VIC 3672



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:47 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Survival

I feel the ABC is a special place without ads and one feels no commercial pressure . I feel it belongs to us and that is indeed precious. Four Corners and Gruen are favourites

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NSW 2103 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:47 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No Privatisation of the ABC

Dear Government,

I am distressed by talk of late that you would seek to privatise the ABC or otherwise change its structure into a 'market competitive' organisation.

The ABC is my personal favourite media outlet precisely because it isn't commercial. It remains a place where Australian stories can be told, and where impartial and sensible discussion of current events takes place. I'm very happy to have my taxes (and even more of my taxes) spent on maintaining the quality and function of this institution, and I can't think of many government functions where I would say that.

It is one of the true pleasures of being an Australian Citizen.

So please, refrain from seeing the ABC as a market distorting media business - it's actually a valuable cultural institution without peer!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC into public hands

I am very concerned. I am very worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC because they cannot tolerate when ABC broadcast something true about them .  
The ABC needs to stay in public hands because ABC is the only media which is unbiased and based on facts and not influenced by corporations, their donations and advertisements. 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 if . Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in the hands of the public

The liberal government have privatised health care, communications and electricity and it has caused nothing but inequity and problems. All I watch is ABC kids and the ABC and I know my daughter and I will not be inflicted with rubbish. I know communities with access to not much have access to quality and as I pay taxes and vote I am happy my money goes towards supporting the whole community. Though at the moment I feel my money is supporting Gina Rhienhardt more than the community.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** dont privityze ABC

Every time anything gets privatised , the quality is far worse,Keep quality not commercial rubbish.

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QLD 4520



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the people

I have spent all of my life with the ABC's company, either via radio or television. It is an important part of my and my wife's lives, is very relevant and community focused. There are many millions of fellow Australians with the same sentiments but who don't have the ability or confidence to make a submission like this. The service the ABC provides to rural Australia is invaluable and will never be replaced by a privatised service. LEAVE OUR ABC ALONE!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am writing to express my deep concern at the possibility the ABC will be privatised. In an age where there is so much focus on commercialisation and profit, I rely on the ABC for shows like 7.30 and Four Corners for information not driven by profit. I also rely on the ABC for quality children's programs, and have fond memories of watching Play School myself as a child.

This is important to many people I know and I will be appalled if the government vote to privatise our wonderful Australian ABC.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2026



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is an integral part of our democracy.

I and many other older people not only depend on buy love the ABC its loss would leave a large gap in our lives IT would be an unforgivable sin to take this from us.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please do not privatise the ABC

Independent broadcasting such as that offered by the ABC is not a threat to the fabric of society - it is a basic tenet of a free and independent democracy. A trusted news source , without corporate bias and direction is integral to achieve balance and equity ( and basic truth) in an educated society like Australia. Please do not privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3088 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We value the ABC it must remain a public asset

To Whom it may concern,

We are very concerned that there is a push towards the ABC being privatised.

Not only are we concerned on a personal level as listeners who only tune in to Radio National for our news and current affairs, but believe it is essential to have an independent, well resourced media outlet in our democratic system.

The idea of not having a public broadcasting outlet is outrageous and the ABC needs to be protected as it provides an essential service to all, especially those living in the rural parts of Australia.

Please do not be persuaded otherwise. The ABC is a respected icon in our country and needs to remain so.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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SA 5049 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC a public broadcaster

I strongly oppose any form of privatisation of the ABC because it is imperative we have a public broadcaster that is free from bias and untouched by commercial interest. If any attempt is made to privatise our public broadcasters then I will stand up and proclaim never to vote for a liberal member or liberal EVER party again. HANDS OFF OUR ABC!!!

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NSW 2440



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's my ABC too

I understand you are trying to amass revenue any way you can, but please look at tge consequences of your ill thought actions. To lose such a priceless commodity which, in my opinion is the only outlet for in-depth journalism and unbiased broadcasting, as well as pure content entertainment for children should not be abandoned for a fistful of dollars and a couple of corporate IOUs. Please, use some discretion in your decision making. What we will ALL lose far outweighs what you will gain.

