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

Dear Submission people,

The ABC is under attack from the Coalition Government because they are afraid of the truth and fear the consequences. It's obvious to most people.

The ABC has been a joy and highlight in most Australians lives for the 50 years I've been aware of it. From my childhood to my childrens childhoods it has provided delightful, quality, unique programs that ephasise values which commercial bodies cannot emmulate. All the documentaries, radio and political content is so in depth and of such a high quality we as Australians would suffer enormously without them.

We have plenty of commercial TV but only one ABC that should be better supported.

Politics and politicians need to stay out of the ABC. The desperation and awful policies of the current Coalition government speak for themselves.

Leave the ABC to continue to provide a wide variety of programs for all Australians.

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NSW 2575



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

I listen to ABC all the time so informative and such intelligent information gained without bias to either political party or commercial enterprises

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NSW 2036



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: An ABC for the Australian Public

Although I do listen to and view commercial media I strongly believe that the media landscape MUST HAVE a public voice. A non commercial entity like the ABC, one that does not have a particular axe to grind, provides essential balance in the media marketplace. I am not generally politically active but I know that along with many friends I would go out on the streets to fight attempts to privatize the ABC. If there is a perception of bias in the public broadcaster put in place prudent ways to respond to that and address that issue in a data-informed way. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater. I believe that if this attempt to privatise the ABC continues it will produce a public backlash not seen since the Vietnam war and will bring down the political forces that are driving this silly, self-ineterested, unpatriotic attack on Australia's broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the and public

The abc is the closet thing we have to independent discourse in the free to air space. It's documentary and entertainment content adds much needed variety to an otherwise dumbing down of conventional commercial airtime. American content would rise to the fore and the Australian cultural arena would be the lesser for its loss to a profit driven model. The greater the access to diverse views the more society can function on a moderated plain and avoid disarray .

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VIC 3078 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I love my ABC!!

My ABC provides me with my daily dose of news, current affairs and entertainment!
I can watch news from around the globe without commercials or commercial interests influencing what I see. I trust the ABC to give me unbiased facts and do not find any leanings toward the left or right in their commentary. I find the ABC reports with a social conscience which has disappeared from commercial television channels.

The ABC has delivered so much in the area of current affairs and investigative reporting. So many police and government investigations have been triggered by the work of ABC journalists. I can watch nightly news, 7:30 Report, 4 Corners, Media Watch and I do. Every week.

Insiders, The Drum and Q&A deliver my dose of social commentary and I enjoy these programs tremendously.

I also watch the ABC for light entertainment and love to watch Mad as Hell, Gruen, The Checkout and weekly comedians.

ABC radio plays a large role in our family with our car radio tuned to 612 Brisbane.

The ABC is in an integral part of my everyday life. It makes me think, gives me so much information that I would otherwise not have access to.

I trust my ABC!!


Please do not recommend commercialisation.

I need my ABC!!

Regards,
[REDACTED]

(I am a 57 year old grandmother with a chronic illness. I do not support either side of politics.)

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QLD 4514 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is an important part of daily life in Australia

There are many things I regard as vital to my life and the ABC is one such thing. Apart from being an "icon" in the Australian community, it is fundamentally a vehicle for probing and analytical journalism, a source of information and education, a reflection of Australian life by way of entertainment and an essential communication tool for many outback Australian families. To contemplate selling it because some politicians or minor political parties have been embarrassed once or twice is an exercise of poor judgment. I value many Australian traditions and the ABC is one of them.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation

I live on the mid North Coast of NSW and not only use the ABC for local news for which it covers nearly all events that are going on in the area and is especially informative in time of disaster like fires, floods accidents etc. Programs like The Country Hour also let us know what is going on outside our cities. The National and International broadcasting both on TV and radio are by far better than any of the commercial networks which being privately owned tend to show a lot of bias in there broadcast. If there is no "Commercial interest" in a broadcaster it makes influence one way or the other a lot harder. We want balance in our reporting which I believe the ABC gives us Please do not privatise as we will lose a most valuable asset.

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NSW 2441



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC is one of our national treasures. It is worth far more to Australia than the dollars it costs us. Keep it and look after it.

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VIC 3172



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Keep your hands off the ABC, we do not want right wing fanatics such as Murdoch or Packer to dictate what we hear and read about politics and other matters in our country.

Shame on you Liberals, all the privatisations that have happened so far are not working and the general public certainly is worse off.

HANDS OFF

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NSW 2486 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please leave Aunty alone!

Working in remote Australia as a doctor, the ABC is my link to ideas, informed debate and in depth programming. The ABC represents all that is good about Australia. I urge you to leave it in public hands.

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NSW 2577 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abc should remain public

Abc provides valuable educational resources and No bad reality tv. Please don't even think about privatizing it.

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NSW 2193




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC

I depend on the ABC for all my News and Current Affairs, Commercial TV is a "waste of space" or is it Bandwidth.
If the Government privatises the ABC they lose my vote forever. That's a promise.

[REDACTED]
Toronto NSW

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2283 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation for ABC

I dread the consequences of privatization of our national broadcaster. I am appalled at financial cuts by the government also

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QLD 4573



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public ownership

With the continued rationalisation of a the media, that is fewer and fewer voices and fewer journalists, it is more important than ever to have a public broadcaster that is not beholden to either advertisers or shareholders or government.

I would remind the inquiry that the ABC is the most trusted news source in Australia. This says something both good and powerful about the organisation.

Cheers

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NSW 2455 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

My family has always watched the ABC - I value the ABC's independence - I am a conservative person but do not see the bias constantly referred to by right wing politicians. I see quality journalism and critical discussion and good Australian entertainment. The ABC is a significant public that our democracy should be proud of.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands!

I don't watch much TV, yet when I do, it is good to know that there is a channel whose reporting is not biased by corporate agendas, and that is ad' free. It's a wholesome and necessary thing for a healthy society. Why does our society pay taxes - to subsidise big commercial corporations like fossil fuel companies, or to provide quality services that aren't available in the commercial sector? The latter, I say.

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WA 6330



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

We are self-funded retirees living in a rural village in NSW. We don't get out much these days but work hard to remain independent, alert and still contributing to society. We are involved with our local community organisations, including the SES.

We also try to stay abreast of what is happening in the wider Australian community and, indeed, in the world. We read widely to canvass information and a range of opinions on things that matter to us, and to our children's and grandchildren's future.

We absolutely need a publicly-owned national broadcaster to keep us informed, connected, challenged and entertained. We DO NOT NEED to be bombarded with more biased self-serving opinion pieces, high pressure advertising, ignorant twitter, lightweight garbage that passes for entertainment. There is more than enough of such junk on commercial broadcasts.

We need our fearless, fair and free ABC to provide the vital services we now get Australia-wide.

DON'T MESS WITH OUR NATIONAL TREASURE.

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NSW 2490 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do NOT privatise the ABC. It is the one TV channel which offers intelligent, heartfelt, newsworthy programmes. If it goes private how long till we are swamped with ridiculous inane sexual reality shows? More "Love Island", "Married at first sight", "Bachelor/ette". It will be totally depressing and we'll lose "Four Corners", "Australian Story", "The War on Waste" which has done more to change perceptions on the waste management in one series than any private tv channel ever could - or would!! They wouldn't even bother because they are only ever worried about ratings and won't take risks or support a range of new Aussie drama or comedy. And you can forget about the arts - do any of the commercial channels run shows that support the Arts?? Not likely. Or shows like "Landline" that appeal to those living rurally and working on farms? A must see if you live off the land but commercial channels wouldn't bother but they would insist on including another rerun of an American sitcom. Spare us.

Say it again, privatise the ABC and you have effectively dumbed down the only channel which has the creative freedom to challenge and excite viewers with its programming, the only channel that explores and reflects on real issues in our society.

Please keep the ABC public!

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VIC 3749 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not destroy our ABC

I am a 70 year old very dedicated consumer of most of the ABC's formats. I am not terribly well at the moment with dialysis three times a week and plenty of other medical issues. The ABC has been my constant companion for over sixty years, in particular programs like 4 Corners and the 7.30 Report (as well as their predecessors). Most of all the ability to have access to such quality programs enhances my now much decreased quality of life. None of the others can compete from my perspective (except SBS). Also my wonderful Radio National. I'm not sure how I would get by without fantastic programs like Conversations, Rear Vision and Background Briefing. Even though I am getting old rather quickly I am a dedicated voter and I use issues such as this to help in making my decision

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NSW 2040




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

My kids love the ABC (eg Play School) and I love it because there are no adverts and it has highly qualified reporters and it treats me like an intelligent adult.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC is my educator, link to the community, trusted informant, commentator on the world, music channel, company as a retiree - and on and on I could go. Don't touch the ABC. Don't privatize the ABC. Give it the reverence it deserves by funding it properly. Respecting the respect the public has for the ABC, and leave its independence alone!!!! [REDACTED]

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VIC 3556 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

We need a public funded broadcaster to keep a balanced and fair view of all current affairs and programs that others would see as non viable commercially. Private companies have profit at their forefront and have a history of manipulating thoughts and views of the public to suit their means. Take away the public funded broadcaster and you will have forfeited a bastion of democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

PLEASE do not privatise the ABC. Please stop the attacks on the ABC. Please ensure funding sufficient for the continued operation of the ABC.

IT is virtually the only TV I watch and usually the only radio station I listen to.

I value the investigative journalism and reporting on local, regional, national and international news. The rural reports are an essential part of my daily life and I use digital access to the ABC frequently.

I actively look to other news outlets to check for other perspectives but value the professionalism of the ABC.

The little people in our family for 50 years have watched ABC children's programs.

Democracy requires that there be multiple sources of news and perspectives available to the public: that we have opportunity for informed assessment of the issues that affect our world. The ABC is an essential component of democracy in Australia.

STOP THE ATTACK ON THE ABC. PLEASE!

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2460



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not privatise ABC

To whom it may concern, The ABC should be allowed to continue the way it is. The news has been voted as the most factual. I only watch ABC, and SBS. It is very important to me and my family. From myself to my children and grandchildren. I watch ABC TV and love ABC radio. The ABC is there for all Australian viewers, cities, towns and country. Please do NOT privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3775



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

There is no other source of media that I trust more than the ABC. When I was first a parent, I was confident to leave my child in the company of Playschool, for example, knowing that the content was created to be appropriate for young children. And throughout my life I have turned to the ABC's 4 Corners for a well-researched analysis of the issues that matter to our society. I have referred students of mine to the ABC as a credible source for learning and current affairs. This trust does not extend so cleanly to commercial ventures, due to their vested interests in gaining returns from the programs. Do not whittle away at trusted environments in this day and age when we need to shore up the things that provide such assurances to our community.

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SA 5000 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

ABC belongs to the public and funded by the Tax Payers, the politicians who are paid by the tax payers have no right to sell off ABC. ABC is the voice of people.

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NSW 2074



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off privatising the ABC

I love my ABC. It must never be privatized. It has served as a lifeline for regional Australia since our beginnings and it's regional Australia and the people on the land that have made this country what it is today - strong and resilient. The banks are shutting their doors in country towns thus weakening rural communities across the country. Regional areas must not be treated that way. Their lives are already so much more difficult than coast dwellers. The News, 7.30, The Drum, Landline, 4 Corners, Compass and Q&A are important mainstays that bring the real issues affecting our world today without bias, bribery or corruption of the facts. Th ABC tells real stories not truthiness and cooked up drivel. We need the ABC to be left alone at best, and preferably brought back to where it was many years ago with proper funding. To continue to target the ABC looks alarmingly like a witch hunt by a scared government.

