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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone

Privatising the ABC is unthinkable. It is the only channel my husband and I watch. ABC and SBS news and current affair programs are the most informed and relevant on the air. To privatise will mean the end of a mature, intelligent presentation and coverage of true news and current as opposed to mainly sensationalised headline grabs of information. The series that air on ABC are unrivalled.

Our adult children all opt for ABC and SBS over all other channels, one even keeping up to date with Australian current affairs by watching Q&A, Four Corners and Insight weekly from overseas through these trusted, intelligent programs.

Our grandson is the third generation in the family to be growing up on the wonders of Play School and other educational kids shows that aren't frenetic and pointless.

It is very important to us that the ABC is commercial-free and SBS has fewer advert breaks than commercial channels.

Don't privatise the ABC! The likes of Pauline Hanson, Eric Abetz and Tony Abbott do not represent people like me. They'll be gone from office soon but the ABC will still be there and so will we, the people who LOVE our taxes to spent on something tangible and important for our entertainment and for being kept well informed about Australian and international news and events.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

In my family we basically only watch the ABC. We get impartial news, excellent current affairs and an array of original mainly Australian programs. All this without the ads. We would be devastated with the ABC in private hands, with long ad breaks, boring cooking and singing programs, overrated and overpaid presenters, too many American shows and continuous self promotion. We simply cannot watch the rubbish they dish out. Commercial stations have misjudged trends in people's viewing habits and want to blame the ABC. Look at Netflix, Foxtel etc with some excellent shows. They should have produced more programmes/documentaries like we now see on these pay channels. Most people would have been quite happy to pay for this type of quality viewing, like I do in the case of Netflix. In conclusion, to put it simply, ABC is Australia. In private hands it will be destroyed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting is critical for the future of our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Sell the ABC? Not with my vote!

- 1 You do not own MY ABC. It is not yours to sell. Please ask us if you wish to do this.
- 2 Want to lose the next election? Convincingly? Try selling the ABC.
- 3 If your reasons are because it contains a hotbed of lefty, anti Liberal journos whose whole purpose in life is to denigrate you, then you will equally propose to sell the Murdoch Press for the same reason, albeit a different party.
- 4 Prove you are big boys and (some) girls who can not only absorb criticism, the point of a democracy, but counter it intelligently with reasoned argument and good policies!

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

The ABC is the only popular and well know source of unbiased news and current affairs. The charge by its enemies of left-wing bias arise from the fact that it is prepared to air both sides of important controversies and does not simply regurgitate the "Daily Telegraph" line.  
It is essential that there remains one source of news and opinion that is free from commercial interests. What this government has done by cutting funding is bad enough. Don't let it go any further.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a public entity

I don't know where all these allegations of bias in the ABC are coming from. It is one of the great institutions that makes Australia a great place to live in and needs to be strengthened, not weakened. Why are you letting vested interests like the Murdoch press undermine it? It has for years informed Australians and kept them in contact with each other in an untrammelled, unbiased way other media does not even try to achieve. It is one institution Australians dont mind their tax dollar supporting. SBS is nearly as good and both should be kept in public hands. Look what happened when we privatised the electricity network!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Re: Potential privatisation of ABC

I am deeply concerned at the proposal to privatise the ABC. The ABC currently provides a world-standard service which I simply do not believe can be replicated by a private entity. There is already sufficient evidence of the type and quality of broadcasting provided by the commercial channels to know that they are simply incapable of providing the breadth and depth of coverage inherent in the ABC .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:20 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Please keep our independent ABC. I have grown up with this wonderful network.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

I grew up in Naracoorte, in the South East of South Australia, where we only had two TV channels; the local commercial station SES 8, and the ABC. It was the latter that our family always turned to. I grew up with Play School, Sesame Street, Battle of the Planets, Monkey Magic and Doctor Who. The ABC brought a whole realm of different and exciting experiences into our living room, making life in a small country town feel less isolated from the wider world.

My first job once I left high school was working for the regional commercial TV station where I discovered first hand how the financial interests of the owner directly affected what stories could and couldn't be told on the local news. It was an eye opening experience for an 18 year old, but a valuable one. It taught me to question the source of all news reporting, and to ask myself "who has vested interests here, and what do they have to gain from this particular angle?"

The ABC is one of Australia's most important cultural institutions and is the only main stream source of news that we can turn to for unbiased reporting, uninfluenced by any commercial interests.

Just look at the incredible stories that 4 Corners produces and their influence on our society.


SBS was able to do the same until the introduction of commercial content in the early 90's curbed the freedom of their reporters by making certain stories "off limits".

I have recently had the life-changing experience of becoming a father. I want my boy, when he's older, to be able to watch Play School without it being interrupted by commercials, trying to sell him toys. When he gets older, I want there to be a news service that he can trust.

It is imperative, to all Australians, that our ABC remains in public hands. It's part of our cultural identity, much more than meat pies or shrimps on the barbie.

Any government that tries to change this is stealing from the very people they were elected to represent.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The Canberra bushfires are a prime example of why we need the ABC left alone as it is. With the horror of the fires ABC 666 kept us totally informed 24/7 of conditions across the national capital where to go what to do etc. commercial free, this is one small example since then there have been more fires, floods, road accidents all carefully reported.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Dont privatise the ABC. I love Australia AND an independent ABC is central to it.

free speech in Australia. I hear full range of opinion on the ABC but only left leaning examples are ever quoted in the fight to close it down. I love our country and am feeling more and more like Hungary every day. Will we be put in goal for a 'wrong' opinion next?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

The all children in my family loved Bananas so much that I still find myself singing their song. I also feel that we are loosing all of our assets. The government have heritage listing for some buildings why not for something as important as our ABC and keep the rubbish out that we have listen to on the private one. After all that what we pay taxes for.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I rely on the ABC to bring me news that is less biased than commercial outlets. My child can watch educational shows without being bombarded my advertising. Please do not privatize the ABC, it will be the beginning of the end of genuine free speech in this country.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Submission

I live on the far south coast of WA in Denmark 400km from Perth. I am 56, work as a project manager in the landcare field.

I feel the lack of cultural opportunities when compared to those available in a big city. Radio National, Classic FM, ABC TV and ABC iView plays a vital part in my life providing information, inspiration and a strong feeling of belonging to a broader Australian community whose values I can relate to and feel part of.


In my view the ABC is outstanding value for tax payers money.

I want to see increased not decreased government support for the ABC and SBS. I am very very opposed to any type of privatisation of the ABC.

I urge the inquiry to recommend more safeguards to protect the independence, statutory funding, and long term guaranteed public support and defence of the ABC.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:17 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Redacted]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC

Please don't allow the ABC to become privatised. It is the only radio and tv station that I listen to and watch. The commercial ones are not worth watching anymore in my opinion. We need to have independence in our national broadcaster and not allow that to be eroded away. I will be switching to community radio and community TV if there comes one available.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public and funded

Dear Inquiry Committee Members,

I am a passionate supporter of the ABC and consume its services almost solely. It is the only source of unbiased, factual news that I trust and puts to shame the dramatised versions of news the commercial channels produce. As a person who suffered a major depression I have had cause to applaud the work the ABC has done for Mental Health Week the last 2 years. It has been outstanding in its content. Such items are not covered by the commercial channels and the ABC is one of the only public interest sources in the country. The ABC provides quality dramatic content that mostly is far superior to the "trash" of the commercial channels, much of it Australian. The ABC is also able to produce programs that have a consumer focus as it is free from any conflict of interest due to commercial arrangements. The ABC is as critical to our culture as the BBC is to the United Kingdom. I will oppose in every way possible any attempt by any political party to downgrade it or commercialise it. I am appalled at the current attempts of the Liberal government to reduce its funds and would similarly oppose any government that did the same.

Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED] East Hills, NSW 2213

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our Abc in public ownership

We rely on Abc TV and radio for news and entertainment. We like the in depth news and unbiased coverage, believe it is the centrepiece and foundation of democracy. Commercial radio and TV is all about profit and quality is the cheapest they can provide. We value our Abc, and believe must stay in public ownership

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** MY ABC IS NOT FOR SALE .... EVER!

At 64 years of age, I have grown up with the ABC. Having lived in remote areas of Tasmania in particular, the ABC was the only service we received. I grew to love it and still to this day my radio remains firmly locked on 91.7fm ABC northern Tasmania. It has proven invaluable in times of pending emergencies in particular fire warnings. I also prefer to listen to BALANCED and unbiased news broadcasting FREE of Vile commercials. I will NEVER support the privatisation of MY ABC and I suggest if you attempt this, it will be the death the Liberals - which in fact I look forward to at the forthcoming elections. It has become clear that the Liberal party is incapable of running this country preferring to hand over vital services - electricity providers for instance and look where that got us.  
SELL OFF THE ABC AT YOUR PERIL

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:16 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

The ABC is the news outlet I trust most. I always watch the News and often the 7.30pm report and Four Corners. I rarely watch another station apart from SBS News. I believe the ABC reporting is unbiased, relevant and current. Also the journalists and media spokespersons are more credible and professional. Maintaining the independence of the ABC is paramount.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is an important PUBLIC institution

It is important to our democracy that we have an independent and impartial source of news and information. Independence can only be ensured by keeping the ABC as a public institution. Even if the ABC is forced to host advertising to obtain or supplement its funding, this compromises its impartiality.

The ABC also serves an important function in entertainment. It can foster Australian content without having to focus attention on commercial profit - developing skills to support the development and viability of the media industry, as well as reflecting Australian stories and values on our screens. As a free-to-air service, it is available to those who do not have access to reliable internet services, or who cannot afford subscription services.

In developing skills and providing an independent source of news, I believe the ABC actually assists the commercial media industry - just observe the number of people who gain training and experience in ABC journalism or other programs commissioned by the ABC, who go on to work in commercial journalism or programs.

The ABC also provides an important function in times of emergency - it provides a channel of communication to those affected, which may not be provided in the same way by a service with one eye on profitability.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not dare to sell the ABC

It is the only media outlet in this country of real quality.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** privatising public radio

This is not acceptable. Representation in truth and honour rather than cowardice and greed are essential practices. Please do not privatise a voice for truth that can guide others towards living in respect to each other and the planet.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must always be a public broadcaster

Commercialisation will prevent ABC carrying out objective investigative journalism. The ABC is the only defence we the public have in keeping the bastards honest. Without the ABC we would be trampled mushrooms.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone!