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QLD 4573





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC - save our public broadcaster

One of my earliest memories is hearing the ABC theme song - my whole extended family have relied on the ABC for quality broadcasting ( radio and TV) . An emphasis must be put on BROAD casting as we can trust that we will hear voices from all sections of the Australian community, hear stories from around the world and get balanced views rather than be beholden to private personal political, religious, social or cultural views held by advertisers or corporate shareholders.

To have programmes unsullied by commercial advertising means I can happily let my children watch quality programming without them being bombarded by toy, fast food and gambling advertisements. Living in an outer Sydney metropolitan area ( Blue Mountains) that is often threatened by bushfires we rely on the ABC radio for emergency updates.

We love our ABC - from ABC kids TV, JJJ, 702, Radio National to top quality TV programming . A public broadcaster is essential to continue to hear the Australian voice and to make sure that our democracy stays strong and true with people calling all leaders to account. Hands off our ABC!!

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NSW 2780



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC out of private hands.

I have noted that Tasmanian Liberal Eric Abetz clapped when the Liberals voted for privatising our ABC. I was appalled. He does not represent me, or, my thoughts. In fact Eric should be the last person to deny Australians free speech. When my father John Willans, was being transported by cattle train through Greece (after being captured fighting for Crete), to StalagXV111A in Austria, Eric's Uncle Otto as sending Jews out of Paris to extermination camps. One generation ago we were at opposite ends on democracy. And we still are. I stand for my four children and my twelve grandchildren in our support of the ABC. It is a wonderful asset for the people of Australia. Thanks. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a precious national resource

As I travel the world I am often reminded what a precious resource the ABC is. In America, there is nothing like it, and it is easy to see the pernicious effects of leaving everything to the market, particularly in terms of the relative paucity of investigative journalism programs. Four corners. radio national programs and wonderful dramas telling Australian stories are critical to the health and wellbeing of this nation. We must continue to support this public good.

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ACT 2614 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

A privately run company can never be completely trusted. Why are you selling the ABC?  
I insist you continue funding the ABC to a level whereby it can be operated properly and professionally.  
Yours, [REDACTED]

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SA 5082 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised

I feel passionately that the ABC must never be privatised. It is for all Australians.

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VIC 3073



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Under any circumstance, DO NOT EVER privatise OUR ABC

Born in 1940, I can remember listening to the ABC at an early age. It was the only station that my parents ever listened to, and consequently, the ABC is in my genes, and my station of choice for an accurate portrayal of what is happening locally, nationally and internationally.

Is this what our government is afraid of? The accurate forwarding of news, including what is happening in Canberra?

While my children, and other younger people consider that I am a bit of a fossil, I can still vote!

Beware the fossils of Australia!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatised ABC.... NO!

Living in the tropics and relying on accurate broadcasting for any incoming cyclones, the ABC has found to be accurate and does not sensationalize, exaggerate or add personal assumptions of whether it may or may not hit a certain area. On one occasion a TV station stated it would do so much damage and it was heading for such and such. This put people in a panic when it was not necessary as it did not do any of what was broadcasted by them. That TV station is banned in our house now at the time of the we season, they have proven they can not be trusted to just give the facts.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC independent

The ABC is the only independent broadcaster which gives ordinary people a voice.  
It's the nearest thing to a Federal ICAC.  
We must hear of issues which affect people and the environment. Commercial channels are pressured by their owners too much to report the hard topics.  
We must keep the ABC.

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QLD 4500 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** leave the ABC alone

I love the ABC and listen to Radio National when I'm home and in the car. I watch the TV channels pretty often too. So I object to LNP plans to privatise it, and to remove content offensive to the LNP - the truth seems to offend them quite often.

Endeavours like this one to control information are reminiscent of pre-war moves by war mongers like Hitler. Make people hate each other. The LNP philosophy is without empathy and a totally me-first approach to life. It doesn't work. Look at the pit we've been dropped into as a country by going to war in the Middle East and then locking up refugees from the war zone. Our reputation around the world was second to none. Now it is in tatters.