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NSW 2483



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abc

The abc is my only realistic news and current affairs
Source No other outlet can be trusted

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VIC 3072



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please, never privatise the ABC

I am very concerned by the motion passed by the Liberal Party Council calling for privatisation of the ABC. I believe it is essential the ABC remains independent of government AND commercial pressures. In that way it can fulfil a unique role as a reliable quality source of news, views and entertainment.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
Abbotsford, NSW

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[REDACTED]
NSW 2046



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: This recent attack on public broadcasting

Under the Howard government the ABC was subject to the salami tactic of death by a thousand cuts. Now the more paranoid elements of the LNP want to kill (privatise) the ABC while their less strident colleagues would prefer to continue the Howard strategy. While the ABC has occasionally been guilty of inaccurate reporting it remains, in a media world contaminated by the untruths of Murdoch and his likes, it represents a beacon of fair-mindedness and one of the few sources of information which can be trusted. Our very democracy is dependent on honest reporting: without the ABC and a few other responsible organs we can say good bye to democracy. I urge you to defend this vital public resource from the barbarians at the gates of our democracy.

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NSW 2079



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's my ABC. It's not for sale!

If I want factual content I go to the ABC. If I want rubbish shows and their 'encores' I go to privately run media. This group which supports the Liberal government has been the main contributing factor to the 'dumbing down' of Australians and the removal of policy debate.

In supporting the selling the ABC the government is highlighting it's approval of sound bits and three word slogans.

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NSW 2257 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:24 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: dont privatise the abc

please don't privatise our abc. we need a strong independent broadcaster than keeps us informed of both sides of arguments and provides the nationwide balanced picture and emergency broadcasting. privatise and we end up with a media used to present the perspective of the owner and the second rate broadcasting of "facebook" news about cats up trees in usa. please preserve the abc we love now with the independence and unbiased broadcasting that is demonstrated by every inquiry. presentation of something that is true that may embarrass government of both persuasions is not bias it is just fact. we don't want another American biased violence laden broadcaster that bombards us for 20 minutes each and every hour with sales pitches and opinion biased so called news with little or no local content. privatise my abc and I will never vote again for the decision makers. regards [REDACTED]

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NSW 2537 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

Dear Sir/Madam

In today's world filled with fake news click bait and general scams, the ABC stands a trustworthy provider of facts, quality investigative journalism and great entertainment for all the family. My grandkids grew up watching Australian content on ABC Kids -advert free -and it would break my heart if their children couldn't do the same.

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VIC 3818 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

Our ABC is the essential national glue. It is one of the only components of Australian life that tries constantly to unite Australians. The politicians leave no stone unturned in their attempts to slice and dice the Australian population for their own benefit. Most of the media is under the control of vested interests, and also seeks to manipulate the population to support those vested interests. Political donations further push vested interests at all political levels. Some politicians seek to drive wedges into the nation by promoting Western Civilization and nationalism based on the Anzac myths, cricket myths, etc. One of the only nationwide institutions that tries to maintain a genuinely unbiased promotion of the whole nation, and a 'love of country', is the ABC.

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ACT 2600 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public News

There has to be one news organisation that is accountable to the people, corporations are not, you only have to look how less than 300 people made the decision to privatise the ABC. It should not be even considered without a referendum, and that will never happen.

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TAS 7330



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: no private ABC

The people who follow the privately owned media aren't going to use a privatised ABC. It will be just like Murdoch's other red necked reactionary views. I will never, never get my news from commercial sources. It is trite, inane and there is no decent analysis. Keep the private shit for the drongoes. Thank you.

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QLD 4703 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC

THE ABC IS A GREAT EDUCATIONAL ICON AND OWNED BY AUSSIES AND MUST STAY PUBLIC

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NSW 2073




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC BELONGS TO ALL AUSTRALIANS

I miss watching the Foreign Correspondent Programs, which I believe has stopped since the LNP reduced the ABC budget. The ABC helps to bring us the happenings in this big world and open our minds. ABC BELONGS TO ALL AUSTRALIANS, not to be sold.

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WA 6163 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is owned by the people do not take that away from us

Do not take our ABC away from us. We pay out of our taxes to have a broadcaster that is ours and not privately owned. This is the only station and channel I listen to and watch to get a clear picture of exactly what's going in today's world knowing that the information I get I can trust. Just remember you work for us! Which I think you forget about most of the time!! We do not want the ABC privatized full stop.....we pay for the right to have this!!

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VIC 3205 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC to stay public

The ABC must remain in public hands, not a private corporation or Australia will have lost its democracy. As it is at the moment, the "news" on other commercial channels is biased and stories can be paid for by multinationals and be very swayed towards what they want people to think and believe. Act now to keep ABC from going into the private sector please.

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VIC 3934



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop cheating the Australian people!

When I watch the news or any public interest programme I want to be sure that it is an independent view not the skewed opinion of some commercial or political group.
If our members of parliament have nothing to fear why do you need to do this. We elected you to represent US and the good of the general population!!

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NSW 2430




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

I cannot believe that the Liberal Party wants to privatise the ABC. The ABC was founded on the basis of providing a public service to all Australians. When I listen to ABC radio or watch Australian produced shows on ABC TV I feel connected to all Australians. These programs reflect the diversity of Australian society and offer insights into how people in different parts of Australia live. I'm saddened and alarmed by funding cuts to the ABC and now threats to its public charter. The Liberal Party will certainly not get my vote at the next election.

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NSW 2114 

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

Our abc provides an invaluable service to rural Australia. It also is the only true impartial source of news and information in this country. KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF

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NSW 2101



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:21 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our unique National Broadcaster - The A.B.C.

The A.B.C. provides services which range from essential - fire and flood - to providing great joy, albeit for minority users, with such things as classical music, and rural programmes, whilst contributing much to our unique culture.

If we want a banal, homogenous nation, pandered to by commercial 'tripe' we don't need an A.B.C, otherwise, we need keep our culture growing and continue as a proud, unique NATION.

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VIC 3150 

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

The ABC is my constant companion. I am retired, elderly and often alone. I love the ABC. It keeps me informed and up to date on world happenings, fashions and trends. It provides me with comedy, political comment that is unbiased, TV series that appeal and all without those inane, irritating commercials that the other channels provide infinitum. My children grew up wqith ABC for kids programs. We would loose 'Play School' for goodness sake. What a tragedy!!!!

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SA 5076



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:21 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keoo our ABC out of public hands

The ABC is the trusted site of many, many Australians. We require a familiar balance between the bombardment of media thrust at us. Commercialization removes the trust, and complicates an already crazy media. This is not a good move for the liberal party.


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!!!

I'm a migrant of 40 years in Australia. 3LO was my English teacher,my intelligent companion, a balanced information source about Australia and the world. Conversations are on ABC are incomparable to the commercial stations that occasionally I have tried to listen to or watch on tv. Our children were brought up on kids programs like Bananas in pyjamas. Investigative programs like 4 corners would never happen on commercial stations. Listening to country hour on weekend is so interesting and personal and uniting city with the farmers. Everything is being sold out in Australia,masquerading as an economic vigilance. It's a political decision and it's so obvious. I hope that people will see through it and will express it at the next elections.

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VIC 3149 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!!!!

The ABC is the soul of my most fondest childhood memories. The sweet melody of the ABC was the very first sound I heard waking up each and every morning, the last voices and conversations I hear before going to sleep each night still from the ABC. The entertainment, information and constant quality storytelling has filled our homes and our hearts from my earliest memory as a child and now continues to do so for not only me but now my own children today. The ABC is the glorious guts of every Australia community. We love the ABC like member of our family. Our ABC is Australia!!!!!!!!

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NSW 2756



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC for the public

The ABC is extremely important to me and my family. We listen to it in the morning, during the day, on the way to work and returning, and in the evening. I listened to it with my family, when I was a child, 50 years ago. Its quality is unsurpassable, and its definitely one of the best public broadcasters, no the best broadcaster, in the world. The quality is consistently fantastic. Under NO circumstances should this be privatised. Excuse the metaphor, but that would be the rape of Persephone. It simply should not be allowed to happen. The ABC is an integral part of Australian culture, and to privatise it is I believe a profound strike at the heart of what it is to be Australian.

I can tell you one thing. If any such move is taken, you lose my vote, and I will encourage my friends who vote Liberal, to change their vote.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7005 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not Privatisise the ABC

The ABC is a Commission, which was established precisely to maintain its independence from Political and Commercial influence. Democracy is founded on the ability of the populace to know and to judge the decisions and activities of the Government of the day. Knowledge and research demands resources. Both the Privatisation and Defunding of the ABC must be opposed to maintain its Independence from political interference and commercial imperative and its ability to carry out its charter. Commercial Media has an entirely different agenda.

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VIC 3892



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must be public

Our ABC is a core part of what makes Australia great - independent media not subject to private interests. Without it, we cannot trust our news to be free of bias and financial influence from individuals.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2042 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep ABC in Australian Public Hands

To whom it concerns,

I am very concerned about the Coalition's attacks on the ABC as it stands and their wish to privatise it. The ABC (TV and Radio), has been a big part of my family and my elderly parents lives. It is our most trusted news source with informative documentaries and podcasts and brilliant entertainment and children's programmes. Our regional ABC (radio), plays a very important, relevant role during state emergencies which happen regularly here due to storms and flooding.

I am worried about the Coalition's attack on the ABC and threat to its independence as a public asset. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2484 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's my ABC and I love it

To whom it may concern

I am writing regarding the recent calls by the Liberal part to sell off the ABC.

I am very proud that we have a very Australian institution in the ABC. I have grown up watching Playschool, the ABC News, 7.30 Report and all the other shows. My family continues to get all our news from the ABC and my children look forward to watching Playschool every day- the only tv I allow them to watch. I have the radio set to Radio National and learn so much about so many different topics. As a stay at home mum I find that the stimulation that RN gives me keeps me sane during a period of life when I don't have much other adult conversation in my life.

I think the ABC has the highest quality of journalism in Australia and we live in a time when the media industry widely is losing staff and unsure of their future. Without this high quality journalism I believe the integrity of our nation may be at risk- we need someone to be investigating and bringing to the public attention issues that we otherwise may not be made aware of.

I care passionately about the ABC. I call for you to put more money back into them. It's MY ABC and I love it.

Regards

[REDACTED]

NSW 2800 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC must stay in public hands to be preserved as Australia's democratic independent national voice! A trusted institution for information and entertainment! In fact, government funding should be increased for the ABC!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2450 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC is attacking the heart of Australia

In world of increasing corporate control, polarisation of the media and social media echo chambers, the ABC is the only place that can be relied on to give frank and non-politicised information. Which is exactly why it is the country's most trusted news source.

Everyone knows that a move to privatise the ABC will erode its independence and long-built up clout; they are not going to support it and it will end up being a political flashpoint.

Almost everyone in this country grew up on a diet of the ABC, do not underestimate the nostalgia and fondness that people have in the institution.

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SA 5008 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of abc is not the answer

There is only one place that I can go for my child to learn from playschool or Justine Clark and not be bombarded with advertisement for plastic products or unhealthy food choices. There is only one place where the media multinational corporations don't influence the news I receive. There is only one place that I can access Australian talent and art. This publically funded independent source of entertainment education and current events is essential to Australian society. Don't burn it to Dave a \$1.