The ABC's status as a public broadcaster must be maintained and protected. It is a highly respected institution in the eyes of the Australian public and performs a vital service both in the country and the city, which would be under extreme threat if the ABC were to be sold off, and be swallowed up by any of the prominent private media companies. We can already see how SkyNews heavily pushes the barrow of a particular and extreme view in the political spectrum. The owner behind SkyNews will probably want to be involved if the ABC were to be privatised and I think that would be a catastrophe for a free and independent media, who now answers to the Australian public.

I have grown up with the ABC over many years. One of its missions is to be informative, and venture into important areas which may not be ratings driven but vital all the same. The ABC may be ratings driven in part but not in the same way as the commercial stations. The latter often play to the lowest common denominator and peddle sensationalism over information and analysis.

The ABC puts out superb programs like Landline, Media Watch, the Australia Story, and so much more without me. even referring to radio programs. Funding cuts saw the end, amongst other worthy programs, of Bush Telegraph, an important service to rural Australia. With further cuts, other valuable programs will be under threat.

Britain has the BBC, NZ and Canada have equivalent services which their countries have every right to feel proud of in the services they provide, as public institutions. We can and should too.

Kind Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC funded by taxpayers

The attacks on the ABC are political and if sold will be used for propaganda and political leanings of owners. Australia is not a business simply to achieve profit we are a nation of people who want to live in a democratic society therefore stop treating our population as a commodity and restore funding to the ABC that so many Australian citizens rely on for communication and entertainment.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** LEAVE MY ABC ALONE, IT IS PART OF MY LIFE!!

As an 86 year old I have listened to the ABC since i was a child on an isolated farm in country Victoria. Our old mantle wireless stood on a kitchen cupboard - so children could not interfere - tuned to AbC - we children did not even know then what it was called, nothing else was available or allowed. The music was our entertainment, I remember hearing the announcement of the declaration of WWII , how Mum listened to the news to know where my father was - he had served in WW1, at 18, but served again in WWII, and we left the farm to live in a nearby town while he was away. When I left to come to Melbourne to school, they returned to the farm for a few years, but just before I was married we got a full size radio, tuned to ABC of course, and then a television just before I married. Dad was one of the first to have a television in the city, A couple of years later we had our own. ABC has always been an essential part of my life, my children's life and still keeps me informed. We rarely if ever listen to commercial radio or television - we really hate advertisements, and the inane chatter of the commercials. Touch our ABC and you touch my life!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in public hands

Every country should have a station funded by the people- that's our taxes! We have always had a commercial free channel that was not bias. I love programs like landline, four corners and the drum. Growing up I enjoyed playschool and Danger mouse and later rage. Please leave the ABC alone.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public NOT private hands and protect our democracy.

In an age of increasing growth of the power of corporations human rights are threatened. As is reliable information. We need both in a democracy. ABC helps us protect our democracy in the modern world. It is a most precious characteristic of being and remaining an informed 21st century AUstralian and citizen of the world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in OUR hands

The ABC is amazing, and any attempt to privatise it is shameful.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in our public hands

Public broadcasting plays an important role in our society. Commercialising our public broadcaster is not in the best public interest. The content will be driven by the dollar and will have little balance,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

Dear Inquire Members, all my news and entertainment comes via the Australian Broadcasting Commission and has done for my entire life. The ABC is national treasure, a well respected body who I trust and to be honest love. The suggestion by certain sections of our political elite that it should be partly or fully privatised is a line in the sand for the majority of Australians. In my humble opinion the commercial media outlets cater to a certain demographic and that's fine but the thought that we all should be subjected to their inane, juvenile take on the world and all who are in it is something the majority of Australians will never accept. The suggestion that the ABC has "undue advantage" over commercial outlets is an interesting argument I can only assume this supposed "fact" is brought about by the poor ratings the commercial outlets have to suffer at the hands of the ABC of course the question they never ask is why. The ABC has served our nation well and should be allowed to continue being a fully funded entity the Australian Tax payers are getting great value for money. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:09 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in the hand's of all Australians!

Having recently moved overseas, I have come to realise that the ABC is one of the most treasured things I miss about living in Australia. In fact, the ABC is Australia! It belongs to Australians and not private enterprise. It offers programming that is unique and does an incredible job of representing all Australians, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, locality, politics and bias. It is fair to say that the ABC has played a role in teaching all of us and now our children and grandchildren via its kids programming. And as we grow older it still teaches us about the world, our country, our home and our people; the good, the bad & occasionally ugly. The ABC makes us laugh and cry, it makes us think and it entertains without bias to advertisers or global corporations.

I still rely on the ABC even when abroad. I understand more what is going on in this world and in the country I love (& miss) than I could ever dream of achieving via any other means.

An Australia without the ABC is an Australia which has "sold out" and chooses to lose one of the fundamental ideals of what it means to be Australian.

Do not let this happen - do not let this be another bleak mark on history that our children will ask, "...but why did your generation let it happen?", much like our disregard for the environment, our heritage, and our country's ancient culture. When it's gone, it will never return...please save the ABC and keep it in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

A free press is a vital means to maintain our civic culture and essential in upholding democracy. The ABC is a national treasure. Yet the Liberal Party continually assails this vital resource--mirroring what is taking place in the U.S. Does the Liberal Party really want to align yourselves with Trumpism by continually attacking our press? That might score some political points in the short term. But all those who exploited this frightening moment will rightly earn the contempt of history.

I watch the ABC every night. More importantly, my elderly mother practically lives for the ABC. She, and countless other people like her, depend on this resource to connect them to the world. Even those who don't watch the ABC gain tremendous benefit, often without realising it. They gain the benefit of living in a society that is better informed because of the ABC. They gain the benefit of all of the outcomes of ABC reportage--from exposing corruption to holding those in power to account. And they derive tremendous benefit from the ABC's support of original Australian content, which promote the arts and, in turn, allows Australia to punch above its weight in fields like acting.

The Liberal Party's threat to this critical part of our civic culture and our democracy is unwarranted and frankly appalling.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Our ABC is important to us for so many reasons. In these days of so-called fake media and lies we need organisations we can trust to bring us the truth and all the sides of issues of importance. Those bodies are the ABC and SBS as far as we're concerned. We don't want to see private interests dominating what we see and hear.

We hate the 'dumbing down' that occurs on the commercial stations and feel that we would be treated as though we have no education or considered opinions of our own. Much of what occurs on commercial media is insulting to many of us.

It's not just ethical journalistic standards that we value either it's also quality drama and documentaries that we appreciate so much.

The attacks on the ABC by the Coalition increases our anxiety that we will lose our valuable, publicly funded ABC and SBS. They have an irreplaceable role in our democracy and cannot be compared with or replaced by private, interest-led commercial media.

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
**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privitise Aunty!

When I retired, I discovered Radio National's incredibly diverse programs which have enriched my life. Where else is there such a diverse range of information readily available, to educate and interest while one works around the home, and garden? My English has improved and I've become more confident in my conversation and social interactions. Commercial radio is mainly music & sport. In every work space I have a radio tuned to Radio National and even though the reception is sometimes scratchy I hope to continue growing with Aunty.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I love my ABC

I would be bereft without an independent publicly funded broadcaster. Years ago, when we were overseas, a relative sent us a tape of some ABC programs. We burst into tears when we heard James Dibble reading the news after the stirring news music. My kids and grandkids grew up with Playschool and Bananas etc. and still the ABC's Four Corners and Background Briefing are setting the agenda for policy changes and keeping governments of both persuasions honest. I would go further and push for a funding guarantee so that the ABC could go about its business free from the vagaries of government whims when they see or hear something that makes them uncomfortable. Nearly all the commercial media is biased to the right. We need balance in our media, and the ABC supplies that.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The value of a public broadcasting corporation

Dear Government Inquiry

I am contacting you today to submit my views on the current inquiry into the competitive neutrality of Australia's national broadcasters.

This is an incredibly complex issue in the rapidly changing media landscape that we find ourselves in today. I work in the Film and Television industry and I know just how ugly it is getting on every professional level - from the big studios to the small broadcasters, all over the globe. The industry is scrambling to find a foothold in a world of new content and platforms. As a result of this changing environment, all broadcasters - public and private - are seeking competitive advantages in order to remain afloat.

The real issue that is arising here is not about competitive neutrality.

Please understand that this inquiry is designed to ultimately lead to a point where Australia's public broadcasters are ultimately privatized. This action will have disastrous consequences for Australia's democracy. In today's world we need public broadcasters like never before. We need journalists who are passionately reporting on the news that impacts Australian citizens without corporate bias or underlying outside interests.

What Australia needs to consider is how they can protect the ABC and the SBS from the competitive needs of the industry in such tumultuous times. Surely this is mostly coming about because the ABC is struggling, just like all broadcasters, to remain financially viable.

This inquiry - while I am sure it will be robust and professional - is not addressing the real issue that is arising. In fact, I personally believe that a much broader view must be taken by the Australian Government to understand the role that the public broadcasters play in public society and how this differs - dramatically - from the commercial broadcasting industry.

I am sure you will receive many impassioned pleas to save the ABC (and SBS) because of the role these broadcasters have played in shaping the lives of many Australians. I could easily add my personal reasons for valuing the ABC (and SBS) above all other free-to-air television stations (in the world I might add - I have lived overseas and the ABC and SBS are still the best).

I am also sure that this inquiry will consider those pleas and reasons - however this inquiry is not about the value of the broadcasters to the public - it is about 'competitive neutrality'.

Please consider that this inquiry might actually be a chance instead to highlight that the television (and radio) industries are going through dramatic changes and that the entire industry will need new frameworks, new structures and new laws to support the new world.

At what time in Australian (and global) media history were the 'competitive neutrality' laws introduced? Was this perhaps at a time when the other broadcasters required this type of competitive protections because the ABC/SBS have access to government funding and therefore it could be considered biased or unfair if they have the lionshare of a specific market? Was it in the television boom-times of the 80s/90s when there was money flowing and money to be made? These laws would have made sense in that context.

However - and this is a BIG however - the landscape has changed. All broadcasters are on the chopping

block. All budgets have to be slashed, all strategies reassessed, all jobs on the line.

This is simply not the same time in Australia's media history.

Rather than suggest that the ABC/SBS have an 'undue advantage' in this media landscape, we should instead be launching a much broader inquiry into the role of the public broadcaster to society and if, in fact this role is so important to Australians and Australia as a whole, then the ABC and SBS should be PROTECTED from the current climate of competitive death-throes.