So let the truth roll out. Leave the ABC alone. And focus on compassion instead of fear.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC as is

We do not need another commercial station that has its own adenders. Staff at the ABC are doing a wonderful job reporting.

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ACT 2611




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public

Some of my most precious childhood memories are of the ABC. Shows like Play School, Behind the News and many more. It was a place for morning and afternoon cartoons and teen TV shows. An integral part of my life. As an adult it is the most trusted source of news and information. Not hobbled by the will of advertisers or owners with political agendas, it is a breath of fresh air in a country whose news is dominated by one publisher. And while commercial stations have moved away from telling Australian stories to cut costs, the ABC continues to represent us on screen and tell our stories. Not everything can be sorted out by the market. Not everything is about dollars and cents. Faith in the market has not brought democracy to China or Russia. Fear of losing money has meant not challenging authoritarian regimes on their human rights abuses. The market is a tool for financial success but of limited value when we need to protect what is right. What is right in a democracy is a public, independent broadcaster like the ABC. To tell our stories and present quality news and journalism without fear or favour. Resource it well and leave it alone.

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NSW 2046 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in public hands

The ABC has been for a number of years now the only independent voice in the Australian media. A part of Australian society that is over represented by the foreign owned company, newscorp. We need the ABC to protect the Australian people from a US style media (fox) that only promotes 1 political party and lies in its attempts to promote itself as a purveyor of accurate news. Australia does not need another newscorp in this country, it needs a properly funded and independant ABC and just because the liberal party doesn't like some of it's content is absolutely no reason for it to promote the sale of the ABC or the reductions of its funding. The liberal party has forgotten that the ABC belongs to the Australian people, it is not a piece of personal property that they can dispose of at their pleasure.

Any political party elected to government of Australia should have as one of it's primary positions to ensure that the ABC is properly funded and remains in public ownership and is totally independent from political interference.

If the liberal party can't take the heat of honest robust reporting they should either stop their policies that are hurting Australia or grow a pair. At the very least they will always have the daily telegraph and foxtel to to stroke their egos.

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NSW 2527



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Do not privatize ABC

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WA 6728



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC

The ABC must NOT be privatised. That is an appalling thought.  
The ABC is the only TV station worth watching in Australia, its current affairs programmes and investigative programmes are stimulating and full of interest. The children's shows are the best and before its funding was cut the drama shows were tops.  
NO PRIVATISATION FOR THE ABC.

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NSW 2481 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off

After cuts to RN leaving people in the country with a station without the rich music and arts content . The sell off would be disastrous. They won't be getting my vote at the next election.

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NSW 2680



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC as it!!!!

I live in regional Queensland and the ABC is a mainstay in our house and our lives and has been for many years. I cannot believe that the Liberal Party can be frightened by a TV channel. It makes you look ridiculous. I have found that the ABC presents both sides of any story and gives a fair and balanced view of news and social commentary.

I believe that public broadcasting is a very important media outlet to maintain as we would then be flooded with even more "fake news". Sometimes, politicians need to be shown when they have strayed into dangerous and stupid territory and this is one of them. This could be a very dangerous decision to take because I believe that many of you could lose your seat in the next election. Because regional Australians love the ABC and not many of us love the people who are supposedly elected to represent us in government and who seem obsessed with pursuing their own greedy self absorbed agenda.

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QLD 4352 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone!

I've lived and worked overseas, the ABC was always there to keep me close to my beloved home country, keep me informed on all events in a fair, balanced and unsensational way. Unlike the biased, sensationalist less than truthful reporting by the private media outlets, the ABC has always provided honest, factual, unbiased and informative reporting. It does represent all people and provides quality productions whether it be variety shows, drama or current affairs. It has no agenda, unlike News Corp, and is the only source of quality intellectual broadcasting available to many people at home and abroad. Both our public broadcasters are second to none in the entire world and we should be proud of them, not attack them. Hands off the ABC Coalition, do your job and leave the ABC to do it there for.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I was deeply concerned to hear that the Liberal party supports privatisation of the ABC, as I believe maintaining a fully funded public broadcaster with no commercial loyalties is essential to a healthy democracy.