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QLD 4005




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

We need excellent independent programs like Four Corners to expose government and corporate corruption in the public's interest.

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QLD 4812 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

I migrated to Australia from Canada 16 years ago and I often (jokingly) say that if it were not for the ABC, I'd consider moving back. Of course, I don't mean this seriously, but there is absolutely no comparison between the present ABC and its Canadian counterpart (CBC). The CBC is heavily commercialised and trivialised and it would be a national tragedy if the ABC were allowed to go down that track. Please do not allow that to happen. A strong, independent ABC is a national treasure that once lost will be impossible to retrieve.

[REDACTED]
Tasmania

[REDACTED]
TAS 7321 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as a public organisation

The ABC has always been the most important TV and radio source for me. News, current affairs and general interest information programs far superior to that on offer by the commercial media.

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VIC 3448



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the abc in public hands

To whom it may concern

I am writing to object entirely to the concept of ANC broadcast privatisation .

This essential independent communications service is THE unbiased service that is a daily means of understanding the increasing complex international world Australians are living in . The concept that a number of privately controlled cooperate entities could be used to to manipulate the populous and influence near neighbours is outrageous .

Frequent international travel has reinforced my appreciation of the non commercialised ABC , the complexity of detail available from Abc investigative journalism has been i keystone of evidence in a history of Australian law breach and alteration of legislative policy that redresses known wrongs .


It is essential that the integrity of the ABC remain as is , which is only possible , if the organisation remains in public hands .

Yours sincerely

Mr [REDACTED]

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NSW 2478 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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
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Yours sincerely

Mr [REDACTED]

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NSW 2478 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC - ours

The ABC in its many media forms is the 'go-to' for podcasts, news, current affairs and entertainment. It is a stallward for three generations of my family. The ABC was part of my childhood and is now part of children's lives. We trust and love the ABC.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7009



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a national asset, not for sale

I respectfully submit that the ABC is a vital public asset that has played and continues to play a crucial role in binding our nation together. It has the other important role of being a trusted source of news, free of the commercial bias that more and more obviously distorts the information coming from commercially driven media. That distortion is not necessarily political 'spin' but also includes the trivialisation of news broadcasts and current affairs into little more than local news and product placement for advertisers. The decline of A Current Affair from being a serious look at major stories to the sadly diminished little program it now is, reduced to spruiking products and chasing ambulances, is not the fate that any but a tiny number of Australians want for our national broadcaster.

The LNP has no mandate whatever from the electors of Australia to defund, dismantle or sell off the ABC. Any criticism of the ABC on the basis that it is not fulfilling its function as a truly national broadcaster, serving the whole country, including rural and remote Australia, is the direct result of the current government's cuts to the ABC's budget.

Opinion polls make it clear that the ABC is trusted by the public to a degree that most media are not. That is a vital part of the fabric of our democracy and an attack on the ABC may reasonably be characterised as an attempt by today's politicians to silence a voice that holds them accountable to the people.

Yours faithfully, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4060 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC raises the national intelligence, our society would be diminished without its role as trusted news source. It is vital to this country as the only unbiased source of information available.

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NSW 2579 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

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

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SA 5067




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need an independent broadcaster

I rely on an independent viewpoint for my daily news and don't want commercial interests tainting that service. I'm happy for my taxes to support this wonderful institution and would be furious if it was privatised as would all my family and friends.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2229 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

If the ABC is privatised I will have no where to go for unbiased news coverage.
With the ABC out of the way News Limited would control the minds of all Australians.
This is the most important issue to face Australia.
Nothing is more important for our democracy than a well funded and independent ABC.

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2137



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC independent and in public hands

The ABC is the only voice in radio and television that attempts to present events here and abroad in a balanced, unbiased and truthful way. It does not follow the opinions and editing of powerful individuals and organisations who wish to distort reality for their own gain. This freedom to transmit information without government or private intervention should be regarded and valued as an essential right and service in democracies everywhere.

I rely on the ABC and SBS to provide this service and other programs that inform, educate and entertain me without the bias and commercial intrusions that commercial entities present.

Our society and my experience would be rendered much poorer without the existence of our beloved ABC

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NSW 2324



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Fund and maintain ABC as Australias's public broadcaster

The ABC is the only free to air service that doesn't bombard the viewer with advertising- for many people, the alternatives are an unbearable insult to their intelligence (SBS excepted) with sensationalised biased or just plain fake news and a content to advertising ratio that is mind numbing. Don't let the ABC fall into the hands of those who serve [REDACTED] to the masses for cash.

[REDACTED]

WA 6280



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the Public's hands

I feel outraged that the Turnbull Government would do something as ridiculous as to mount an inquiry into whether public broadcasters like the ABC have an "undue advantage" over commercial outlets. The idea of moving our country's public broadcasting toward privatization is inane and to many Australians it is terrifying.

My entire life of 56 years has been shared with the ABC and public broadcasting. That's not to say I don't watch and listen to commercial broadcasts, however if I was to search for information that I truly see as mostly fair and unbiased, or information that is educational and offers insightful social comment I will look to the ABC. Programming such as ABC for KIDS (a crucial ingredient of many an Aussie kids' childhood), 7.30 Report, 4 Corners, Gruen, The Weekly, Australian Story, the many documentaries ABC produce /air, the comedies. I love that the ABC air programming truly emits a proud Australian Voice and not simply one that tries to mould us into an American Voice like commercial stations seem to. Why would the Turnbull government want to force this country into .. emulating American TV?.

As a proud public school educator documentaries aired on the ABC have proven to be crucial elements to my own education and offer valuable springboards for discussions with my students. A world without the ABC would be a frightening one for the youth of Australia, and their knowledge of their world. And their own country.

It would seem that the whole point behind the Turnbull Government's plan to eradicate the ABC is to align even more with Murdoch's stranglehold on information . Does this country really want that? I would say NO! 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.

Australians love the ABC. We love SBS. We love that we are a country that cares about the world and our place in it. We want to be AUSTRALIAN. The Turnbull government need to respect the impact the ABC has in assuring our connection to our Australian identity.

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QLD 4564



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands


I have listened to ABC radio all of my adult life and watched ABC television. Where is a similar diversity of programmes and views to be found in media that is in commercial hands? I get great delight in listening to many of the programmes on Radio National for they are informative and expand one's horizons, and can challenge one's established viewpoints. The programmes feed the brain and the heart, something that I have not found very often in the commercial broadcasting world.

I know many other people like me whose quality of life, especially their inner life, will be lessened by programmes being diminished or lost due to commercial pressures. And if the ABC is privately owned, then wealthy individuals will be able to push their own agenda. The ABC is rightfully trusted by so many, and we do not want that trust ripped away.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2780 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the public

I love the unbiased views of the ABC. Informative and investigative shows will be tarnished if the ABC was privatised. Never sell off the ABC, it should be supported not starved of funding.

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NSW 2480 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

I used to only listen to commercial radio and read Murdoch press owned papers. As I got older my music tastes changed and I started listening to the ABC I also noted that news comment was kept to a minimum and quite often talk groups had both labor and liberal inclined participants. I also noted that quite often the economic commentary was more in line with my understanding. I am a retired CPA. Over the years we have become avid ABC listeners because we appreciate the largely balanced news and talkback presentations. We recently were disappointed in our locals Matt and David because it became obvious they preferred Steven Marshall to Jay Weatherill. So much for lefty leanings. We need the ABC to give us an impartial explanation/discussion because the Murdoch press is so right wing it is useless. I now only buy the local Advertiser for Calvin.

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SA 5162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone.

My family all agree that the ABC is not biased as some extremists claim. Keep the funding up and even restore to previous levels. The ABC radio is the only way we can keep in touch whilst travelling through country regions on our holidays. Commercial tv is abysmal to watch and extremely partisan to advertisers and owners views !!!

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NSW 2540



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Throughout my life the ABC has been, and continues to be, a vital source of news, entertainment and education.

As a parent now, I can trust the ABC to deliver world class content to my children; content that is as educational as it is entertaining; content that is culturally diverse and strives to raise awareness of the diversity in our community; content that is based on facts not fiction; content that is delivered through various media channels; content that is relevant and accessible to all Australians, whether at home or abroad.

I can't stand the rubbish delivered by the commercial stations, I have better things to do with my life! The ABC is a role model production house. How can those in power be so blind as to not recognise the quality of it's output and jeopardise the future of the ABC as we know it?

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SA 5154




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is essential that the public has access to accurate and meaningful reporting. The ABC fulfils this role. The investigative journalistic approach to important matters is imperative with informative programs such as 7.30 Report an 4 Corners. Extensive children's programming has stood in great stead over many many years. The ABC provide what the other broadcasters fail to do with their endless house renovating, cooking, MAFS and other meaningless crap that they constantly dish up along with endless advertisements. It doesn't bear watching. Please protect our ABC.

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VIC 3227 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC

I am very concerned to think the abc may be privatized. We are very lucky as a nation to have a non commercial broadcaster and the thought that the only viewing and listening options in the future may be similar to the current commercial options is horrifying. Quality radio and tv needs to stay available to every Australian and to think our children would not have this opportunity in the future would be a massive loss to them.

Also the community service and support of Australian music provided by Triple J etc is irreplaceable.
Thank you

[REDACTED]

QLD 4218 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep ABC public

It's PUBLIC broadcasting.

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.

Media experts believe it is "suitably arcane camouflage for an inquiry whose real purpose is to put pressure on the ABC over its news service" and is "likely to provide the Turnbull Government with ammunition should it wish to mount an attack on the ABC's scope of operations".

Just don't do it.

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SA 5371




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must not be privatised

My wife & I are avid ABC viewers & are most concerned that there is talk about the privatisation of it. We spend virtually 95% of our viewing time on the ABC. The fact that we can get top class unbiased reporting as well as open discussions such as Q & A is very important to us. We believe in a true democracy there must be a Public Broadcaster.

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NSW 2280 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am very concerned regarding the challenges from the coalition regarding the ABC There is no relevant comparison between commercial media and the ABC which is a trusted news source in our family I find the recent attacks on this trusted source of news disturbing. Life without four corners, Q and A , Peppa pig and B1 and B 2 would be sad indeed I trust the ABC and fear a move to privatisation and

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NSW 2873



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

It belongs to the people and must be able to continue with unbiased reporting

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NSW 2533



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must be kept in public hands

The ABC is ours, it belongs to the people of Australia. My entire family watches, listens and loves the ABC. From my eighty year old father to my two year old grandson there is quality programming for all. The ABC is trusted by us all. It provides authoritative news and current affairs analysis on television and radio. It provides top quality programming for children when Australian commercial stations seem to have abandoned quality children's viewing. The ABC caters for us all. I watch the children's shows with my grandchildren, I watch the fantastic Australian programs on television like The Drum, Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery, Gruen, Four Corners - too many to list. The one thing they have in common is that they are top quality Australian programs which tell our story. And there are no ads! I am passionate about my ABC. It has kept me company, made me laugh, made me think, challenged me, informed me, and made me cry. The program Undeniable by Paul Kennedy on child abuse by clergy was horrifying but compelling viewing and important in our national conversation. Nightlife radio keeps me company during long nights when I can't get to sleep. The ABC reports without fear or favour. The commercial channels do not even come close. They are hampered by commercial pressures. The ABC is needed now more than ever in this post truth world. I am passionate about the ABC, I trust the ABC, I love the ABC and I will march in the streets to keep it in public hands. Please don't underestimate the devotion of the community to the ABC no matter what their political leanings. The ABC belongs to us. I am so proud to have it as our national broadcaster.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2097



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep a strong and independent ABC

I believe an independent publicly funded ABC is a cornerstone of our democracy. Being able to facilitate public debate without fear or favour is what sets our nation apart from so many other less democratic nations.