Perhaps this would necessitate a new assessment of the CURRENT competitive nature of the industry. Perhaps it would require a complete overhaul of role of the ABC/SBC, to extract itself from a competitive landscape and instead fill a role as a public broadcaster (not-for-profit). The ABC/SBS perhaps should not have to compete at all for ratings and profits. It should be about public information, public education, news, politics, Australian interests, building Australian sense-of-identity, etc etc.

Australia needs a public broadcaster - not ratings or commercial profits.

Australian democracy is currently being eroded with attacks on free press, proposed changes to charitable organisations and their advocacy rights, laws to reduce citizens rights to protest.

If the ABC/SBS are ultimately privatized it will be to the detriment of Australian politics, democracy and society.

Thank you for considering this submission.

  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

I feel very strongly that the ABC should not be privatised. It belongs to all of us, part of our cultural heritage. I do not want to see it get into the hands of the rich, people like Murdoch who has way too much power at present. We need honest balance and the ABC provides that. I would be happy for more of my taxes to go to supporting one of our great democratic institutions.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please leave our ABC alone

Why are successive governments determined to continue destroying our freedoms and democracy. This is yet another example of how our politicians want to muzzle free speech. Privatisation of the ABC is just another way to allow big business to profit from public institutions and to muzzle good investigative journalism for their benefit as well as the governments.  
Let's remember who our ELECTED officials work for, but I suppose that notion is long gone. Do the right thing for a change!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stop the ABC from becoming privatised

The ABC has played a pivotal role in my life. From the brilliant satire of *The Chaser* to the hard hitting journalism of *Four Corners*. Australia will be one big step closer to being left behind on the world stage if we let the ABC become privatised. It's disgusting that that I even have to write this e-mail in the first place.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatisation of the ABC!

I seriously thought the newsflash I saw was a joke or something coming through from a satirical site.  
I am horrified and appalled at the suggestion of privatization of the ABC.  
I am unable to spend time on this but can not stress enough how strongly I feel about this.  
Beware.  
The strength of feeling is extreme right now.  
Hands off!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC bin public hands

The ABC is the only unbiased media outlet in Australia. The LNP and Murdoch should separate. If honest reporting is an issue don't do anything but the right thing.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands!

It is important to me that the ABC remains in public hands. There are many reasons for this, starting with a reliable news service that does not over-dramatise situations and can be relied upon to present news in a way that is useful to people. This is especially important in rural and regional areas where there may not be access to any other way of finding out what is going on in times of crisis such as bushfire, etc, The ABC also provides the only children's TV which is actually designed with the growth and development of children in mind, and provides them with entertainment without bombarding them with advertising which they are too young to receive critically.

It is also one of the last sources of documentaries that teach and inform about our world, its history, its geography, its people, and its cultures, both as part of an education network for students and schools, and for the information of interested adults.

Keeping the ABC in the hands of the public is also a significant aspect of democracy, where everyday people have access to information that is not driven by the agenda of commercial enterprise, and have a place for their voices to be heard. The ABC is a critical component of free speech, which is part of our constitution and underpins true democracy.

It concerns me that it is the big business end of town that wants to shut down the ABC, and I fear it is part of the drive to fill the world with disinformation and keep ordinary people from having their say, for the political and commercial benefit of the limited few who wish to further their own agenda for monetary gain. Please keep the ABC in public hands. For a news service that is free of commercial agenda, for children's TV that is safe for our children to watch (and contains some reasonably good drama), and for continued access to programs such as Classic FM and regional radio, which would in all likelihood cease to exist. And to make sure that everyone has a right to be heard and express their views.

Public broadcasting plays an important role in our democracy and should not be compared to commercial media.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC to stay in public hands

The ABC absolutely needs to stay in public hands and be fully funded. The ABC provides coverage of topics and news events that commercial and private hands would not tolerate. The important investigative reporting that comes out of the ABC is vital to transparency in our society. The interviews and programs that provide comment that has no bias from a private agenda. Our country needs the ABC. Also the Australian dramas and shows have been sorely thin on the ground lately with cuts by this government. The ABC has had ground breaking shows, eg. Kath and Kim, Mystery Road, Code. Etc etc. These programs would not get a start if the ABC was sold. Leave the ABC alone. It is a vital institution. You may not like what they uncover, but it is necessary that we hear the truth.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting plays a crucial role in our democracy. Programs like 4 Corners and Foreign Correspondent are my most trusted news sources.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain public!

I am appalled at the decision by the Liberal Party to pursue privatisation of the ABC. How dare you! The right wing of the government constantly complains about not getting a fair hearing, yet sets out to destroy the only media organisation in the country capable of delivering a fair hearing to all. A government that is afraid of being scrutinised and questioned clearly has something to hide. We live in a democracy, where all views, even those opposing the government of the day, are entitled to be heard. The ABC offers high quality, impartial journalism, without fear or favour, and will be unable to do this if privatised. Privatisation would mean it is unable to pursue certain lines of enquiry, but I assume this is why you want it privatised. Australia would be much poorer without its public broadcaster. I trust the ABC more than any private media organisation and rely on it for a professional news and current affairs service. It is, or has been, also the best provider of quality Australian drama, cultural programs and children's television in the country. Above all, it is MY ABC and that of every other Australian. We own it. It isn't yours to sell. Restore proper funding, stop using it as a political football and keep it in public hands!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Maintain and improve a PUBLICLY owned ABC

I and everyone I know rely on the ABC News for their most trusted source of news. A source which is, unlike most others, in public hands and thus has the public interest at heart in their reporting. I'm quite concerned about suggestions to privatise the ABC as this will obviously shift the values and interests of the news which is reported. The need for a strong public broadcasting system is a core part of any healthy democracy, which should be obvious to anyone with the common interest at heart. Personally I'm fed up with the constant barrage of privatisation fanaticism and believe Australia is going the wrong way in terms of its policies. Please do whatever necessary to keep the ABC in public hands and increase its funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:03 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to ABC privitisation

My family does not want to see our beloved ABC privatised. There is already an abundance of commercial networks in Australia and we can rely on the ABC for quality unbiased information. My kids, myself and my husband have watched and loved the ABC since we were very young children.

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QLD 4285



**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The Dangers Of Privatisation

Just over a decade ago, my country - Canada - elected a Conservative federal government. It would prove to be an absolute disaster for our public broadcaster, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (C.B.C.), with crippling budget cuts, programme elimination, more frequent repeats, and the introduction - for the first time in the C.B.C.'s history - of advertising on C.B.C.'s Radio 2 network. The impact on rural communities was even more excruciating, with the shutdown in 2012 of the C.B.C.'s once remarkable network of analogue television rebroadcasters (now the only transmitters still operating are in the major metropolitan centres where the C.B.C. has television studios), ending a vital lifeline for many less-well-off members of Canada's rural and indigenous communities. The government's justifications were vast and wide-ranging - everything from "let market demand control the C.B.C." to "there are better things that we can be spending taxpayers' precious dollars on". Of course, when one looks back at what has happened to the C.B.C., it is evident that the government's obvious attempts at privatisation have backfired completely and that Canada is worse off now than it was prior to the C.B.C.'s devastating budget cuts.

And now, the Liberal Party Council has voted to privatise the A.B.C. The consequences of this action will be dire and devastating - even more so than what has happened to the C.B.C. Countless rural communities across Australia rely on the A.B.C. for weather forecasting, livestock reports, financial updates, news, and other crucial information. To privatise the A.B.C. would be a slap in the face to citizens of these communities, and we can all be sure that they would not forget who was behind the privatisation when the election comes around.

Sure, a well-funded public broadcaster might publish content and investigations that the government finds uncomfortable - but that is one of the fundamental cornerstones of democracy. Privatisation of public media is one of the shady steps a government can take to prevent dissent and stay in power - which should be extremely frightening to everyone.

As a Canadian citizen who had the wonderful privilege of visiting Australia (Melbourne, to be more precise) last year, I can only say that the proposed privatisation of the A.B.C. would be absolutely devastating to all of Australia and to everyone who lives in and visits the country, and I plead with you - the federal government - to reconsider this questionable policy.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

Yours very sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
British Columbia, Canada

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VIC 3182



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is one of the most trusted institutions in Australia, to place it in private hands is to corrupt its purpose as it will then become subject to the agenda of its sponsor. Australians do not want this. The ABC speaks truth to power and this appears to be what the government does not want, it is therefore evident that this government rejects the fundamentals of democracy. The people of Australia are wise to this.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in private hands.

The ABC broadcasting network is a vital link to the fundamental right of Democracy in our nation. Most people recognise this but in an increasingly polarising corporate world we find ourselves in the Liberal Party will alienate its voters at the next election if they proceed with this legislation to privatise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC

Under no circumstances should the ABC be privatised - an independent broadcaster is essential to a functioning and accountable democracy - absolute outrage at the suggestion.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 6:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Never privitise the ABC

I have been watching the ABC since I first arrived in Australia in 98. The only source of real news and real investigative reporting - not tied to sponsor dollars. It is disgusting what channels 7, 9, and 10 pass off as news... it's just advertising

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don'y privatise the ABC

Like many, many, Australians I turn first to the ABC for news. There is a good reason for this. Trust. I look at the rubbish served up on Fox news and totally reject the Murdoch inspired opinion that passes for news on this disgraceful Fox news outlet. There may be problems with the ABC but at its core is a determination to present a truthful representation of what is going on in the world. This CAN NOT be achieved by ANY organization owned by "big business" who only have their own interests at heart. And it cannot be achieved by any organization relying on funding from those who would do anything to gain a few extra dollars. If ABC is so bad, why is it the most trusted news source in Australia? And why would any government want to destroy the most trusted news source owned by the very people they are supposed to serve. If this happens I would never vote for any political group involved in destroying the ABC and I would vote for ANY political party who promises to reinstate the ABC just as it was before.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep our ABC in public hands

when I want real news I watch the ABC , when I want to see how our polititans are behaving in parliament I watch the ABC---where does Q AND A fit into commercial television. keep it public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC

Restore funding and vital services: rural and cultural. Attrition has gutted services - presumably prior to hijacking it for the hard right. Cease.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in Public Hands

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

Once it becomes corporate, the corporate agenda is the priority. The people should also have a broadcaster, not just private wealth serving advertising interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A PUBLICLY OWNED ABC IS EVEN MORE VITAL IN OUR MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The widespread demonstration of the use and pronunciation of the Australian use of the English language is even more vital now than it was throughout most of my life - I am now 78.