My favourite shows are the 7.30 report, The Gruen Transfer, Four Corners and The War on Waste series. I can't imagine these shows would have the freedom to investigate and discuss issues freely if they had commercial pressures from advertisers or sponsors. The fact that highly respected and senior journalists such as Leigh Sales, Tony Jones and Sarah Ferguson stay with the ABC testifies to this.

i will be contacting my local Liberal member to express my concern.

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NSW 2066



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

How dare the Government and other Minor, radical parties think that they can sell off the ABC to Private Ownership!

The ABC currently has world class, Journalists reporting in a balanced manner. Excellent Classic FM Music, Free to Air TV Shows are world class & ABC Kids programmes free of hideous, commercials !

The backlash will be damaging to any Political Party that so much as hints at Privatisation!

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VIC 3934 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a Public Asset!!

To the Inquiry,

I am a 40 year old emergency service worker, I grew up with the ABC, watching playschool, rage documentaries and even "The Bill". My kids are growing up with playschool and Peppa Pig, the ABC for kids channel is a remarkable channel with a great mix of education and entertainment broadcasts.

Generally, I find the ABC the go to place for reliable news, especially around emergencies and emergency broadcasts. It concerns me greatly what would happen to these services if the ABC was cut, broken up and sold off.

The ABC is a public asset and must stay in public hands, the government does not have a mandate from the Australian people to sell the ABC or even cut funding to the public broadcaster. If they continue down this road then they will find that out at the next election.

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NSW 2455



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
Keep ABC in public hands

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't sell off the ABC


My husband and I are dedicated ABC viewers. The reason is we love the programs and NO commercials. The ABC is an Australian public asset and we would be devastated to lose this treasure.

Please leave the ABC as is and financially support this institution

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

For democracy to maintain credibility, there must be media sources free from commercial interest. The corporate censorship of news and public debate goes against the heart of democracy. Commercial television has become a mediocre circus of egotistical presenters more interested in making cheap jokes as and selling populist messages than providing and substance or critical analysis to any issue. We rely on the ABC to provide a safety net to prevent public debate from completely eroding. The introduction of social media has meant any person can share their views on an issue, no matter how unfounded, biased or deliberately false it may be. All the more reason we need a public broadcaster that maintains a set of standards to ensure content is thoroughly fact checked, considered from various angles and impartial. If you genuinely want politics to maintain any sense of credibility, the ABC must remain free from the private sector.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Hi,  
Mainstream media is a disaster. The news is full of lies and half truths. The entertainment offered is full of brain dead reality shows and too much advertising. If it wasn't for the ABC we would not even bother with a TV in our house. My children have been raised without the commercial channels. If the ABC is privatised then we'll have no need of a TV at all.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:38 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC our ABC

I grew up in a household in a war service housing suburb where the radio was permanently set to the ABC. Decades later, my car radio and my kitchen radio are similarly set to an ABC station - Radio National. The ABC IS THE ONLY BROADCASTER YOU CAN TRUST BECAUSE THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL IMPERATIVES ATTACHED TO ITS OPWRATION. IT IS THE BROADCASTER THAT INVESTIGATES TOPICS IN DEPTH, THAT DOES NOT DUMB DOWN OR PATRONISE ITS LISTENERS. IT IS THE BROADCASTER THAT PROMITES AND UPHOLDS OUR RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ACCESS TO RELUABLE, TRUSTED INFIRMATION. PRIVATISATION WILL DESTROY ALL THIS AND MUST NOT HAPPEN!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:38 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

Dear Sir/Madam

Privatising the ABC would reduce our only source of independent news and current affairs to the level of infotainment we see from media sources, where where commercial imperatives determine what gets aired. The ABC would join the race to the bottom and our only source of reliable new and current affairs would be lost.