To interfere with the ABC's independence, or indeed existence is to severely weaken democracy in Australia.

As a citizen living outside major urban centres, I rely on the ABC's experienced news reporting expertise to keep me informed in times of crisis. Too weaken ABC's news service puts Australians at risk.

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VIC 3227 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our Culture. Our ABC.

As a child of about 10 I was bed bound for some months with glandular fever. Whilst I could not do much I could listen to the radio and read.

And so began my history with the ABC. In the mornings I listened to Blue Hills, the Hospital Hour and eventually progressed to news and current affairs.

Meanwhile my mother shuffled me books from the local library (another essential cultural institution) and I devoured my father's Time Magazine and The Bulletin.

By the time I recovered and returned to school I was literate, engaged with the world and a lifelong fan of the ABC. It has remained a constant in my life.

Any politician who trammels with the ABC, who seeks to emasculate it or cripple it with incessant funding cuts is in my view a cultural vandal and borderline treasonous.

Across the entire geographical nation, across our cultural expanses, across our age groups, across our diverse communities the ABC stands to bind and include us all.

The debasement of civility and polity and political discourse in the USA is the end point of such threats.

For me this is so significant an issue that it will galvanise me against the Turnbull Government unless it redresses the threat, restores proper funding and takes steps to entrench the ABC is essential cultural infrastructure of equal national standing to our defence forces.

In the name of my grandchildren, my children and my peers, hands off the ABC!

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VIC 3188



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the abc in public hands

I would be devastated if the abc was privatised. Not only does it have great unbiased journalism but also educates me on many different subjects. I very rarely watch commercial television as it has such rubbish on so many reality TV programmes, never any good drama and the current affair programmes are sensationalised. I suppose this is because they need to make profits and satisfy share holders. The abc is very important for those in rural communities. As one liberal mp said we could have more community TV serving the local community. No one watches these now!! Why? Because there is nothing of real interest on because they don't have any funding to produce quality TV. Leave the abc as the public broadcaster, fund it well and start to give the public what they want and need. Unbiased reporting, interesting educational programmes, good drama, sport that is free to watch. People are simple in their needs, they want access to good healthcare, education, a safe environment, green spaces and entertainment that is fun to watch, educational and accurate. They don't want statues, tax cuts and for the presiding government to be buying votes from senators like Pauleen Hanson who are just nasty and short sighted.

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TAS 7306



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC has been a DAILY part of my life since I was a child. My grandparents listened to ABC radio, then ABC TV when it was launched, and our family news and TV watching was always primarily on ABC channels. All my adult life I've listened to ABC radio and watched ABC TV programming for

- news, political analysis and commentary
- informative and well researched programs on an incredibly wide range of topics such as health, science, history, rural life and environment
- entertainment like drama, comedy and nature series
- music on ABC Classic, ABC Jazz and ABC RN

My grandchildren only watch ABC kids programs at our house.

ABC children's programs are world leading, high quality programs which are not available anywhere else.

The premise of the inquiry - to inquire whether the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial media outlets by virtue of being publicly funded - misses the crucial point. Public broadcasting in Australia is ONE OF THE MOST TRUSTED institutions in our nation (and it's certainly far more trusted than politicians...). It provides an important, wide-ranging, informative, diverse and balanced program of offerings unrivalled by commercial media. It plays an irreplaceable role in Australian democracy and should NEVER be compared to commercial media.

Please cease these relentless attacks on our ABC and restore funding cuts to allow it to continue to be a world class public broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

The ABC is one of the few remaining sources of reliable news. It provides an excellent service to Australians. Privatisation will serve to reduce quality and impartiality.

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VIC 3444




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the abc in public hands

The ABC is an important part of free press in Australian life. It has no pressure from individual groups to present a bias of the local or world news . If it was privatised it would represent the interest of its owners and have no interest in presenting unbiased news . Do no privatise the ABC

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VIC 3910 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a bulwark against Australia becoming another failed state like the USA

My husband and I are Australian and USA dual citizens, living a good deal of time each year in the US. If the Australian ABC is privatised, Australia will inexorably follow the path of becoming another dystopia, as the US is now. Democracy thrives on truth, investigative reporting and facts, not "alt-facts". President Trump is a symbol of what happens when a large proportion of a society is fed rubbish from hucksters. Canada wisely bans Fox News, as it breaks their truth in broadcasting law. Instead of pursuing the ABC, our government should enact a Canadian -style "truth in broadcasting" law instead.

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TAS 7113



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be sold!

The ABC is a national treasure. Her strong voice and fearless willingness to examine the tough issues is at the heart of our democracy.

This role will never be effectively filled by a privatised broadcaster which will be subject to commercial pressures from advertisers and will reflect the world as seen by its owners.


Auntie is my constant companion. I've grown up with her. She has nurtured my intellectual, cultural and musical development.

Hell hath no fury like a bereaved nephew who's Auntie has been murdered by politicians who fear free speech.

Hands off my Auntie!

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VIC 3134 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Do not privatise the ABC. For me and I m sure millions of thinking and caring Australians, The ABC is the ONLY station that delivers trustworthy and sometimes hard punching investigative journalism (add free) . It is the ONLY station I watch and the only radio I listen to. Monday nights get the week off to a raging start then the rest of the week never disappoints with all my favourite shows including fantastic new dramas. ABC radio channels are hands down the best station. Love the content at every hour of the day inclusive of news shows, music shows, weekend sport. Privatise the ABC there won t be a following. They will become like every other sensationalist station - frustrating, not believable due to commercial interests and will no longer be that unique treasure that we are so lucky to have in Australia. Hands off privatisation!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2261



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in the Australian taxpayer's hands!

The ABC is the most reliable TV and radio provider Australia has got (you can set watches and clocks by the news services!). It is trustworthy, ad free (except for promos...) and has a wide range of program choice for viewers /listeners. I would NEVER become a regular commercial channel listener/viewer: I want my ABC to remain independent, and have funding restored, so the quality programming they make and/or purchase continues.

Long live the taxpayer funded ABC!!

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SA 5473 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

I work in the screen industry. I have made the best and most important work in my career for the ABC. They are the home for storytelling that is broad and diverse. While I have never been a direct employee of the organisation, they have provided the platform for countless shows I have worked on to be developed and made to share Australian stories with the world. That work has won prestigious international awards and reached people worldwide. I'm eapec proud of the work on tv for young audiences I've worked on to help children feel represented and empowered.

The commercial networks do not invest in these kinds of stories. They do not make the stories I want to see of tell. The ABC must remain in public hands and not suffer any more cuts to funding.

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VIC 3071 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The AThe ABC MUST be kept in Government hands

I'm disgusted at any idea to privatise the ABC is even contemplated by Any party!
I & my friends are a huge fan of the ABC & SBS, both radio & TV as they cover subjects that would NEVER be broadcasted by the private sector in case they lost a few listeners or viewers because they MIGHT loose out of the advertising income. It's about the only broadcaster that can take on subjects of great public interest, some times taking on the government of the day, big business & corporations. If it upsets some people then that's why they want the ABC silenced. IT IS A WONDERFUL PUBLIC LIFELINE WHICH PERFORMS A GOOD PUBLIC SERVICE. Any government that makes any move to privatise the ABC will have massive problems in getting re-elected that so many countries in the world miss out on. Understand Hanson's objection to the ABC, as it's about the only one that put her on notice to be up front with the electorate - mainly because they're not bribed the comercial broadcasters by paying for advertising her party or objections. And the same goes for those who voted to get rid of our main access to the correct news broadcasting - they don't like being being held to account by anyone! When the get any flack, then get rid of whoever uncovers the truth. Good example is the Royal Commission into the banks, with even the PM wanting them NOT TO BE EXPOSED TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY - IT WAS THOSE TYPE OF PEOPLE THAT DON"T WANT ANY SCRUTINY OF BUSINESS. BUT LOOK AT THE RESULTS, THE SAME PEOPLE ARE GETTING A LOT OF THE BENIFITS FROM THIS ENQUIRY - THE TRUTH SPEEKS FOR ITSELF!
A good enlough reason to KEEP THE ABC FREE OF ADVERTISING TO KEEP THE TRUTH HIDDEN - [REDACTED] ex military serving member & supporter of FREE SPEECH

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QLD 4064




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is owned by the people!

ABC is to me the life blood and lifeline that keeps me sane in an world I can no longer understand. The commentators are unbiased but probing, scrutinising and analysing daily and international events all without commercial interests interrupting with constant advertisements. ABC is owned by the Australian public, supported and financed by the Australian public, services the Australian public and is not to be sold off at the whim of any presiding government. The present government DOES NOT have the right to take away OUR voice in the media. It is not theirs to sell.

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VIC 3114 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

This is our ABC Australia, we don't want it Privatised, leave the ABC to the people.

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QLD 4510




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation shouldn't happen!

One of the only few independent media forms remaining in Australia presenting an unbiased opinion which many of us Australians have come to listen to knowing the rest are all biased and corrupted.

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NSW 2128 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC out of private hands

OUTRAGE, OUTRAGE - The ABC is our icon - It provides an valuable service thru all ages and locations. My concern if it is sold off like verything this govt is doing it will become just another commercial TV station full of american rubbish like the other commercial channels, (there are people who do not wish to be subjected to American absolute rubbish) I have been a Liberal voter most of my life, BUT NO MORE, THE HAVE LOST MY ONE VOTE

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QLD 4216



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have enjoyed the variety of programmes, the announcers themselves and especially the news bulletins

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VIC 3004



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

I am writing to urge government to consider the national importance of our beloved television network that is the gift as well as a necessary right in a democratic country. Without influence of privatization and advertising the Australian broadcaster brings such a variety of programmes that are often Australian made and covers areas not seen on commercial channels . It us vital to keep us awarding the great country beyond our cities such as Back Roads and Landline . The children's programmes are intelligent warm and right for young people and the dramas give us a historical, social and cultural context not covered by commercial stations .

I am aware that you fear the documentaries and news programmes as being too independent and not supporting government but this is vital to Abbey k thybdemocracy. We do not love in an authoritarian state like north Korea or China. Financially it is not a burden as so.many of the exckentlybprodiced programmes are sold overseas.

Maybe top.management.could take a cut in salaries but do not keep.cutting the funding or even contemplating making the ABC commercial it will 've the rumination of Australia. It will become an uniformed third world country.

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QLD 4101 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

For generations my family has looked to the ABC to provide the highest quality news, journalism and home grown and fostered entertainment. That is, my entire family, irrespective of political alignments. It is the reliable, professional media backbone of Australia. Governments come and go and the people know that “our” ABC will always be there.

This governments attack reeks of abject paranoia and total misuse of power. Dare we say this desire to break a public broadcaster of such a high reputation is a hallmark of a totalitarian attitude?

This move by the Turnbull government and the fear manifested in the Liberal Council vote is to be condemned.

Having just returned from time in the USA we know more than ever, just how dangerous the loss of a public broadcaster would be. Are we stupid enough to go down that path?!