If there is not a broadcast service, whether it be Radio Web based or via TV should be even more supported as a vital Federal/nationwide public service to set an educational communication baseline. Balanced even handed reporting is the same and the continuation of this is equally vital. If changes are needed they should be to re-entrench and support these roles by stronger legislative requirements and funding to ensure these are real Mission Statements at the core of a great institution much loved across Australia and beyond. Please do not emasculate it further.

Most Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC is the "hearts and minds" that collectively make Australians fiddle with it at your own peril.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public

We need indendant voices in this world of social media

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

We need the commercially-free reporting.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

My personal experience of the ABC TV & radio has been (Radio National, Triple J etc) has always been part of my family's culture. I am not a fan of commercial tv or radio because a certain agenda is pushed that tries to "dumb down" the masses. The abc always gives more than just news. The cultural richness of programs is freely available to the public. Leave the abc alone. Why politicians think they can silence the abc by privatisation is absolutely shameful. We elect politicians to represent us not to destroy a big part of our culture. This obsession of the extreme right is dangerous!!! Hands off our ABC & concentrate on bigger matters like climate change & supporting our unemployed & vulnerable members of community. My personal experience (& that of my huge family) of the ABC has always been positive. Hands off our ABC & get back to actually representing your constituents.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatised the ABC and gift it to a mogul

It is disgusting that the current government is willing to reduce the impartial news source provided by the ABC, hence weakening our democracy, for the sake of increasing its own hold on the Australian people. This must be opposed and this government be exiled to opposition for this attack.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:53 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

One of the things I love about the ABC is seeing and hearing the stories from the diversity of people that make up our society, people that I do not come across in my day to day life. I rarely hear their stories in the commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is an absolute cornerstone of Australian Democracy. It is an essential service organisation and a vehicle for free expression of ideas, news, education and quality cultural life for all Australians. I cannot express too strongly my objection to privatisation as a means of dumbing down the ABC by privatising this essential organisation. It belongs to the people of Australia not a plaything for governments to meddle with. The ABC's role is not to act as a media outlet for the government of the day. It's independence is a vital aspect and it has been part of our heritage and should continue to be. Privatisation of the ABC media, given the demonstrable existing quality of non public media, would be robbing Australians of its core values. Keep Australian public media public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

I do not believe Australia will remain democratic without the ABC.  
I will never contemplate voting for a party who contemplates privatising the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:50 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC

Please don't sell off the ABC.  
It's the only stations we watch in our home.  
All the kids want to watch are on the ABC.  
The only news worth watching.  
Not only the programs but no ads.  
To privatise the ABC will sell off the greatest asset the government has.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must stay in public hands

Who else will give emergency warnings?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:47 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC not for sale

Need I say more. The whole point of the ABC is to protect the people of Australia in their right to think and speak freely.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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NSW 2064





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC

Our broadcaster must remain in the hands of the people !!  
You have no right to privatise the ABC !!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should never be privatised!

Certain politicians continually label the ABC as biased while not facing the fact that it is and always has been anything but. It seems clear that those who say that simply do not like hearing the truth exposed especially if it is a special hobby horse of theirs. I have been listening to and watching the ABC for many years and I do look at others all the time as well and clearly notice when people are biased and this is usually those media outlets who are privately owned peddling their owners' views.

Please leave the ABC alone and even restore the funding cuts and take the money off the politicians salaries to fund it if necessary as they get plenty and when they say that they couldn't help having a recent raise because it was not set by them they should have still refused it as it was immoral to take it and not give the poor a rise especially newstart which is helping those who are struggling. Also this story of jobs being prevalent now and secure this is simply not true. I worked very hard for many years as a nurse on a pittance of a pay and heaps of unpaid overtime plus in the outback which was 24 hours a day so I know hard work!  
Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:45 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC - threat of privatisation

The ABC is a national broadcaster that speaks for the nation and this essential voice will be lost if the ABC is privatised and opened to commercial corruption and dilution of program integrity. It would also risk the further loss of thought provoking programming and commentary

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's important to keep ABC in public hands

Government accountability requires the public broadcaster to remain public. We already have too much concentration of print & broadcast news in Australia, we cannot afford to concentrate it more. Investigative journalism such as 4 corners & combustible cladding simply doesn't happen under private ownership - they won't invest time, they want quick coverage, not in depth. I consider that the quality of ABC's news and programming is excellent, especially world news and children's pre- school & educational. It's crucial to have kids shows without constant advertising of unhealthy products & toys, I relied on this when my son was young

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

The ABC has been providing mostly admired broadcasting since 1932 despite funding cuts and long running hostility from the Liberal Party. Since 2013 it has been caught up in the culture wars as expressed by Tony Abbott and his "Team Australia" comments and the Minister for Communications, Mitch Fifield who is a supporter of the Institute of Public Affairs which is openly hostile to the ABC. Commercial media has long been lobbying for the ABC to have its wings clipped. Without the ABC we would be left with wall to wall advertising, more cheque book journalism and tabloid tv which brought us the tawdry Joyce/Campion interview.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

For independent and un- biased news, and keep the public informed CORRECTLY..

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC: Critical to Our Democracy

With any democracy, a well informed electorate is crucial. The ABC is my only source of reliable non clickbait news. 4 Corners especially is the best current affairs show on television. Media Watch is the only show of its kind of television. The ABC was my childhood, and has been the best part of my early adulthood. Keep it in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the wonderful ABC in public hands please!

The joy of learning whilst listening to auntie (akaABC) and all that a national broadcaster can bring to Australians and the world is valuable as it is in public hands with transparency and investigative rigour .I love the advertisement free ABC and support it gladly through my tax contributions .This moment of real fear experiecned by many as we see all our forebearers worked for slowly being sold off until we as a nation have no public assets and are destitute with perhaps a Government with no visionary plan on how to build wealth in power ... this must not happen and I strongly oppose any sale or private deal with the ABC. Thank you! [REDACTED] Longley7150

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

A democracy depends on a free press which presents all points of view irrespective of the party in power. As a swinging voter, I rely heavily on the ABC to provide an independent analysis of Australian and world events. No other investigative journalism in Australia has exposed as much corruption as the ABC which well deserves its reputation as our most trusted source of news coverage. Australians deserve to continue enjoying the ABC's provision of current affairs programs which analyse and place in context current affairs and quality dramas and programs that do not cater for the lowest common denominator. The ABC provides quality TV that I have not seen in my travels overseas. It is one of Australia's greatest assets. Its value is beyond monetary consideration. It provides citizens with protection against populism, fake news and abuse of power. Driven by a desire to stay in power at any cost, Australian politicians have sacrificed people's respect and trust and I see the ABC as essential in holding all politicians to account. The ABC is a very valued and much loved part of my daily life. I could never vote for a party that sought to silence or privatise it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

As with all liberal democracies when something is handed to corporate interests their “core values “ are no longer the same as the general public’s values they become “shareholder values” a minority not the majority which is who the ABC currently serves, all of us not just some of us!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to us

It is obvious and the Liberal party make no efforts to disguise it. They have infiltrated the ABC and want to make it their own. It is the only platform that gives an informed, unbiased commentary of our political landscape. And while you're at it, leave the SBS alone too.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The idea of privatizing the ABC is absolutely incomprehensible to me, and I find that the current government is going down this path so very disturbing. Maintaining a public organization committed to ethical journalism, creating educational and informative shows is absolutely essential to the development of Australia. I'm not sure I can even put into words how upset I am by the thought of losing such a precious and important part of our culture. Don't do it. Just don't. Please.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

As a mother and grandmother the ABC has been a part of my family's life for generations. It provides a wide range of programming and is a trusted broadcaster. Turning the ABC into yet another private broadcaster is not a step forward but just another opportunity to bombard the viewer with advertising and popular content. Currently the ABC allows the public some viewing choice. So, I hope that this inexplicable decision does not go ahead. Rather I would hope that sense prevails and the ABC remains unprivatised, so that it continues to do the terrific job it currently does, and allow my great-grandchildren to experience it as well.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in Public Hands!

The ABC should never be privatised. It is the source of trusted news & reports. The ABC is impartial, not biased and not influenced by any political party or a big corporate agenda, and this is very important to me, my family and all Australians, to know the truth.

Secondly, the ABC is the best broadcaster for childrens shows. They are amazing! As a mother of two toddlers, ABC Kids cannot be lived without. Most of the shows are very educational, I know my son has learnt a lot from shows like Play School, Giggle & Hoot, Peppa Pig, Sarah & Duck and so many others. We need a broadcaster that is dedicated to children, especially preschool children and the ABC does that fantastically now. If the ABC were privatised I believe that would be compromised, especially with the inclusion of ads which our children DON'T need to be influenced by!

The ABC needs to remain in the public hands, and there should be no more funding cuts either.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC stands as a unique and independent voice. It belongs to and serves the people of Australia, not politicians. I believe it is vitally important that the ABC remain a public asset, regardless of whether its views make some uncomfortable. The views of the likes of Tony Abbott make ME uncomfortable, but that is what it is to live in a democracy. There must be a place for all voices, and above all, a voice that holds those in power to account.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:32 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern that there is an action to try and privatise the ABC. I am concerned that there will be no objective voice by all Australians. This is our country and we would like to have a say on what is going on in it, and we can do that now, but if it is privatised then our say wont matter anymore. So I am objecting to this matter of privatising the ABC.

Thank You

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:31 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Liberals are scare of the ABC and want to shut it down

The ABC TV channel is the only real and honest channel in Australia. It appears to me that the liberals want to sell it to keep Australia in the dark.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:30 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to privatisation of the ABC

The ABC provides us with an accurate detailed report of what is happening in Australia and overseas. It is not biased and if owned by a commercial company we would have a biased view of the items or issues being reported on.

Our children and grandchildren still enjoy the children's channels. The content is Australian with Australian Actors and with the Australian accents.

We as tax payers pay for the ABC it is essential that it stays in public hands. I don't believe it has a commercial advantage its role is quite different. The role is and always has been to objectively report on issues that need to be brought in to the public arena. Without this safeguard we would not be a democratic society which we prize ourselves on.

The ABC is vital for our society we don't have an independent newspaper which is obvious when you read certain articles.