Please do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:38 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC!

The ABC will cease to exist as a public, impartial broadcaster if it was privatised. It would be simply another cheap and nasty commercial station. The ABC BELONGS to the People. No one has the right to privatise it.

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

The People do NOT want media to be owned by commercial interests only. There MUST be an independent broadcaster. The hard right is usurping power it should never have. The People do not accept them as our overlords!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC, the Hard Right in the Libs and changing voting patterns.

I have been an ABC listener and watcher all my life, I'm 68 years old now and would hate to see the ABC privatised. The SBS does a great job but the ads drive me mental so please don't do that to the ABC. I have always been a Liberal or National voter, but if this is a serious possibility, I'll be voting another way in the next election. I am deeply worried about the hard right in the Liberal party, they are dangerous, especially when it comes to the ABC and climate change.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public

ABC and SBS have the most intelligent, mature and non-bigoted commentary available in Australia. To commercialise them would be an insult to our nation and a threat to democracy and our way of life. If tv is commercialised the interests will be commercial, not public. Think about what kind of society that will lead to, the disintegration of society and of Australian values. Keep ABC and SBS public!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in government hands.

In a sea of news influenced by what product you should buy, or political agenda the network is pushing, the ABC stands alone. I can turn the ABC on and , despite cuts to production being obvious, I know I am getting both sides of the story. Mmmm, I wonder why the Libs want to shut down the ABC?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Hello,

I'm extremely concerned. Australia experiences a very present subjection to what we call racist beliefs. I believe these are a consequence of insufficient exposure to cultural exposure to help educate and rationally discuss and argue the positive benefits all societies around the world have by integrating multiculturalism. I'm very grateful for the ABC. I prefer not to be psychologically harassed and conned by advertising which will be what will happen if the ABC gets privatised. Moreover, I'm not interested in being subjected to subjective opinion without rigorous control measures and debate which also will change when privatising the ABC. I'm a tax payer. My contributions also help fund the multiple commercial channels in Australia that I categorically do not watch or listen to. I feel very unrepresented, and bullied when you speak of devaluing a golden institution in Australia. I strongly believe the ABC is the platform which holds our multicultural country together. This is partly also because the station does not have to pander or answer to economic control measures. There is nothing wrong with investing in institutions that represent quality over quantity. As a nation we are all better off for it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** OUR ABC

Everything which has been privatised becomes a cash cow for investors and maintenance and staff come a distant last. Why would a privatised ABC care about Australian content, its only concern would be investors profits and huge bonuses. No matter what political party is in government the ABC is always perceived as being biased. Surely it is time to see that criticism often means public concern. It will be a sad day if our electronic media toes a government line. Our print media is virtually under one man's control, please leave our ABC alone.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Lets not privatise the ABC !! : lets keep our independent ABC in balanced public hands

The current Turnbull Coalition federal government has publicly declared an electoral strategy which aims to privatise the ABC and thereby deny Australian society the proven advantages of possessing an independent, authoritative source of information & opinion to privatise or sell-off "Our ABC". Historically, the ABC has proven itself for over 50 years to be a reliable and extremely cost-effective source of social information and opinion at a high level of integrity, accuracy, and diversity. As a former ABC employee myself, I believe to "sell off" the ABC to purely commerce-oriented enterprises would be a national media catastrophe of alarming proportions.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is an iconic Australian Institution which should remain in Independent Public Hands.

We as Australians have developed some institutions that should models that all countries should follow.  
The ABC is one of those institutions.  
It is independent.  
It is a counterbalance to private interests.  
It provides a network of communication across the whole of Australia.  
It is , in the main, not subject to political manipulation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

On my car radio I have three pre-set stations, 576, 603 and 702. My Free to air television viewing is 90% ABC. Of the other free to air networks I find the advertisements to be far less objectionable than their main programmes.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC in public hands!