Australians obviously have a range of political beliefs but rest assured that we are united in our loyalty to, and defence of, the ABC. To threaten it is to galvanise feeling and action far greater than any one political party could garner.

Hands off our public broadcaster!

[REDACTED] and families.

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NSW 2515



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as it is

The ABC as it is is right at the top of Australia's most important cultural assets. Fight off the Vandals, Neoliberals and Murdoch henchmen

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VIC 3039



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is essential to my life

My wife and I both rely on Radio National for orienting ourselves in the world. Breakfast takes us behind the news to get us some idea of what is going on. Life Matters and the Hub keep us aware of trends in our culture, including the problems people face amongst all the change in the world. Who else could we trust?

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NSW 2295



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC PUBLIC OWNED, it is not owned by polies.

HI my reason and my absolute determination for MY ABC is, we the Australian people need and have a trusted, independent and national broadcaster, I have no problem with having my taxes paying for this, IT IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE PAY TAX, TAX is not there for polies to do as they please. IN OUTHER WORDS, OUR ABC is and will not be for sale.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2060




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

When I came to this country over 30 years ago, as a lover of classical music, I listened to ABC ClassicFM. I thought it was at least as good as the BBC, until Guthrie took over. I watch ABC TV daily. Programmes such as 4 Corners, Q&A, Gruen, Mad as Hell, Black Comedy, Back Roads, Gardening Australia, 24News channel, The Drum etc are without compare. This is quality broadcasting, examining and holding EVERYONE to account. Any truly democratic country has its own public broadcaster. Any democracy will enable that broadcaster to be independent and not act as a mouthpiece for the government. The BBC, PBS are such examples.

Do not debase and threaten the ABC. Do not sell off the ABC, do not slice it up like a carcass of meat. I do not watch commercial tv because it's garbage and drivel, dumbing down a nation. Only the BBC content stands out. The ABC and SBS stand for quality broadcasting in this country.

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VIC 3196 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

The ABC is ours. It is not the Murdoch press. Or Sky news. How much more do you dare to strip from it. The Coalition want to dumb down our society. Leave the ABC and it's professional journalists alone. Give them back the money they need to make great drama shows.

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VIC 3182 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I am happy to have my tax payer dollar support our independent ABC. I think it is extremely good value at 11 cents/day to receive dedicated and independent news and current affairs. In addition the ABC provides two channels packed with entertainment, human interest, sports, cutting edge documentaries and original Australian drama and comedy.

The ABC also provides an exclusive children's channel with entertainment and educational programs that are not full of advertisements for children's toys.


As a person who lives in a regional area and frequently travels remotely, the ABC has dozens of radio stations across the nation providing vital emergency information and local content as well as intelligent talkback.

In addition, the ABC provides online information and entertainment services that commercial media can not even come close to.

The ABC is a cornerstone of Australian democracy and moves to privatise it are most un-Australian!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I watch the ABC every morning for my news fix and consider it the most trustworthy TV news source in Australia.

I fear that privatization will impact the ABC's independence to be an unbiased news source because they might feel pressure to "commercialize" their programs and bow to the pressure of advertisers.

It is laughable to suggest the ABC has an "undue advantage" over commercial outlets. It serves a different purpose--it is supposed to provide services for all people in Australia without regard to a profit motive. Commercial networks are in the business of making money and if they have a tough time with that, then let market forces rule and they can be acquired or go out of business.

Please don't privatize the ABC.

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NSW 2024 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: please keep our ABC in public hands


To whom it may concern:

ABC Kids and ABC Me are my preschooler son's favourite networks, and as a parent, I trust them to provide quality children's programming without commercial influence. Additionally, I get my news from ABC News 24 because it provides fair & accurate reporting which is far superior to the commercial or pay networks.

The very premise of this 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.

Please do everything in your power to keep both the ABC and the SBS fully funded and protected as public assets which are vital to our thriving democratic society.

Thanks sincerely,
[REDACTED] Jr

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NSW 2205 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABS in public hands

To whom it may concern,


I'm worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what it means for our society.

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.

Where is the democracy??? Hands of the ABC.

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NSW 2145 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The people's television station

Please do not allow privatization of the ABC
It is a station that our kids are not targeted relentlessly with commercials
It has programs that really are meaningful and gives us a balanced view of issues that we need to know about
It belongs to us not some corporate giant who just wants to make money from its viewers
Please stand up for one of the last bastions of independent viewing

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NSW 2107



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC is a voice for everybody and provides an open view and balanced source of information. It provides information that is not often provided by commercial stations and challenges people and society on issues that others may not want to tackle. Four Corners and Foreign Correspondent bring what is happening in the world to everyday Australians.

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WA 6231



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The future of the ABC

I am writing because I am very concerned over the Liberal party Council vote to privatise the ABC. I find the ABC and SBS are very central features of my life and the life of our democracy. There is no comparison between them and the private networks in terms of the quality and variety of their programming and their coverage of news and current affairs. democracy needs a well-informed populace. Some suggest that regulation of the commercial networks in terms of Australian content and coverage of current affairs would mean there is no need for an ABC or an SBS. But you cannot regulate for quality. There are some quality programs on commercial networks but overall they fall way short of the public broadcasters. Life would be much poorer without the quality programs on the public networks and democracy and public life would suffer without the investigative journalism of programs like 4 Corners. Please oppose any attempt to privatise the ABC.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2430




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia must not privatise the ABC!

The ABC is one of the most important institutions in the country and I strongly condemn any attempt to privatise it. An impartial news source that holds all sides of politics to account is crucial to our democracy. Comparing the ABC to commercial media outlets reveals a lack of understanding of the ABC's place in our society. I want the news and current affairs programs that our family watch driven by a duty to civil society rather than commercial gain. The role of the ABC in providing advertisement-free children's entertainment was a great help and comfort during our children's early years. In addition, the role of the ABC in times of disaster provide society with a reliable and unbiased information service. I condemn in the strongest possible terms any attempt to privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3067 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I love the ABC as It is inspired reporting that is free from the Commercial tv and radio advertising hype. Free from privatised management led by the dollar. Free from privatised agendas. ABC represents the Australian people's opinions and cultural heritage. ABC is our face.

Hands off our ABC.

The coalition is obviously trying to gag the ABC by weakening it financially. If the present Govt. was doing the right and good job then the news would be backing them up.

Hands off our ABC.

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VIC 3193 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC alone, it reports the truth on daily events

This National and Liberal government has become so corrupted it no longer service the people. Money spent wisely can benefit all not just a few.

This government has built a debt of billions of dollars giving the fossil fuel industry tax cuts and even in trying to give 1 billion dollars to Adani to build a massive coal mine. This will destroy the environment in this area as well as the Great Barrier Reef.

A report from the ABC There were 732 companies who paid no tax in Australia in the 2015-16 financial year. Collectively, their income was more than \$500 billion.

We know that Turnbull dislikes the ABC. They keep letting the cat out of the bag. The government has cut funding to the ABC. The ABC is letting the best of their reporters go. This now gives the government the excuse that it would be better to sell it.

The ABC is the only broadcaster that reports on governments daily events. That is what it was set up for in the first place 85 years ago and it is need more now. We all know that some politicians in government can't tell the truth and are in fact the biggest liars on earth. We have come to expect this when they speak. The ABC as well as some of the general public are the only ones that have delved into the likes of Adani. The ABC as well as others including the Indian environmentalists know what he has destroyed in his own country. Why should this man be allowed to do the same to Australia.

We all know when it comes to the nation's security there are secrets. We except that, but when it come to the people of the nation when it effects the people there should not be any secrets.

The ABC has faced \$254 millions in government cuts since 2017 and has cut more than 1000 jobs as a result. And then the government is telling us how many jobs they are creating. That is [REDACTED].

A government that has secrets can not be trusted to tell the truth.

The out of touch Liberals want to dismantle a vital institution in our democracy and silence the independent voice that has spoken to and of our nation for over 85 years. The ABC contributed more than a \$1 billion a year to the Australian economy and employed 4000 staff. It also helped to sustain the jobs of another 2500 people, including writers, artists, technicians and transport workers.

Politicians their lazy and not very bright.

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QLD 4306




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Privatisation of public broadcasting would be a disaster country's that do not have public broadcasting are considered backwards

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VIC 3052 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC , speaks for me, asking the hard Questions, debating and chatting, keeps us connected.

Life without the ABC news, subjects which test and ask questions of politicians and people in leadership rolls, the questions that the public want answers to will disappear, to all you politicians that can't handle the questions and fall apart shows how the ABC is asking hard questions I will struggle to find the truth amongst the money making produced headlines and news I see headlines that are correct but are worded in such a way, they are of the mark and cruel. Money talks in all countries the rich are ruling with money being one of the little people, I need someone to speak for me in this world, where do I go, I go to the ABC.

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VIC 3714 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 7:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatised ABC

The ABC is why I have a television. Cutting edge and controversial stories that help keep Australia an honest democracy. I believe that if the ABC becomes privatised it will lose its credibility and status of being interesting and intelligent.

If privatised we will see job cuts and program budget cuts. there will also be ideology changes. We all know what comes with privatisation. We love our ABC. It's an Australian institution that must remain when everything else in this world is changing so rapidly.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2481



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

Trust and objectivity are the criteria. No, the ABC is not perfect, but it is light years ahead of the alternatives. Australia would be a duller and more bigoted place if we had to rely on commercial media.

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TAS 7321




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:58 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands!

It is very easy for me to become emotional about the ABC...my brother was a correspondent in PNG, Malaysia and even some conflict zones in the 60's so personally it feels like family to me. But emotion aside, the ABC is a bastion of our democracy which seems to be under constant attack in these days. People have to know they have an independent, unfettered news source which can grapple with and freely investigate the important issues without dancing to political and corporate puppeteers manipulations. Commercial media and the ABC should not be put in the same basket....it's apples and oranges and I am appalled at this attempt to privatise the our national broadcaster and stifle free and impartial news and investigative journalism.
Thankyou

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QLD 4600 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: abc

My husband and I have watched and listened to the ABC for over 50 years. It has been full of interesting and entertaining broadcasts.

We appreciate the broad and independent nature of its content.

The ABC is our most important public institution. It brings independence to the media which is not evident in commercial stations.

Privatising the ABC will leave a vacuum which cannot be filled by commercialisation.

Australians are proud to have the ABC.....it is crucial to people in the country where it is often the only contact families hear.

The main advantage that the ABC has over commercial radio is their independence.....reporters are not subject to pet policies of an overzealous and bigoted "owner".

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NSW 2484



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC INDEPENDANT

The ABC is a public broadcaster, a very good one at that. It's not interested in making profits or keeping shareholders happy. It is interested in keeping all of the public well informed.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2283



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Thank God for the ABC. I do not watch anything else other than SBS. Commercial television does not represent Australia or Australian interests. Without the ABC we are not kept informed of current events and particularly to political events in Australia, only the ABC and SBS do that. Commercial television is for the non-thinking, non-participating members of society who want to be entertained. ABC and SBS entertain but they also inform and I want to be informed. Please politicians, leave the ABC alone.

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TAS 7050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: THE ABC MUST REMAIN PUBLICLY FUNDED

I shudder at the thought of someone like Murdoch taking over the ABC and turning it into the Australian equivalent of Fox News. I trust the ABC 100% at present. I do not consider the ABC the least bit bias unlike the commercial networks which all have their own agenda's. The ABC must not fall into private hands.