Programs of interest about Australians would not be aired as they would have no commercial value. Overseas mainly American would be screened. We have seen the devastating effects of budget cuts to our ABC  
LEAVE IT ALONE.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't sell off our public broadcaster

I strongly oppose any suggestion to privatise our public broadcaster. The ABC is a vital and needed source of independent media. The benefits to the community of keeping the ABC in public hands far outweighs any short term monetary gain.

It beggars belief that such a proposal is even being considered by our government.

Keep the ABC out of big business hands! Protect this important public asset!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do NOT Privatisise the ABC!

Firstly privatisation has NEVER worked - you know to create competition. That's a furfy! or an outright LIE! Look at the banks, look at the petrol, look at the electricity, look at the airfares, look now at TELSTRA!

Secondly - you should be afraid! If you bring that policy to an election, I don't know anyone (including me) who will vote for you!

Thirdly - despite what you do, I will never ever allow you to privatise the ABC.

It's bad enough that you constantly cut funding, but if you privatise the ABC, I will never vote for Liberal again! And I will make sure that in my tiny pocket of friends that they will not vote for you either.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC Must Stay in Public Hands

The hard right of the Liberal National Party is looking to me more and more like the National Socialists of Nazi Germany during the late 1930s. Sometimes I can see Peter Dutton - he of Homeland Security (Ha ) in a Nazi uniform. If these people had their way, ordinary Australians would shut up and put up. We'd have no source of unbiased news and no right to any grass roots ability to express our views.

As I see it, they have a nefarious agenda to take over this once democratic land and turn it into a dictatorship. We, the people of Australia, will not sit by and let it happen. The ABC MUST stay in public hands. Its funding MUST be restored. I voted LNP last federal election in the hope that Malcolm Turnbull, who I once admired, would have the courage and leadership to stand up to thugs like Eric Abetz. I will never vote for that side of politics again. They simply can't be trusted to act in the interests of the people of the country they claim to represent. Their views are abhorrent to any thinking person, unless that person is more interested in lining their own pocket than doing what is moral and just.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should stay in public hands

Having grown up with the ABC I would hate to see it privatised. Independent journalism is a pillar of civilised society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I depend on programs like Four Corners and 7.30 to keep informed about all points of view in the community. As well as informative programs, I also depend on quality dramas and comedy shows which are not made by commercial interests, such as Utopia, Mad as Hell etc which are provocative in their viewpoints and represent a uniquely Australian voice.

I am horrified by the constant attacks on the ABC by people like Minister Mitch Fifield and other Liberals who seem to think that if a view other than their own is expressed, it should be censored. The ABC is not there to put the point of view of any single group.

I believe that public broadcasting is vital for freedom of speech which in turn is vital for a democracy. I find it utterly incomprehensible that anyone should consider privatising the ABC and arguing that it has an unfair advantage over commercial outlets - they reflect their owners' interests and have no concern about the welfare of others. It is not the politicians' to do with as they like. The country's wellbeing depends on free media. Liberals must keep their hands off OUR ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** MAINTAIN OUR NATIONAL BROADCASTER ACCORDING TO ITS CHARTER

I am 65 years old and I have been a regular viewer and listener of the ABC for as long as I can remember, as were my (now deceased) parents, who will be turning in their graves at the current assault on our national broadcaster. So far as television, I only watch the ABC and SBS. I have noticed a deterioration in quality of programming since the SBS started taking advertising, and privatising the ABC will ensure that there is no high quality, unbiased broadcaster in Australia. It does not have an unfair advantage by being taxpayer-funded. That is essential to the performance of its function in accordance with its charter.

I have lived in two countries that have privatised their national broadcaster. Both countries are the worse for it. They have no probing journalism and no exposes of scandalous stories that are clearly in the public interest to maintain the transparency that is essential to a well-functioning democracy. Four Corners is an example of the type of investigative journalism that would be non-existent if the ABC was to be privatised. The commercial networks have their glued-on audience. They are not disadvantaged as the ABC is doing a completely different job. They will not suddenly acquire a new audience if the ABC is privatised. If that happens I will get rid of my TV completely as I will not be needing it. I suspect that very many Australians would do the same.

As it is, the frequent funding cuts have taken a toll on ABC programming and it is becoming patently clear that this is a deliberate strategy to try to make its audience lose interest in its continuation.

There are also many light entertainment programmes that got a start on the ABC that would never have done so on commercial TV. Commercial stations take them only after they have been tried and tested on the ABC first.

Perhaps most importantly the ABC is the voice of Australia. It reflects OUR culture and values, not those of other countries or of the media moghuls who own the private media. Without it we would not have the drama, comedy and other entertainment that tell our stories.

The pap (mostly reality TV shows) that are on offer on commercial stations provide no edification or intelligent entertainment, and will only succeed in "dumbing down" the population. But perhaps that is the agenda!

Thanks for considering this submission.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:23 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC Public!

It is shocking that we even need to write in support of our trusted, beloved national broadcaster - that the value of this intelligent, thoughtful, broad, publicly-funded media operation is not understood and defended by our politicians is appalling.

I grew up watching Play School and my parents were grateful, as I am now for my own children, for a television station where the programming was fun, educational, engaging and accessible to all, and where advertising was not featured. We watched ABC News as a family, plus many lifestyle and current affairs programs, and my conservative-voting parents always listened to ABC radio. They appreciated the focus on news, the balanced reporting and the broad variety of programming on offer which was not constantly punctuated my ads. With family in regional areas, they relied on the ABC for news and access, and programs like Landline have been favourites for years. The funding cuts and attacks now being waged on the ABC by Liberal politicians will change their votes.

I watched Behind the News as a school student. I listened to Triple J as a teenager, and still do, though I am well past the age of being the target market. The support for new Australian music would not be found on anything other than a publicly funded station and the value this offers to our society is immeasurable. Events like the One Night Stand which give youth in regional towns an excitement and engagement they would never have otherwise changes lives.

I watch ABC News for the factual content, without the fear-stoking sensationalism of the commercial networks. If we did not have a publicly funded broadcaster, offering factual, intelligent news, our nation would be far poorer.

I have always watched ABC dramas, comedy programs, the curated international content, documentaries, and now have Gardening Australia as my favourite weekly television show. This investment in locally relevant, educational, inspirational programming is priceless.

The value of the ABC to our nation, community and society cannot be measured by any market mechanism. We should be supporting, resourcing and proud of our national broadcaster and enabling its work across all media platforms and investing in more content production. To continually be cutting its funding, attacking its worth and its operation, and declining to see its value, and not appreciating the strong role it plays in our national life, is shameful.

Strengthen the ABC, not weaken it by allowing those with a narrow, vindictive agenda to dictate its demise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in the hands of the people

As a tax payer and citizen need to express myself and I believe we deserve a font of news and entertainment which is neutral and not conditioned by advertisers. We need and derserve a platform where we can voice our opinion and listen to the opinions of others. We deserve to have Choices for ourselves and our children. If the ABC is privatised we will lose our individualism. We will also lose interesting non corrupt choices. Commercial TV in Australia is rubbish! It's insulting and full of gambeling. Commercial Tv is damaging our society and brainwashing our youth. I personally will no longer use my TV should the ABC be privatised. There will be no need to have a TV. Our children are growing up betting on football games and tennis matches and horses. What country in the world corrupts our children as much as our commercial stations. Disgraceful! Now our only intelligent programmes are on the ABC bothe TV and Radio. Why on earth would you deprive us , the citizen, from choice. Why deprive your children some intelligent television. Stop taking my money and not giving me a right!!! Please use your brains to understand that we like our ABC just the way it is.

Your actions are shaping the social future if this country and its people . A huge reponsibility!! I would listen to the people. No privatising the ABC and Leave the Powerhouse just where is it. !! Stop ruining everything!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to US the people.

Look at what has happened to the Commonwealth Bank all these years after privatisation. (scurrilous money grabbing)

Very recent Telstra shambles. Surely the message is blindingly obvious. Leave public property alone or be it on your heads.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC to remain public!

I am disgusted that this is even a topic!

My entire family including my own kids have been brought up on ABC and some of my fondest memories of TV are of ABC programming.

It's the only channel I watch as I find it unbiased and more real than other offerings.

This will absolutely change if made coporate - I will certainly be fighting this to prevent it happening and I know that I am not alone in this opinion with my friends.

This is serious to me and I will vote and march against any privatising of the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC from being privatised

I am horrified at the idea of the ABC being privatised. The only two channels I watch on TV are either the SBS or A B C. Commercial TV is nothing but ads and reality tv rubbish. Are you trying to dumb down the whole population with junk TV? This nonsense about the ABC being left wing and biased smacks to me of complete right wing paranoia in the current government and a dangerous move to reduce the freedom of the media- a corner stone of our democracy. The ABC has always run documentaries and articles that can be critical of government regardless of whether it has been a Labor or Liberal one. And so it should- that's what an independent and free media does. For heavens sake get real and see what this right wing whinging is about- a dangerous attempt to control our free media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC out of private hands!

ABC is the only Australian news source the people can trust. It isn't there to make money, it's there to keep the public informed - not just of news but about health, society, art, music and science. No private organisation can be trusted to do this vital job.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must stay in public hands because it is the only source of media apart from SBS that is not biased. They do ask in depth questions of our politicians and it is their own fault if their answers are completely dumb. The ABC is the only television I watch apart from some SBS and it is the only news source I trust. Keep the hard right from destroying our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep MY ABC in public hands and solid funding

I value the ABC television and SBS. I do not watch any of the commercial channels as they are full of rubbish TV and are dumbing down our nation. Both the ABC and SBS are and will continue to be a huge part of my families, three generations, life. When traveling for work and pleasure and during my relaxation time I only listen to Radio National and the ABC the programs are very interesting and informative ..love SBS. We need to support a fantastic public broadcaster that we have. We have enough shock jocks, 70- 90 music and mind numbing crap of commercial channels.

Australia is now not the lucky country and loosing ABC services will ensure our luck keeps running out as our population becomes less informed and more American and inward looking. I support continued levels of public funding for the ABC an essential public service for everyone, me in Regional Australia and my daughter in Sydney. Successive governments are leaving the young people, our future with nothing.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:11 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC our very own broadcaster is so many things to so many people. In times of crisis it is the go to for all our emergency details and updates. No other media platform delivers this so comprehensively. For the country folk it is a life line, part of the every day fabric our lives. Supplying weather, market reports and much more. It is informative and unbiased. And much much more to so many people. Privatised we will lose all of this. The ABC must remain in public hands. DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:10 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

I DO NOT want the ABC to be privatized. I love being able to listen to ad-free music and stories. I think the ABC do a great job of presenting current affairs in an unbiased way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

In our house there is only one channel that anyone uses when it comes to trusted news and current affairs and that is the ABC.