We all grew up with the fantastic ABC, no adverts, no BS, just great, informative, fun, dramatic, educational and down right quality programing! Please please please don't sell off an aussie television icon!  
#weloveourabc

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must stay in public hands

Hi,  
I would like to share with you my thoughts about the ABC.

I believe that the ABC must remain in public hands. In this time of 'fake news' which is facilitated by news agencies that prioritise profit - the ABC is unique and essential. I am proud that Australia has created and supported a public broadcaster and would like it to continue to do so.

The success of the ABC to transition to digital media is a testament to the commitment and planning of its employees and the country that funds it.


In addition the ABC provides essential services to our rural communities.

As an Australian I am proud of the ABC and it's success in navigating the changing buissness landscape.

Well done and thank you to the ABC.

Sincerely,

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Maroubra, NSW

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:35 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Never sell the AB

In an age where reliable, unbiased and relevant news is harder to come by, I feel that the ABC is still independent and strong. It reaches all Australians, everywhere in this nation across many platforms. Australians are happy to pay for their public broadcaster and over many decades have become attached to Aunty's outstanding pursuit of excellence in broadcasting.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:35 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Daily I rely on the RN ABC to inform me of current affairs. I would be very annoyed if this was watered down by rank commercialism. I want the ABC radio and TV services to remain independent and adequately funded.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:35 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not sell my ABC

I beg you to keep the ABC in public hands. The ABC has the long tradition of supporting Australians to learn and grow to achieve jobs in the television and film industry. The ABC has constantly provided decent drama, precise and trusted news coverage and excellent educational programs on a very limited budget. It works well and it works for myself and all Australians. Please don't change OUR ABC.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Aunty ABC has been my beloved companion since I watched Romper Room on TV. I am 60 now and it is still family to me. It doesn't try to sell me anything and it gives me news about the world that I trust. This is absolutely not the case with the news I get from commercial stations. I listen to Radio National during the day and watch 7.30 and Four Corners at night. If you privatisé the ABC, I will grieve as I would if you sent my Aunty to an Aveo nursing home. The ABC is the only institution I still trust in Australia. Please preserve this public treasure.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC and SBS as public broadcasters

My family and I watch only the ABC and SBS. The commercial stations are pure rubbish. If these two stations are privatised then we will say goodbye to TV. We will resort to YouTube and the internet. We need mental stimulation and non partisan programs. Selling our public TV stations to the highest bidder will result in the demise of TV.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is needed to give to enlighten the public on subjects that are real and in some cases hidden from us. We need to have balance and the ABC is it. I think of programs like Landline, Four Corners which are giving us information that is out there but if not for the ABC we would never hear about it. I also like the fact that the ABC is not putting on those trashy reality shows just stories that need to be told and for us to be educated. Keep the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the ONLY reliable source left to us of independent news - not owned by a corporation. It is our only ad-free zone. It is our only source -& a wonderful one- of classical music. All of this would be lost if privatised! The private stations and channels have virtually nothing worth watching or listening to. They have actually contributed to the dumbing down of Australia. A free to air independent service is vital for a healthy democracy. Just look at the problems America is now facing because it lacks a national non corporately owned trusted and reliable source of information.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

please make sure our ABC is not privatised. I am a retiree who lived overseas for the last 15 years and on returning here one of my greatest delights is to watch the ABC every day. The news and 7:30 Report are the basis of all that's best in journalism, as well as the excellent current affairs programmes. My children & grandchildren love Playschool and Peppa Pig and my adult children are avid watchers of the fabulous dramas on ABC. All my friends also watch it daily.

It would be a disgrace to give the hard right politicians the power to destroy our independent broadcaster. Our right to disagree, to discuss, to question & and re-evaluate our society is crucial to a flourishing democracy. The ABC is the channel that promotes these attitudes. We pay for it and the government must never take away this wonderful and shockingly under funded treasure.