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TAS 7322 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC publicly funded

A publicly funded ABC is necessary to provide independent journalism, without fear or favour - one that is beyond commercial and political considerations in its reporting.

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ACT 2614



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Privatisation proposals for the ABC are a Trojan horse to create a one party state. Commercialising the ABC closes down a free flow of news and verifiable information to the public which is integral to our democracy. It has taken centuries for our Westminster government system to evolve and free speech is as integral to it as the separation of powers. The ABC is the cornerstone of news, investigative journalism and critical debate of social, economic and political issues. Commercial media doesn't fulfil that task.

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VIC 3450



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I live in a remote area and the ABC is our lifeline for news, emergency reports, weather, entertainment, in fact everything we need to get us through day to day. We just cannot lose this service.

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TAS 7256



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a public space filled with artistic expression, local and world news events, a space where Australian arts and music can be heard. If this was privatised it would ruin the ABC! We would see radio, tv and internet spaces filled with Ads, no longer a place for up and coming music to be shared. People have faith in the ABC because it isn't privatised!! Please don't take this away from the Australian people.

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QLD 4105



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!

I believe at the base of every decision lies a mercenary or political reason. This is not what we want to happen to our ABC. It is the voice of reason and fair and accurate reporting. It is the only station I watch. For information, discussion, entertainment, I only watch ABC. For many years it has provided quality learning and entertainment for my children, and their children. I have found their programmes invaluable and integral to presenting information and entertainment of a very high standard. The known adage of "if it aint broke, don't fix it!" holds true in this instance. Leave a good thing, our ABC, as and where it is. It is very important to us all- me and my family especially!

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QLD 4510 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

To whom it concerns

It is with much anger I read commentary this week that government parties are suggesting the ABC should not continue to receive funding, and that privatisation is an available solution.

The ABC news is the only source I watch (besides SBS) as there is no corporate slew or selective focus on news stories - it's in the operational charter, right?

4 Corners and Q&A are viewed every week in my household, yet content such as this could foreseeably be the first to be axed for rubbish 'entertainment' as is typically broadcasted on the other commercial stations.

I plead, don't make these changes! This decision is one that WILL force consideration at the next election, and which party will NOT get my vote, if the ABC loses support. That government funding is MY tax at work, and I don't want it changed.

Regards

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SA 5086



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation, is exactly as its name suggests. Australian, run by the people for the people, it envelopes the fundamental core values of Australia, by broadcasting content that defines our Australian way of life. Retailing our ABC to the highest bidder will be a kin to retailing out Australia to the highest bidder. THE ABC MUST STAY IN THE PUBLIC'S HANDS PERIOD!!!

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ACT 2617 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please increase funding to the ABC

The ABC is the only place independent journalism free from the influence of corporate funds can be found. It is the only place where unbiased criticism of policy can be found. It must remain in public hands and have its funding restored to previous levels. It is outrageous to suggest selling it off.

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TAS 7252 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should not be privatised

As a matter of principle an independent government news agency is essential, both for independent view and providing a service to all Australians. In a time of lies and dissembling combined with a financially oriented social media a trustworthy broadcaster is essential. The commercial media is partisan and has actively pursued private agendas in reporting “news”. Every Government has complained about the ABC, which probably means that most opposition parties have liked the ABC. Ideology and fear of public exposure are the primary motivations for privatising the ABC. The proponents no doubt believe that the private media will support them but that is naive and fails to recognise the growing influence of social media to influence public opinion. The privatised media doesn’t have the public trust to counter this influence making governments in general vulnerable to external influence.

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NSW 2283 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must be kept in public hands

I was beyond bereft on learning that the ABC could be privatised. Every day when I watch TV, I say to myself, 'thank God for the ABC'. The older I get, the better it gets and is my refuge. Please don't change this institution as it would be the beginning of the end of rational discussion forever. Thank you.

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QLD 4380



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Do not sell off our impartial media to private biased interests.

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NSW 2212



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Govt funded

I find it hard to believe that you are considering privatising the ABC. This is a great source of news, analysis and information not available on commercial media. What are you thinking - trying to dumb down Australian interest in the deeper side of politics and commerce and international events. Also, who provide the media to the regions and remote Australians. Shame. Shame. Shame. ABC budget should be increased

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SA 5112



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

We have seen time and again what happens when privatisation happens. When something isn't commercially viable the company just stops providing.

What happens to people in remote areas that rely on the ABC?


The ABC is important to us, it is the backbone of the country and to privatise it would be a grave error.

The Liberal Party needs to consider all Australians, not just the ones with money.

Please do not privatise the ABC.

Thank you for your time.

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QLD 4573 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT attempt to privatise our ABC

As with a great many public services, paid for through the taxes of my parents and grandparents, which were sold off by avaricious governments for short term political gain, the only observable result being an increase in cost and a decrease in service. In the case of our ABC, we are provided with as much objective reporting as possible. The ABC has demonstrably been as critical of the APL as it has of the Conservatives. It just so happens that there appears to be a very great deal more about Conservative politics that does not operate in the best interests of our whole community. Rather, it seeks to advantage a narrow and sectarian group that seemingly has no concept of a fair and equitable community. To seek to destroy the only public organ that holds both sides of politics to account will see this writer take to the streets for the first time in some 40 years.

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VIC 3054 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

In my life time the ABC has always been one of my most important channels with out having ADDS. And now it is the Channel I most watch for news on ABC 24. And now I hear the TV station is going to change, and will be totally different, it horrifies me. To think that it is all just about having more money for the Government to spend on other things. Changing the ABC tv channel to a commercial station is like war fare on the Australian population, and it is like the government will never be forgiven for it. You must always remember Money is like thin air. The ABC TV channel is more important that thin air.

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NSW 2454 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Concern about privatising the ABC

Please do not privatise ABC. I live in rural Sunshine Coast Queensland and listen to radio constantly. I am an older person active in my community but at night and early in the morning I look to public broadcasting to give me information (not just entertainment).

Fran Kelly's morning national radio and the ABC classical music give me great comfort. After my partner died, it filled the gap of loneliness. I watch some TV and ABC, SBS and NITV and rarely watch the commercial TV. Over the years I have seen ABC programs deteriorate due to budget cuts. I love the science series and investigative journalism and I believe the children's programs are also well loved.

I have Canadian friends who admire the ABC with its forthright presentations, critical thinking and fair journalism. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has been extremely weakened with less and less funding and independence given to it. I hope ABC will not go in that direction.

I do NOT want the Coalition or any other political parties to privatise the ABC. Perhaps a referendum should be held? Public broadcasting is an essential part of democracy. I lived in Fiji during the 1987 coup and we were dependent on Australia overseas broadcasting (sadly now cut) to give us perspective on what what really happening.

Privatisation not only means that the market prevails, it means that big corporations can dictate what can be aired according to what will make them money. Public broadcasting must retain a broad perspective of ideas and information, give background to news, not just popular opinions... that can be obtained through social media.

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QLD 4573



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is vital to keep the ABC as an independent broadcaster free from political and economic interest. Our democracy depends on it. Without an independent media outlet we are left with news and shows that will be driven by multinational companies and this will stifle debate and dramatically affect quality.

In addition it is vital that local content continue to be promoted. As a nation with a relatively small population, we will otherwise end up with total foreign or trashy content. Just think of losing the Science Show or Playschool!

The ABC is vital to the diversity, democracy and culture of Australia.

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VIC 3070 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC enquiry

The ABC is important to me as it is a trusted news source and provides the type of entertainment that I enjoy.

I never watch the garbage provided on commercial television.

ABC radio is very informative when driving in car during my occupation.

The ABC should not be privatised as this will invite biase in reporting.

Regards

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QLD 4225




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands.

My life is unimaginable without the ABC. I am often on my own but never alone with the ABC. I am informed, entertained and enriched by the public broadcaster. Please DON'T DO THIS!

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NSW 2444 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: For the good of our collective mental health, keep the ABC in public hands

In this age of sensory overload, advertisements are another assault on our senses and another means of undermining our intelligence. For the good of the mental health of this nation, the ABC should remain our public broadcaster, making quality programs that are not interrupted by inane clips that are supposed to make us buy more of what we don't need with money we don't have.

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QLD 4553 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not touch MY ABC!!

I grew up in Ballarat where you only had two channels - ABC and BTV 6. My first memories of television was Sesame Street and Play School. I am an avid watcher of ABC, it is by far the best of the free to air channels as it provides entertainment as well as new coverage without the requirement to dumb down the content to fit into sound bites between advertisements.

This is a vote changer for me, I would actively campaign to protect the ABC and will make sure all my family and friends do not vote for the party that wants to sell the ABC..

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VIC 3068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am one of the many of my friends who use the ABC for getting a well rounded opinion as well as background information, education, appropriate children's shows, documentaries, drama and comedy, along with an absence of the invasive ad's presented by private owned stations. The need for change staggers the imagination.

The mess our gas and power industry is in along with the other private companies sold without a public referendum and previously funded by our taxes, non of which we have had returned to us or had a reduction of from then onwards should be a warning against any other such actions .

I am happy to pay through my taxes for this service.

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VIC 3165



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatising ABC

The ABC is a trusted source of information and entertainment for me. It provides me with a sense of comfort & security as I know that I will be able to hear an uninterrupted, unbiased news feed & stay in touch with issues affecting us locally, nationally & internationally. It provides a space for our Australian artists to thrive & it is important to our ongoing sense of community & culture both as individuals & as a nation. I want to continue to fund this service with my taxes via the government of the day & I strongly protest against any move to privatise the ABC.

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NSW 2089 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is part of Australia and its heritage to our successors

Attacks on the ABC are cyclic. Senator Alston made umpteen complaints about the broadcaster, mostly waffle. this recent attack is different because it is being driven by different forces, voices which are stronger and more diverse. At its core is the Murdoch empire, bleating about the fact that it has to compete with up until recently a pretty slick outfit. Fifield is an ally of Murdoch, and a card carrying IPA member. up until recently the IPA had its policies posted on its website, not any more though. Why? one of its planks was the privatisation of the ABC. Chris Berg has written on the subject.
so this government is throttling its funding in an effort to make it less relevant, in the hope that it will shrink into nothingness. if that happens the forces of the extreme right will be emboldened and eventually there will be State TV and State Radio. Be assured this is what they want, and they have Turnbull beholden to the Right and too scared to stand up to them

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NSW 2753 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

A public owned broadcaster is essential for democracy. The commercial stations only investigate a story if they can make mileage out of it and generate ad revenue. If a story might offend the advertisers, commercial stations will not air something. The big problem with this is that commercial stations cannot be objective. As the people who fund commercial networks generally tend to be rewarded by right wing interests, commercial stations tend to bias to the right wing which is most likely why the right wing MPs are pushing for the privatization of ABC. Not only do I want keep ABC public, I believe we need it that way. We the People of this great country know that the only reason anybody really wants to commercialize ABC is to stop them doing their job. We see through the lies. ABC has uncovered corruption through objective journalism and the hard right want to stop them. We need to defend democracy from the constant attacks of the hard Right of the government. It is also obvious that the inquiry is likely going to be biased with the intention to back the agenda of selling our network.

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QLD 4020



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC.

As a pensioner I rely on the ABC for the latest news and for information about emergencies.

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NSW 2061 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is important to me for quality information and entertainment. Unlike commercial TV offerings it doesn't provide reality tv to the lowest common denominator. I cannot bear the dumming down of our society that commercial tv delivers. I think the ABC delivers quality content that is erudite and informing. It is reasonable for the tax payer to fund. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Hands off the ABC.