Monday night is a bit of a family routine where we get to digest the news, the 7:30 report, it ramps up with 4 Corners and then explodes with Q&A.

None of this quality news and journalism would ever be available in a commercial network because quality investigative journalism costs money, but the trust that the Australian people have on the ABC (70%+) has been earned by the dedication of their staff with the backing of management on the basis of a budget that allows for that.

Please, please, please leave the ABC alone, actually no don't leave it alone restore previous levels of funding, restore the length of the investigative journalism programs like Lateline, the world today and give up on the idea that you are going to privatise the ABC. It will not happen!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:07 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Australia needs an independent ABC

To keep the independence and stability of this critical institution it needs to be given stable public funding. There is enough private media already, we can't lose our only public one.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

In a true democracy there is a need for unbiased media - that is the role of the ABC. There are too many medias in the hands of tycoons with commercial interests and political affiliations. The ABC provides a balanced and objective news to inform the citizen. Their investigative news has proven the great value of the ABC. The ABC should be reinforce, not weakened nor sold - hands off the ABC please.

Your truly

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:04 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't subject our kids to commercials

Dear Sir/Madam,

My young girls love watching the ABC Kids channel for a short time most days and it gives me the time I need to have a shower, or make breakfast without having to worry about them being assaulted with adverts - many of which promote products our environmentally conscious family is not comfortable with - and that I don't want our girls to be encouraged to buy.

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 Australia and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 5:00 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please protect the ABC

Dear Sir or madam, the only stations I listen to for news are ABC News radio and ABC Local. I know that the news I receive is accurate and unbiased and without the commercial or political agenda of News Ltd, for example. For entertainment and learning I also listen to Conversations with Richard Fiedler - without commercials or pushing any political bias. It would be a tragedy if this great organisation were to be meddled with. Please protect this institution which is the envy of many other countries.

Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands please

I love the ABC, full of great content with no disruption by advertisements. I listen to informative podcasts via the listen app when commuting. And programs like 4 corners make a real difference to important issues for our society.

We need social institutions we can trust, just recently polling said that the companies that retail electricity have become even less trusted than the banks, I can't believe some politicians want to drag even more of our cornerstone institutions down. Perhaps their motivation is for the sake of a few dollars each that we spend on the ABC in the budgets, who knows? The ABC, public education and the BOM are the best value public institutions we have.

My Wife and I are well informed and entertained by the ABC, and if there is anything important we need a balanced view on that is where we always look first. Every cut taken to the ABC and their programming dismays us.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:57 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to be independent of commercial stresses and in public hands because it raises issues none of the commercial channels would touch.

It was cornerstone to starting the fitzgerald inquiry into corruption in Qld in the late 1980s. It reports on pedophiles and abuse in gaols that none of the Commercial channels do as their audiences might get upset.

It produces truly fantastic Australian programs like Mystery Road, Newtons Law, Rake, The beautiful Lie and Crownies which have Australian content and are not reality shows. It promotes the Australian film industry.

It is the main station I watch as the Commercial channels just annoy me with there programs that target the lower intellect in the community.

The ABC is necessary and without it or it being sold off to Commercial interests would be devastating to Australian media, news reporting and Australian films and mini series. Also it holds Governments to account whichever party they belong too.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep the abc in public hands

i dont want our media to become like it is in the U.S. keep the abc in public hands so we can hear an independent voice instead of propaganda that media moguls want us to hear.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised

The ABC provides high quality broadcasting to Australia in news and current affairs, kids shows and home-grown content. It is the only broadcaster I trust in terms of quality news content and for my kids. It is also a critical element of Australian democracy as it provides information about the political process and political debates to all parts of Australia (especially regional Australia) and is not influenced by vested commercial interests. The content of commercial broadcasters has the potential to be influenced by the commercial interests of the owners or controllers of the enterprise. Further, for commercial broadcasters, their motive is to make profits for their shareholders and therefore they will often be unwilling to support local content, to air regional news and current affairs and to broadcast educational content for children (rather than purely entertainment).

I strongly oppose any move to privatise the ABC.

Kind regards,

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VIC 3067




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

It is ludicrous to even think about privatising the ABC. In my mind it is not anti government and we have to have a free press to preserve democracy in the real sense. The ABC contributes to exposing many unjust practices and not just Liberal voters it is searching for the truth and has been instrumental in a large number of scandals with quality programs like 4 Corners. Private companies are focussed on profit only and not quality journalism. Do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC needs to be publicly funded

The ABC is the only news source I have used for my entire adult life. There is an enormous difference between publicly funded news and commercial news. The latter is subject to the personal political bent of the owner as well as advertisers. I have stooped buying , in my case, the Courier Mail, because of it's owner's clear political bias in editorials. I respect the professionalism of ABC journalists and presenters. I am deeply concerned at the far right elements of the LNP and One Nation who are influencing government policy in many areas in a most concerning matter. I believe is it a vendetta against the truth about their activities and policies being exposed which is driving this push to privatise the ABC.

This reflects a move to the right across the world which is equally disturbing. Australia needs to resist this bias and continue to present all sides of an issue without fear or favour and the only way to do this is have a well funded public broadcaster. It is absolutely critical in a world where big money influences most decisions whether they are commercial or political, whatever the flavour of politics.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I can't imagine an Australia without an ABC, public broadcasting is an absolute necessity in these times where the private sector media players are so easily bought and played by big business and political agendas. We need a strong neutral voice in the media sector that serves the public interests and not those with the biggest bank balances.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC MUST stay out of the hands of Corporations

How many examples do we need to show how bad it is for all Australians to privatise public institutions. Electricity prices through the roof and now blackout happening. Airport cost continuing to go up with worse service. Gas companies selling most of our resources overseas and pushing local prices through the roof. The total corruption in the Banking and financial Industries etc etc When and where will the killing off of our Democracy stop.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands and provide better funding

I have been a watcher and listener of the ABC's various media platforms all my life. Throughout this time I have never found the content provided to be biased and in many cases, the ABC IS THE only place where subjects presented are presented in Australian media.

As regional media has been taken over by larger city based enterprises, the content has become less and less relevant to regional listeners.

Australia needs to maintain the ABC so that a balanced view of issues is available. The News corp American owned enterprise is clearly biased and presents fake news regularly and we need balance against this and the ABC is the only media that presents this opportunity.

The ABC has no undue advantage over commercial outlets as thye have a completely different agenda. Commercial outlets do not cover the broad depth of social and political subjects that the ABC covers and to restrict or god forbid privatise the ABC would take this vital service away from the AUstralian public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is an Australian public asset

If ABC gets privatised it will naturally care about the immediate market interests of its advertisers - or investors, for that matter. The only independent and fact-based journalism in this country must be maintained at any cost. We, as ordinary citizens, must be the owners of such an institution, not a handful of wealthy business people.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:41 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Keep the ABC in public hands. We need an independent quality media outlet for the benefit of a healthy democratic nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Keep the ABC in public hands, it is the only station without advertising. The only station I feel we can get un biased news. \$ corners is the most informative programme that I believe would either go or be interfered with by commercial or political interests. I would not trust watching a station in the hands of a private enterprise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:39 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep our valued and precious ABC in public hands!

Hello. How wonderful our ABC is. I wanted to remind you of the importance of OUR ABC, as it is, 100% in public hands. No part of it should ever be privatised, as part of its wonderful value is that it IS reliably neutral, fair and OURS! I'm more than happy to pay more tax, to ensure our ABC remains in public hands.

As a 56 year old (with many, many friends of a similar vintage, who feel the same way), I'm prepared to take to the streets in protest, if the ABC is ever threatened to become privatised. I feel very passionate about this. I was so disappointed to watch Q&A this week, and hear about the distillation of the value of the ABC in economic terms, by the Liberal representative. She had me very worried, and has been the source of many discussions this week, with friends and family. I was also deeply disappointed to learn that the Liberal Party Council voted to privatise the ABC. My trust in the Liberal Party is quickly diminishing. I feel very disheartened.

Thank you for your time. I would like to entrust our beloved ABC to you, hoping you 'do the right thing' and resist any short term financial gain by privatising the ABC. Please, please, please - fund it more appropriately (remember Tony Abbott's promise to not touch the ABC?), and allow us, the Australian public, to continue to enjoy our wonderful ABC.

With best wishes,

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VIC 3350 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:38 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

The ABC is my family.

As a young Mum at home I listened to Clive Robertson and Caroline Jones in the morning, to Christopher Lawrence and to 'Blue Hills'.

My children watched Sesame St and Playschool. They loved Big Ted and Jemima, as well as John and Benita. As older kids they watched Dr Who. We all watched the news.

Now I am addicted to the Drum and ABC News. Locally produced shows like Glitch and Rosehaven and Gruen and The Weekly are a constant delight.

I do not love every minute of every programme but these shows stimulate me and interest me and entertain me. And they are a true Australian voice.

I can only make decisions based on what I am told. I am not in a position to KNOW at first hand all the details behind particular events. But I trust the ABC. The opinions expressed on its stations and channels resonate with my own local experience.


It is sad and scary that some politicians wish to disempower such a great organisation. It seems to me that those people moving to privatise the ABC wish to silence freely expressed opinion or at least control what opinions are expressed in the public arena. This approach smacks of fearfulness. Good policy should be able to stand up to rigorous debate.

I absolutely support the ABC. May it continue as our National Broadcaster.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:36 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Redacted]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:35 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

We need an independent media outlet, who can report without fear or favor. The bullying by thin skinned politicians of the ABC lately is inexcusable. We are bombard daily by Rupert Murdoch's world view. The ABC & SBS are our last hope, keep you hands off them!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands forever

The ABC is one of my favourite parts of Australian culture. It has provided me with good quality, educational TV and media for my whole life. As a child I only got ABC on my TV and it was great!

It can only keep doing this if it stays in public ownership.

IF YOUR GOVERNMENT TRIES TO PRIVATISE THE ABC YOU WILL BE VOTED OUT OF OFFICE.

The Australian people love the ABC - even those who complain about it. Bananas in Pyjamas, the Chaser, Q&A, ABC radio and other Australian cultural icons are central to our society and we love them.


SBS is also a unique cultural institution that represents how successful our multicultural society is and I only wish it could be ad-free too.

The more commercial free, Australian content television we have the healthier our society is.