Stop trying to destroy everything that is good and challenging on our society. Listen to the people and leave the ABC alone I implore you. Australia is better than this.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC holds Australia together happening it's like one big family from tassie to Darwin we understand each other and care for each other. It unites us as one like no other country

The ABC is the one thing that holds this country together we all know from Darwin to Tassie what's happening it's a reliable and trustworthy news and information service. We as a family very rarely watch the commercial channels, the ABC and SBS news are brilliant

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

Nowhere in the world has privatising helped anybody by the wealthy. My privatised electricity supply failed three time last week, the last one for 10 hours!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stealing Our political Freedom from 'The People'.

We must have a free voice in a true Democracy and th ABC is our last stand as Australians are being shut down by new laws constantly eroding our freedoms to speak out and to protest politically.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stealing Our political Freedom from 'The People'.

We must have a free voice in a true Democracy and th ABC is our last stand as Australians are being shut down by new laws constantly eroding our freedoms to speak out and to protest politically.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is a vital part of Australia's communications infrastructure. The overall Australian market is too small to support more than a couple of major communications players, and the presence of an independent, autonomous ABC acts as a counter to commercial interests in the way that news and public affairs programs are presented. It serves as a form of monopoly control - much needed when note is taken of the way in which issues as important as climate control are presented in print media for example - and is well warranted as a form of selective intervention to counter commercial bias. Australian democracy needs a well-funded ABC to be kept in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Future of the ABC

Those proposing privatising the ABC may we'll disappear in a puff of smoke come election time. It is THAT important.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only information service for some of us that is not encumbered by a corporate and commercial agenda. It is grossly unfair to Australians and the spirit of Australia to degrade a great and effective institution by successive funding cuts and influencing the board, when we already have commercial media, and the opinions of a few moguls that they promulgate. Please keep a balanced media landscape and restore proper public funding to ABC and SBS.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC has been our go to media. from when my child was born and watching all the great educational kids shows to now watching Stargazing and even the occasional Landline with the family. I cannot understand how there are people who want to privatise this absolutely amazing institution. What an extreme Postie ion of the Liberal party that I feel doesn't understand their electorates. If you feel it needs even further change after all the cuts, then offer something different, maybe a conservative panel show but don't be so narrow minded to believe it should or could be sold off. I do not belong to a political party and vote for the people and policies and I can put my hand to heart and say this is a deal breaker for my vote. Have that young liberal go experience life in the country before bringing up motions that are not in the interest of the greater good. Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeo our ABC in public hands

I am semi-retired and no longer mix with people everyday. I listen to radio to keep me informed. Our ABC offers not only balanced news, but analysis of the topics with background information to inform the listeners.

The quality of the intellectual debate on local, national, and international matters would be sorely reduced without this information. Commercialising our ABC would result in biased, profit-driven information, and a less informed and/or ill-informed public would lead to poorer quality assessment of public matters.

I love our ABC - and I vote.

Ms [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please Improve ABC funding

To whom it may concern,

Democracy requires good information. If the ABC is lost one of those good sources will be lost. It is reasonable to set out guide line and other requirements, but the privatisation and defunding is against the Australian public interest. Please restore funding to the ABC.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Please leave our ABC alone! It should not be privatised. It is the only independent radio station we have in Australia which gives us unbiased news, science and current affairs programs and is not subject to influence by advertisers or shock jocks pushing their own agenda. Please .... restore funding, don't privatise and keep our national broadcaster!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!!

I am horrified that our federal government would even think of privatising our national broadcasting service. The ABC has been a staple in our household. We enjoy watching programs for our kids through to the older folks.

The ABC keeps its focus sharply on accountability and I am hardly surprised that the liberal party is pushing to destroy ABC's independence. Selling the ABC to a private, most likely multinational organisation, is likely to reduce independent and newsworthy reporting.

I do not often get involved in the political arena or write or submit anything much. But I am rather angry at the continuous stripping away of the ABC budget and now the attempt to destroy it.

If ABC is sold off, Australia will have lost a national treasure and it will be detrimental to us as a nation. A profit based company will not act on a nation's best interest.

Keep our ABC INDEPENDENT.

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