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ACT 2605 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to all tax payers!

The CBA model as an argument for privatisation has been put forward. This is apt, very apt! Along with airports and toll ways privatisation has betrayed the voting public. So go ahead, commit political suicide!

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NSW 2479 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be independent

The ABC is the only cutting edge, independent news and current affairs we have. The important story is not trivialised by toothpaste or muesli ads cutting in. A compelling and suspenseful program isn't interrupted every 8 minutes with almost 5 minutes of ads spoiling the program. At times of crisis or large occasions, we turn to the ABC because they handle it so well. Children's TV is by far the best on the ABC, as is the Drama and comedy. Of course the politicians don't like it, but independent commentary and discussion is essential to an informed and knowledgeable Society particularly in this social media climate. ABC Radio National is equal to anything the BBC has to offer. Is it elitist to want to be informed without a commercial?

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NSW 2071



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Governments of either flavour get equal scrutiny by our ABC for the public's benefit. This ridiculous idea smacks of childishness from a government that wants no scrutiny and won't play to normal rules. Australians deserve to have a non-commercial channel that is not afraid to broadcast the truth no matter how unpalatable it is to the government in power. Leave the ABC alone. This is not a vote winner.

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QLD 4655



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't touch the ABC

It is my opinion that the only people in Australia that want to see the ABC defunded or privatised are our politicians. The ABC is a wonderful and trusted institution and we don't want it tinkered with. In fact I and without exception, everybody I talk to wish the governing bodies to refund the recent stripping of funds from the ABC. The issue of funding properly, and not threatening to privatise the ABC is worth fighting for by way of votes and I would rather vote for a party that I disagreed with on every issue, rather than vote for the party that tampers with the ABC. In short I and all those I am acquainted with will vote against any party that is harmful to the ABC.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Suffolk Park 2481

[REDACTED]
NSW 2481




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay public

I live in the country and rely on the ABC. I listen to it on the radio all the time. It's there when we need information about bushfires and other emergencies. Having lived through the transition from public to private, of our electricity, our gas, our phone and our bank, and seen a reduction in services and jobs, accompanied by an increase in costs, I will happily take to the streets to protest against privatising the ABC. Undermining our ABC undermines our democracy.

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VIC 3723 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must never be privatised.

This submission has no political bias. Privatisation would inevitably lead to a dumbing down of all content as market forces are brought to bear. I grew up with the BBC, so for me the ABC was a seamless listening pleasure when I moved to Australia. Thank you, Auntie.

[REDACTED]
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NSW 2038 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off Our ABC

Our ABC is a vital source of news with no commercial vested interest. Ots as vital to me as the air I breathe. I trust the ABC more than I trust the LNP. I watch n listen daily n am 74 yrs old. Hands off ot doesnt belong to you! More funding not less funding.

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NSW 2428



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

To the Australian Federal Government,
Do not privatise the ABC. For many Australians like me, it's the only media that has independent journalism presenting insightful facts and opinions on a range of issues pertinent to everyday Australian life. The ABC has also produced so many Australian series in current affairs, Australian history, children's programs, drama and comedy as well as life stories of Australian people. The ABC provided career opportunities to Australian actors, journalists and production crew. The ABC is where Australians can see and hear about our own lives and way of living. Privatising the ABC will take away the unique Australian perspective of the ABC.

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VIC 3429




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only station that gives out actual facts without sensationalizing. It reports and notifies about bush fires it works with the authorities ie fire brigades , police. There are no adds and content is good. The selling of the ABC is enough to make me stop voting for the collision.

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NSW 2350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I watch and enjoy many of ABC fantastic programs. I particularly like the impartiality you don't get in the privately owned media.
It upset me very much to hear that the privatization of the ABC even came up at the Liberal party Council meeting. How dare anybody compare the ABC with the commercial media!! On the ABC I can watch my favorite programs without being subjected to the mind paralyzing, nauseating advertisements that take up to a third of the presented programs on commercial TV and radio!!! The ABC belongs to the Australian public and NEVER should be allowed to be transferred to private hands.

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NSW 2322 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Private ownership of abc is bad for democracy in austrslia

We already are extremely low on the impartiality of the press on global ranking. We aren't big enough for a diverse competitive market, and small enough that the media we do have is already dominated by one or two private entities, except for the ABC. ABC needs to remain in public hands in order to protect the very fundamentals of our democracy against the broad attacks seen clearly in other countries already

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VIC 3723 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

From the time I was born in rural NSW till now my family has trusted the ABC to deliver content relevant to rural Australians and give a broader Australia-wide view to our city cousins. I do not beleive this vital role currently being played by the ABC could continue in a privitised ABC, or indeed if the devastating funding cuts continue. I urge you to ensure teh ABC stays in public hands, and indeed to restore funding to the ABC to allow it to properly carry out its tasks.

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NSW 2085 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

The ABC has been a pillar of our society. The news and current affair programs are intelligent, independent and non-biased; it is ingrained in the ABC to inquire about the policies and politics of all sides of the government and deliver that information to the public. The ABC does not make wild accusations without evidence, unlike some other news broadcasters, internet & print media. Just hard, cold facts.

But the ABC does more than this; it provides educational and entertaining programs for children, promotes a breeding ground for young artists to express their art (Triple J Unearthed for example), provides quality tv programs for adults that commercial tv channels would not take the risk of showing without proven actors & writers. I believe the ABC and it's independence is essential to our democratic country

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NSW 2229 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC reports fairly and responsibly privately held networks like Murdoch exhibit unfair bias and fill the media with ads. I can think of no program produced in private hands the reflects our Australian culture and employs Australian writers, actors and film makers to do this. The ABC is a balanced mirror of our culture past and present. Gradually it is showing us the story and value of our indigenous people. No private network will bother with this non commercial proposition or with a fair coverage of our amazing art world. When shareholder interests are the excuse for narrow attitudes we will lose our sparkle and ingenuity as a Culture. Hands off our ABC.

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SA 5170 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC must stay in public hands! The ABC has provided our family with so many educational experiences, from Play School and Sesame Street, to Behind the News; and now the many valuable documentaries we watch. This is even more important than ever with private broadcasters having so many advertisements and programs of dubious content at any hour which are unsuitable for family viewing. The quality of programming is unsurpassed and we watch the ABC every night of the week. The coalition's continued attack on the ABC is not representative of the constituency who they are meant to represent. The ABC has an important role in our democracy. Their journalists have been instrumental in providing unbiased information many important issues. The ABC's exposés have also brought the attention of all Australians to some very serious issues which otherwise may have gone unnoticed. Market and corporate interest has the one motivating factor to make profit. The ABC acts as a democratic counterpoint and is more valuable now than ever to keep Australia truly democratic.


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NSW 2533 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

I live in regional Australia and rely on ABC both for local news and information-including bush fire warnings- it is my life line. The ABC tells me about local events including sporting and cultural commercial radio does not do this. I cannot rely on public radio to fill this role. The coalitions attack on public radio is a real threat to our democratic society. Public radio plays a very different role in our society and cannot be compared to commercial radio. Privatising the ABC takes away our access to a news and information source not dominated by commercial interest. Do not privatise our ABC.

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[REDACTED]
NSW 2550 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must belong to the people!

I cannot begin to tell you how much the quality of my life has been enhanced by ABC broadcasting ...radio, TV, podcasts, website ...in all its guises.

I have been informed, stimulated, provoked into action, motivated to explore further various topics & ideas, and have even contemplated participating in their very innovative suggestions to create content!!!

Unlike any other broadcaster or media outlet its programming reflects the wonderful diversity of people in Australia - everyone in Australia could find something of interest there.

This is not the case in other media which have needed to become popular to attract advertising to make a profit!

To me the ABC is as the forefront of broadcasting because it is not hamstrung by commercial interests.

It is a major vehicle for Australians' creativity ...for both the people the ABC employs (young, old and every age in between) and for us, the audience.

It has been with great concern and sadness I've watched it being steadily eviscerated by successive governments.

Please do not privatise the ABC... we will be impoverished as a result ... once gone (as in NZ where the quality of media now is pitiful!!) it will not come back!

This is a sincere plea for the future of Australia and Australians!!

kindest regards

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NSW 2256



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need a public broadcaster

New Zealand and the USA have no public broadcaster equivalent to the ABC. When in those countries it is very hard to get reliable unbiased news. The ABC is a gem that provides this for us all in Australia.


Clear, intelligent, unbiased news, reporting and investigative journalism are vital to a properly functioning democracy. Ignorance begets ignorance and damages the ability to properly exercise democratic responsibilities. The ABC is vital for this reason alone, let alone the many other reasons.

The ABC has recorded Australian culture for generations. No one else does what they do. Without this record, we are diminished.

Please don't further damage the ABC by privatisation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC and the market

Reading the terms of reference, I was reminded of something about the profession from which I retired - the practice of medicine. It is possible to think of medicine as a field of commercial competition, because, when viewed in a particular frame, it is. But medical services are more than this, as everyone understands. They also respond to something we hold to be a founding right of people in a just society. And to that extent, public investments are warranted - for the sake of equity, and the provision of services necessary for the health of the public.

So it is with media. It seems to me, these terms of reference answer legitimate concerns of commercial media proprietors. But that is all. Your inquiry can produce only mischief if it does not acknowledge just as prominently other conditions in our media landscape that, in my opinion, are of more urgent and serious concern.

As the founders of modern self-governing societies well knew, it is impossible for free citizens to exercise their responsibilities of citizenship unless they are well informed. And the state of public debate in Australia tells us that this democratic requirement is not being met as well as it should be. In those circumstances, the ABC is our best hope if we are to mend the democratic malaise we all regret.


I submit that nothing the inquiry determines ought to overlook this most vital imperative. And if I had the means to run my own inquiry it would be asking how to bring more truthful, thorough, impartial and fearless reporting and analysis into the commercial media, rather than how to curb the public broadcaster so these interests can have more of our attention.

Public trust in the ABC has deep sources. It reflects not just the quality of the broadcaster's work, but also the desire of our people to participate in their own governance. By no means should your inquiry inhibit that. I will be grateful if, in your work, you give due weight to this consideration.

Yours,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


I live in regional NSW and the ABC is my most trusted news source. I also live alone and the ABC radio is an intelligent and informative companion, day and night. I'm sure there are many (especially older) people in the same situation.

The quality of the entertainment and news programs is unmatched in Australian media, making it a unique and valuable resource for Australians of all ages.

A quality public broadcaster, free from political and vested interests and influences is a vital support for our democracy. Without this, our wonderfully diverse society is at risk of undue influence by political and commercial interests.

Our ABC supports an informed, intelligent conversation. We MUST NOT lose it.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

the ABC is not for sale it belongs to Australia and is the voice of Australians and Democracy.