So please stop threatening to sell the ABC and keep the public funding coming for the best quality media outlet we have in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

It doesn't really surprise me with the Liberal Party Council voting to privatize the ABC because every move the LNP government make it to make sure there is even more inequality among people. I find the ABC the only media I can have any trust in at all, especially their investigative reporting which is non-existent in other media platforms. I can tell who is telling the truth and who isn't easily and truth is very hard to find among politicians who are only interesting in feathering their own nest from the cohorts of lobbyists funded by big business and corporations. Government and public broadcasting is about people - that is all people and not a privileged few. The people of Australia deserve to be heard, listened to and governed for, by and of; there is no place for conservative 'think tanks', political parties and corporations to have more than one voice and that is at the ballot box which in the end will determine whether the ABC stays in public hands or not.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:33 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I am strongly opposed to the ABC being privatised. There are many reasons why the ABC is priceless. It is a protector of Australian culture. Without it in its present form we would all be subject to the garbage dished up on commercial channels which present nothing intelligent EVER and appeal to nothing but the lowest common denominator with programs like so called current affairs programs discussing nothing but neighborhood spats or street fights. We do not want to dumb down society anymore with this scraping of the bottom.

ABC provides content which is intelligent from the childrens programs, the gardening shows, the better episodes of Q and A where we hear the views of many of the world's great thinkers and new ideas are shared and a wider view of the world is presented. From Four Corners to Landline which is a spectacular show which allows people to appreciate innovation in the primary production sector. Heather Hewets wonderful show ON the Road which presents the amazing variety of Australian culture in a way that has never been done before is also loved by many of us.

Stan Grant's insights into current affairs which usually present a fascinating historical perspective and are respectful of all viewpoints is also an invaluable contribution to debate and to understanding of current issues.

Private media organisations such as NewsCorp present a very biased viewpoint and do nothing but promote the agenda of

Rupert Murdoch distorting the truth by omitting intelligent argument and constantly stirring up division with sensationalism.

The privatisation of the ABC would be the saddest day for Australian society. It must not happen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in Public Hands

I, an Australian citizen are very concerned about the prospect of the ABC being privatised. It would be un-Australian to do so as it has been, and always should be a public broadcaster. It is an essential service to the public.  
Should the current Government proceed with this outrageous proposal of the sale of the ABC then I know many of my friends and myself would no longer continue to support the Liberal Party.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

I have always voted Liberal, at 71 years of age I didn't think I would ever change, but if our ABC is sold off to placate the Radical- Ratnag Right, I will have no other alternative than to vote Labour. I can listen to left-leaning opinions on the ABC, as I could listen to the rabid right views on commercial radio/ TV, but the ABC is an institution that represents US Australians and should not be sold off like an "asset". I am serious, and I will be asking my friends to also consider this situation, seriously. [REDACTED] Wauchope NSW

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

Writing to you to let you know that my family want to keep the ABC in public hands, Because it is the most trusted and watched TV channels. It should always be in public hands. And its funding should be increased to make more good Australia content for the people.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC!

Keep the ABC away from private ownership - it is the only way to ensure incisive and unbiased reporting of local, state and national current affairs as well as locally produced drama. The ABC is my primary source of news and entertainment and I do not want it's funding cut.

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

I want independent media services

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

The ABC is the most impartial and professional news source in Australia. I listen to ABC radio, watch ABC news and followed ABC internet news for the depth and breadth of coverage. It is by far the most trustworthy source of news in Australia. ABC makes and broadcast quality entertainment and documentary programs.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:15 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Public NOT Private

What has happened to our country .... the essence of Australia and what it is to be Australian... is being torn, ripped away from under us. Whatever the Political Party our ABC will be squashed if privatised. Integrity, diversity and opportunities to better understand ourselves as a nation will be lost if ABC is privatised. Our minds, our children and our children's minds are "fires to be kindled not cushions to be stuffed". The ABC provides a multitude of opportunities to learn and grow as a nation. Without ABC our Australia will lose what it really is to be a democratic country. Australia will lose its Voice. I implore you to not let this happen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC!

This might just be the stupidest government inquiry I've heard of. Undue advantage? In what? Being truly independent? It's not part of a market. It's a public asset/service. A public asset that the public has built, and wants to keep. Commercial and political interests are IRRELEVANT.

Accepting the dodgy premise of the inquiry, let's say the ABC does have an advantage. GOOD. It should have an advantage. The alternative would be bad for our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Future ownership of the ABC

For more than 90 years the ABC has provided a vital public service to all Australians. It is the only broadcast media organisation that I use for my daily news and information. I find that the commercial stations have a very different view of the world and their news broadcasts are often thinly disguised advertorials for their commercial sponsors. They cater to a section of the population that has interests in sport and local news, while the ABC has a much broader focus on the nation and the world. The ABC also caters to significant minority interests that the commercial channels are not interested in. For example, I often listen to symphony concerts and operas on ABC Classic FM. This service is not offered by any commercial outlet. My grandchildren love the educational programs on ABC Kids TV. Many regional listeners rely completely on the ABC for their news and entertainment because the commercial broadcasters cannot make a profit by broadcasting to them. Thus the ABC performs a vital public service which is essential for a healthy democratic society. Because it is owned by the public it is not beholden to powerful corporate interests like the commercial channels are. Many other countries have come to the same conclusion and most healthy democratic societies have an independent public broadcaster like the ABC. I believe that the ABC needs to be kept in public ownership and adequately funded to ensure that it continues to provide this vital public service.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why the only thing that matters to this government is money?

We need a media that tell us like it is without considering the people who support their business like Real Estate.  
We also know that Bodies like EPA, ASIC and Fair Trading in NSW are useless and the only media that can expose them is our ABC.  
Money is useless if people do not have a good health.  
Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the most trusted news broadcaster in the country. Watching commercial newscasts highlights to me the balanced, thoughtful and evidence- based approach of ABC journalists. In fact my news comes almost exclusively from the ABC. 7.30 and 4 Corners are invaluable current affairs programs, analysing important issues in our society with courage and without bias. I consider private broadcasters to be open to manipulation by vested interests and, for that reason much less trustworthy than the ABC. Q and A gives voice to the opinions of ordinary Australians in a way that no commercial channel can match. The ABC's children's programs are of superior quality found nowhere else. Generations of children have loved and learned from Playschool; my children and grandchildren included. By broadcasting classical music and opera, the ABC gives the opportunity for people, who could not afford a concert ticket or a seat at the opera to hear and enjoy the finest of music. If there are controversial issues facing our society, these should be discussed through the insights of experts as well as the opinions of the public, not just through the opinions of one or two broadcasters with a particular bias. I cannot envisage a society in which the ABC were to be just another commercial broadcaster. Australia needs her Auntie probably more now than ever before. PLEASE keep the ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:06 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stop trying to destroy the ABC

Moves to privatise the ABC are vindictive. I rely on ABC news and current affairs. I love ABC Classic FM. I enjoy many ABC programs that commercial broadcasters would not air or finance. Programs such as Four Corners, AM, Fran Kelly and Q&A are essential to participation in our democracy. Do not privatise or cut the ABC's funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Take the ABC off the negotiating table

It is important to me that ABC stays public.  
The quality of the programs and variety is mainly my viewing choice.  
I feel the documentaries are particularly of relevance in this age of otherwise nonsense tv aimed at 14 year old mentality.  
It is of upmost importance that we keep a public broadcasting channel.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 4:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

In all my adult life I have always turned to the ABC for television viewing. I loved that my children were able to watch quality tv shows without all the insidious advertising; I appreciated the fact that my political news came without bias - and that it was well researched and honest; time and time again I have had the pleasure of watching (and learning from) exceptional documentaries and serial tv shows. The fact that the ABC has never been beholden to anyone except the viewing public surely is its most valuable asset. I continue to want, and need, an alternative to the commercial channels available in Australia and I think, as a voting member of the Australian public, I have a right to be heard in this momentous decision.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Attacking the ABC

Like many people in the silent majority, I am just sick and tired of the consistent unfounded attacks on the ABC. It is the most trusted source on news in our country and the politicisation of the discussion on the ABC with fabricated rage of extremists is sickening. I hesitate to use the dreaded word of 'facists' but find it hard to provide a better word to describe the diatribe masquerading under the guise of opening the ABC up to public judgement and investigation. It is also hard not to consider the extremely poor journalism in the MUrdoch press about the ABC is being little more than trying to remove any sense of balance in our public discourse. We have seen the sad history of privatisation in country deliver our assets into the hands of other governments and government sovereign funds and increasing prices. The argument just does not stack up in any sense. Increasing power prices (Victoria is now owned by Singapore and China), we have Qantas having to compete against Government owned airlines eg. all middle eastern airlines, Chinese, New Zealand etc. The ABC is a precious resource that need protecting and needs increased funding not being tied up with the 'death of a thousand cuts' to budgets in order to reduce its effective capacity to hold the commercial media bias to account.

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QLD 4701 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC: keep it in public hands

Don't privatise ABC. Are you crazy? Think of your children and children's children etc. The ABC's independent voice should always be heard on all public issues without bias.

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
**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC free of bias in public control

The ABC must NOT be privatised as private is NOT better. Privatisation of electricity has meant higher prices and poor services. Privatisation of schools has turned them into lucrative businesses not educational institutions. Privatisation of the airports has forced parking prices sky high. This must NOT happen to the ABC. They are the only ones offering us trustworthy news free of bias and the influence of lobby groups. They are the only ones offering us international news. They are the only ones reporting on corruption and scandals which the government tries to cover up. In other words the ABC keeps the current government accountable. Then there's the children's programs and quality drama.

The government should be increasing funding not constantly making cuts to try and silence OUR broadcaster.

No privatisation of the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:54 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public and independent

I love and trust our ABC. All my life they have provided ethical, thoughtfully structured education and entertainment for generations of children in the family from myself, my daughter and now my grandchildren.

Public broadcasting has also always given great peace of mind for myself and my family in being our most trusted, independent source of news.

This inquiry misses a vital point. Having an inquiry into whether our public broadcasters ABC and SBS are operating in line with competitive neutrality principles misses the point that independent, publicly funded media play a vital role in our democracy and should not be compared to commercial media.