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NSW 2622



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your grubby hands off our ABC

I am disgusted at the far right agenda to privatise the ABC. The ABC provides by far the best mix of news, current affairs and entertainment of any of the TV or radio stations I have heard. Candid and informative reporting without the politically based biases of people like Rupert Murdoch is essential to maintaining our democracy. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. My kids and grandkids love the programs that the ABC brings to our screens and we as parents and grandparents value the entertainment, education and pure enjoyment they bring. Please do not support the privatisation which is being proposed. Those of us who love the ABC will not forget your actions in this matter and don't be surprised at an electoral backlash if you fail to uphold our independent broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting provides an essential source of balanced, reliable and trustworthy information and is an essential ingredient in a true democracy. The idea of privatising such an important resource is abhorrent to me - just look at the quality of news and general reporting we get on the commercial stations - these cater to our base instincts and are very unreliable.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain independent and publicly funded

I get my news and current affairs solely from the ABC. Commercial sources are beholden to their sponsors, so I do not use them. This independence of broadcasting news, current affairs and Australian entertainment is fundamental to our democracy because it upholds free speech unlike commercial interests. Any moves to interfere with the ABC attack my fundamental rights as a citizen and taxpayer.

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VIC 3556 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


Every day I listen to ABC radio on my way to and from work. I value the independent information I am given, the news stories and the 8am AM programme with Sabra Lane giving me facts and opinions I know I can trust.

I only trust the ABC for news as it is publically owned and I do not trust news sources that come from a privatised source as I am unsure of the bias.

I highly value the journalism of the 7.30 report.

Do NOT take this publically owned independent source of news away from us.

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NSW 2095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

I love the abc. It is the the way I get my news, I trust them to give different views on many subjects. The quality of their dramas and comedy programs are far better. The commercial stations on the whole seem to favour the American television and reality shows which I find have no real substance. The abc children's programs which my autistic son loves, besides being filled with a more positive and educational content aren't constantly trying to convince him to eat junk food or purchase useless plastic toys.

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NSW 2484 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop killing the ABC!

This government is trying to kill the reporting of factual information because all it knows is lying. Despicable political bastardry at its worst. The ABC is the only trustworthy news source. The government is not.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

WE need an independant news broadcaster to recieve unbios true reporting.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I love the ABC and watch it nearly every day. Its informative and has lots of human programs about everyday people. The dramas and series are great. I love the ABC.

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TAS 7163



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT sell the ABC!

The ABC is and always has been my favourite television and radio station. I grew up on Play School, Dr Who and The Goodies, and my children have grown up on Play School, Peppa Pig and other fabulous shows screened by the ABC. It is the ONLY place you can see quality Australian drama, which helps me (as a first generation Australian born of German parents) to explore and connect with what it means to be Australian. It is my most trusted news source and provides me with hard-hitting public commentary and satire. I would NEVER, ever agree to the ABC becoming privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public


The ABC is the only channel which is ever on our TV for our whole family. It is the only source of news and current affairs that we trust and there is nothing like the ABC for kids offering anywhere else on commercial stations.

The publicly funded nature of the ABC of course affords it advantages over commercial broadcasters; it allows deep and thorough investigation and detailed discussion of the topics that matter, free from commercial or market influence. Programs like Four Corners have really changed Australia for the better through investigating what needs to be investigated and exposing the facts that need to be exposed.

I don't like the views of certain broadcasters and journalists, but I respect their right to do their work and exist; in the event I come across their content, I take it with a grain of salt and hope that the collective intelligence of the community will do the same. In the same manner, I respectfully ask if you can just move on and let the ABC be.

If the ABC didn't exist, my family simply wouldn't watch TV. We don't just need to be entertained, we need to be educated. And the ABC does the best job of this, of all broadcasters in Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I submit that keeping the ABC in the public Domain is vital for our democracy. The reason public broadcasters are the first to be shut down in the cases where countries have a coup is very telling. It seems to me that certain factions in the government do not like public scrutiny and criticism and would like to silence what is largely an unbiased reporting agency.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC has always been the nexus of my TV viewing. I watch morning breakfast news to start my day and be informed on world and national news. The quality of the ABC Breakfast show is, undoubtedly, far superior to other morning news presentations and I can no longer watch channels with ads with any enjoyment. The ABC programmes such as The Drum, Insiders, Q&A etc are staples for me. The high quality dramas shown by ABC, often in association with BBC, are my preferred viewing. The only channels I watch are ABC and BBC, so any threat to the ABC's existence is anathema to me, as are reduced budgets. I will therefore fight to support the ABC and threats to it impact on my voting patterns.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Absolutely forget any idea of privatizing the ABC

The reason coalition people think the ABC is biased is because it often asks questions about things that it doesn't suit these people to have aired.

This does not mean the ABC is biased. It may well mean that it is asking genuine questions, or airing genuine points of view based on facts, on actuality, rather than dealing with things from the particular point of view of people of one political persuasion.

Privatization has not generally served us well in other areas. Fragmenting and selling utilities such as power provision, postal services, communications services, transport and the like has overall led to far more problems than benefits. Not surprising, when you consider: paying CEOs massive salaries, keeping shareholders happy, the wastage of duplication with competing private entities, and the wasted effort of people trying to move customers from one firm to another, the higher cost of borrowing money for private rather than government, the schemozzle of running an integrated service such as a national power system when it consists of dozens of bits each concerned with their own profitability and interests rather than overall good, the constant push to cut corners to make more profit, the loss of things such as safety regimes (think Morwell open cut fire), training schemes and research effort - to name just a few.

And private has to overcome all these disadvantages and costs before even breaking even with a well-run government system.

People who claim private is often or always better do so because they want to believe this. Not because it is true. It isn't.

A privatized ABC will immediately move to ditch "unprofitable" activities, such as safety warnings and any programming that doesn't attract mass audiences. It will institute on-air advertising (Lord preserve us), and if the Abbotts and Abetz of this world have their way, before long will be pushing or favouring their distorted views of politics and how the world should be, a la Murdoch press.

Please, under no circumstances even think of privatizing the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC unique!

My fondest memories growing up was watching the abc. From the early days of playscholl to tge later days of the bill. However it wasn't just the shows that I enjoyed, it was the opportunity to watch a show like it was a movie from start to finish. Imagine watching starwars with adds every 10 or so minutes, I would probably just watch starwars on any other of the commercial chanbels and not prioritise the ABC. The ABC would just get lost amongst all the other channels. Lets keep the ABC unique and stand out from the crowd. Lets support our Australian culture instead of \$. Lets keep Australia unique!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands

The ABC belongs to everyone, certainly not the rich or powerful alone. It gives attention to all sectors of the Australian community regardless of gender or location. It is not beholden to any group and it criticizes without fear or favour when necessary. Keep it public.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!!


The ABC is a publicly owned, national broadcaster. This is what gives it any credibility!! If it is privatized, it will be reduced to just another biased, owned set of media- a commercial channel.

All the things the ABC does are commendable, from Q&A, to ABC kids, which my daughter loves.

Please protect it!! It's the only one we have.

Thank you.

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VIC 3071 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC needs to remain public!!

To put it simply, the ABC is everything great and honest about Australia. The ABC makes me proud to be an Australian.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: AUSTRALIAN Broadcasting Commission

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia. The Government works for the people of Australia. Self-serving politicians have no place in politics. The cruelty and lack of empathy displayed by this Liberal government is the most shocking I have witnessed. Shame on you and all that you stand for. You have no right to sell what belongs to the citizens of this country.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A personal reason why we should keep our ABC in public hands

I speak from a very personal view.

My Father Hylton Tipson after coming out of WW2, he flew in Lancaster bombers as a radio operator as part of a mixed air crew, was offered a job in ABC radio.


He soon made the transistion to TV when it began and then spent the next 40 years working for this wonderful organisation. His whole working life as a TV producer/Director at ABC Brisbane. Growing up I felt part of the ABC family and watched his part on shows such as ground breaking current affairs show This Day tonight.

The channel which gave the public both sides of the story so they can make up their own mind about an issue. Isn't that the way it should be in a democracy?

Apart from news and current affairs without bias there are so many wonderful dramas and films that the ABC have produced over the years. Each with their own unique quality that makes it truely Australian, different from American, or do we want to lose our identity completely and become an American outpost.

Thank-you

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the people's ABC public, independent and without commercials

I am an Australian citizen who lives in a strong Liberal seat. Yet, I and my friends completely rely and live the ABC both radio and television JUST AS IT IS, we live it's fierce independence, its courage, and its long tradition of speaking truth to power, regardless of the party in power.

In my view, it is not biased, it is FOR THE PEOPLE!! That is not bias. It goes deep into our culture and the problems facing every day Australians, it ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE, it GIVES THE ORDINARY PERSON A VOICE!

Like so many Australians, I am sick and tired of having to fight cuts to ABC funding every time a Liberal Government is elected. I don't want to associate the Liberal Party with hatred for the ABC, but it seems to be the case.

Our democracy is based on an independent and fearless press, the ABC is THE ONLY ONE.

Also do not introduce private ownership or commercials for funding. It ruins the quality and integrity of our ABC. We have enough commercial companies.

I pay a very high tax rate, and I want some of my tax dollars to flow freely and happily to our beloved ABC! PLEASE LEAVE OUR BELOVED ABC ALONE To DO WHAT IT DOES SO WELL

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VIC 3006




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not yours to sell!

I rarely watch any tv other than the ABC. It has integrity, is real and not a sad American imitator. Without its news and documentary services, who will investigate perfidy? Who will make shows like Mystery Road? Playschool was the only show my children watched as under fives. It is also THE ONLY advertisement free zone. It belongs to all people living in Australia. It is NOT yours to sell.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop Privatising Everything!!

Do not privatise our ABC if you do Australia will have an even less of an independent press. We are already heading down the path of a dictatorship and this will help that along.

I have had enough of the decisions been made for financial gain, every thing this Liberal government does lines their and their mates pockets. What an ugly country we are becoming and a completely unfair one.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Potential Sale of the ABC

The ABC is an essential means of challenge to worrying behaviour in so many areas and is the way of disseminating information to everyone. It is a trusted source - kindly do not disrupt this service.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

Privatising the ABC would remove the vast majority of decent programs from Australian television. Commercial networks fill our screens with mind numbing reality tv and game shows or biased opinion pieces at best. Privatising other public assets has also failed to provide value for money in the past and will also do so with the ABC or SBS.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

I find that if i want to see truth in reporting i watch yhe abc for programes such as 4 corners Q&A 7.30 report Media Watch and abc news and they have excellent auxtralian dramas such as Mystery road among others. I seem to be watching more of abc and sbs programes rather than watching som e of the silly provrames on the commercial channels.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatisise the ABC!

The ABC is the main TV channel for my husband and myself - we LOVE the ABC. Great news, weather, range of programs, and most importantly no commercial advertisements!

If the Coalition moves to privatise the ABC, the loss of our unbiased, uncommercialised broadcaster will be diluted if not lost forever. The ABC is one of the cornerstone institutions that makes Australia a great nation.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands as it 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 6:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the most reliable source of news and current affairs I rely on, as it must demonstrate it provides unbiased information, unlike any commercial media organisation. The ABC has been investigated many times to determine if the balance required in the public broadcasters charter is adhered to, and is proven time and time again to have successfully achieved that target. I also like the rather more intelligent discussions I hear on ABC media than on commercial media where often a need to be sensational over rides the ability to add depth to a topic.

No advertisements to interrupt either the program or my train of thought is sheer bliss.

The in-house programs are often of a very high standard and very successful. Is there a better example than Playschool ?

The withdrawal of crucial funds to the ABC by the Coalition greatly concerns me, and now suggestions it should be sold make me very angry as the public broadcaster belongs to the citizens and plays an important role in our society and democracy. The ABC is not owned by any current Government to be flogged off to their media mates. It is owned by all of us who pay taxes, who incidentally also pay politicians and will have plenty to say about this proposed sale at the ballot box.

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VIC 3926