My other concern is that I am very worried that this inquiry could be used to privatise, make changes or justify funding cuts to our publicly owned media. I do not want our public broadcasters privatised or changed. I am sick of our national broadcasters being attacked.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2203




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:52 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

With so much biased opinion from the commercial media it is essential that there be an unbiased view on important issues. With one media outlet strongly biased to the far right and the other moderately biased to the right we must have a media that puts the argument with no bias\

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:44 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC belongs to us

The ABC belongs to the people. We need media without private and corporate interests. ABC news is vital to our democracy. If the LNP want to live in a country without democracy where money and corruption rule then they need to do that elsewhere. Australia is a country where people share rights and properties. Children should have the freedom to watch educational TV without being blasted by commercials.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

If I'm completely honest, I don't know why we shouldn't privatise the ABC. But if it's something that Turnbull and Hansen want to do its definitely not in the public's interest. I've never been so disappointed with Australian politics in my life as I am now. Travelling across the world over the last 10 years my statement of "Australia being the greatest country in the world" has slowly decreased in frequency because I no longer believe that myself.

We need leaders. True Australians who the majority of the population can resonate with. We've had our fair share of dishonest, loyal to the big corporation snakes who have dragged Australia off the perch in being industry leaders in many professions.

My generation around the world are patiently waiting for the 60+ year old politicians to die (because it seems they never retire) in order for REAL change to come.


How can we continue to allow a small group of senior, out of touch men and women decide what's best for the next generation to come when they're the hinderence to this change?

Politicians were completely necessary after the Second World War when most of Europe/ the world was in turmoil and we looked for leaders to help us out of that slum. We're now in the 21st century, have enough money to end poverty 10 fold and are more connected throughout the globe than we've ever been before. We have the platforms in place to develop, vote and execute plans and decisions for our own communities locally, which will inherently impact the WORLD.

Be the change you want to see.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

This surely must be the worst idea the Coalition has had so far. We desperately need an independent ABC that doesn't rely on corporate funding which has such a powerful influence on most viewers. I personally never watch any of the commercial channels as I dislike them so much. The news and current affairs on the ABC or (SBS) is so much more reliable and trustworthy than commercial media also it isn't biased like news from the Murdoch press and other similar sources. Privatising the ABC would be the undoing of this current government (which wouldn't be a bad thing!)

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:40 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Equality in public discourse requires an independent & public voice.

We are travelling in n America at present a powerful reminder of what a society without balancing the public voice against narrow vested interest - actually undemocratic - and a dumbing down of public discourse - [REDACTED]

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NSW 2042 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:37 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone!

The ABC is such a valued and unique institution. It must remain in the public hands! There are no shows like 4 Corners, and Landline, and Insiders, Australian Story etc, not to mention the kids' shows and various niche productions. The desire to privatise it smacks of an insidious, fearful state of mind on the part of your upcoming Liberals, and is enhancing the election-killing sentiment towards your party. Hands Off!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:37 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Outrageous! How can this government even think about privatising the ABC, one of the only half-credible news sources remaining in the country, that has not been totally swallowed up by big business interests, even while the government has done its best to rip the heart out of it already. Leave the ABC alone, and listen to the voice of the people, rather than adding to the wall ill-informed ignorance that already imposes its will on Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is my favourite TV channel providing high quality programs and a more balanced view of the diversity of our country. It is a channel that provides access for all in a country that has an increasing divide between the rich and those less well off.

The ABC provides an important diversity of voices and opinions which can't be found anywhere else and again should be accessible to all.

It feels like the government is afraid of these voices and is punishing the ABC for providing this richness of opinion.

Please don't privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:28 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep your hands off the ABC

I believe that the Australian people have the right to have public funded braordcaster. I watch and listen to the ABC the greater majority of the time.  
It disturbs me greatly that the Liberal Party could even think of privatising this sacred Australian Institution. The privatisation of many of our public institutions in the past 20 years has not been of benefit to the wider population. Energy prices have sordered, Telstra is in real trouble, public transport is not coping with our surge in population. The only Australians that seem to benefit are those wealthy enough to buy shares in these companies. I am sick of grossly over paid O.I.C's saying we must look after our shareholders first, not the customer. Australia is becoming a country where the dollar is more important than the people. I want to live in a great country that demands all of its citizens have the right to free speech and the right to be heard. Hands off the People's ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:27 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in Public Hands!

Unbiased and fair reporting is of the utmost importance for me, and I cannot stand to see the ABC privatised, to become another commercial outlet with a corrupting influence of funds to change the narrative towards special interests. We need the ABC to remain a public broadcaster and continue to provide us with fair and balanced news and educational programming, as it has always done.


The attacks on the ABC are attacks on our democratic right to unbiased information, representing the people of Australia and not special interests. Attempting to privatise the ABC means that the government is falling into the back pocket of corporate donors and not representing the will of the people, and this is of grave concern. We cannot stand for our democratic system to be undermined by those with wealth and power, as that is doomed to fail.

Commercial media has more of an advantage than our public broadcasters and not the other way around. This inquiry is a sham, and does not have any basis for the time and money put into it. Public funding is for the people, commercial media is for corporate interests. We are standing up for public funding of our ABC as a right to a fair democracy and have our voices and concerns heard across the country. This is what our ABC is for.

End this charade of an inquiry and stop all attempts to privatise the ABC.  
Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:26 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

We all want to keep the ABC in public control as. Privatisation invariably means poorer service and narrow focus and greater cost

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC Public!

The ABC is an integral service delivered to all Australians from rural to urban. It provides unbiased hard hitting journalism that most news outlets don't cover because they see it as a conflict of interest to their advertisers or themselves. The ABC and SBS do not deserve the recent lot of funding cuts delivered by this hard right conservative government. It deserves to be well funded, the people of Australia deserve better!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:22 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the Bastards Honest

Hello Senators and Right Wing Fascist Pigs alike.

The ABC aint for sale, get your dirty propaganda , corporate , Murdock stinking meddling fucking hands off it!

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NSW 2205



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:18 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain independent

The ABC is currently our public broadcaster independent of political and commercial influence. It is a trusted source in emergencies and for educational resources. Please do not allow it to be corrupted by commercial self interest.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC should be left in public ownership.

I live in rural Australia and the ABC is the most reliable source of information when it comes to State, national and international affairs. Local commercial stations are fine for local news.

Further I cannot imagine a commercialised ABC would continue to produce such important and informative programs such as Foreign Correspondent, the Drum, Q and A and 4Corners. The ABC is therefore a central part of providing an informed and educated electorate and therefore in maintaining a strong, functioning democracy.

I do not consider that privatising the ABC, regardless of any supposed safeguards, will secure its editorial independence nor will it secure the range of views and opinions currently expressed in different ABC programs. Australian media is already far too narrow in its focus through limited media ownership. The ABC adds a much needed independent dimension to our media landscape.


I am happy to see the Australian community through their taxes fund the ABC. It is ours. It is not the Government of the days play thing to sell or fragment or weaken.

The Government of the day needs to sell its policy initiatives and when necessary explain their lack of such policy initiatives. When the Government of the day has a poor narrative in respect to a policy or indeed a lack of a policy, then perhaps it needs to reconsider what it is trying to do, rather than blame the ABC .

The ABC must be kept in public hands. It must be kept at arms length from political interference. Its editorial integrity must be maintained.

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2365 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:14 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

ABC is Aust wise & keeps us informed. Love ABC's 500 word stories. It's awesome & don't want to miss being able to hear our local Nick Reinberger in Wollongong!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:13 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Noprivstisation

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:12 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands!

ABC is critical to democracy in Australia it must remain objective and free of corporate interest groups.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** abc Privatisation

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I support a strong public ABC

The ABC has been a part of my life for over 60 years. It has told the stories of Australia without fear or favour. It has provided me with an unbiased account of the major news stories of our times. It reported on the Whitlam sacking & the Rudd sacking in equal measure.

For country people it is the source of information about bushfires & other emergency responses.

When the phones go down the ABC is the only reliable source of information on bushfires.

Some of the best Australian drama has touched our lives. We get political messages from all sides of the spectrum. When none of the commercial channels will report on things like disabled games the ABC will do it.

My life will be greatly diminished without the ABC. I never watch the news on commercial TV. It is often vacuous & trivial - celebrity gossip & slanted reporting.

In regional areas it is often the only source of local news.

I would willingly pay a licence fee to keep the ABC strong & viable.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:02 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,

The ABC is a national institution and treasure for most Australians. Peppa Pig puts a smile on our kids' faces and Australian Story, as well as the deep comfort that comes from sitting down with trusted news sources such as 7:30 or 4 Corners that are not unduely biased or corrupted by parties with vested interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must stay in PUBLIC hands

Dear Sirs/Mesdames

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 the crucial point, that public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should NOT be compared with commercial media.


It is important to keep the ABC as is for many reasons. For those who live in many regional areas the ABC is their only source of TV news and entertainment. It is important for kids to be able to watch Bananas in Pyjamas or Peppa Pig without being bombarded by advertisements and commercialism. 4 Corners is a trustworthy and unbiased news source, unlike many commercial news and current affairs programs.

I am worried the Coalition's attacks on our ABC are yet another an attack on our democracy, since the ABC has often held this government to account over bad policies, hidden agendas, and human rights abuses. Their continued efforts to take down the ABC reek of nothing but hatred and revenge.

For all these reasons, the ABC MUST stay in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 3:01 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised!

The ABC has provided unbiased and clear information to me on current issues, all my life. The ABC can provide this service as it is not influenced by commercial pressures or answerable to corporate direction. It abides by regulations that are provided by government; who in turn are answerable to each and every voter.


I am proud to know that my taxes are used to support this service.

I am very angry that this change is being considered.

The liberal party has more important matters to consider.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:59 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the abc

The abc has been an integral part of my life for as long as I can remember. I can't fathom a world that doesn't allow that same privilege to my young nephews as they grow and learn.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:58 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands.

Submission to the Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters

I note that the activities of commercial broadcasters in Australia are governed, above all considerations by their capacity, to generate financial profit. This overriding criterion, by definition, excludes:

Ⓓ programming that provides wide-ranging intellectual, niche or specialist content in depth

Ⓓ cultural offerings that are non-populist

Ⓓ a broad range of in-depth investigative journalism that is in the national interest if the fourth estate is to fulfil its responsibility to hold truth to power in a healthy democracy.

I note also that the Inquiry is held at a time when the manipulation of information by secretive data companies is detected but not fully understood by the public, nor regulated by governments.

I note thirdly, as a lover of classical music, that the massive and disabling funding cuts to the ABC have caused the termination of most senior broadcasters in the area of classical music, replaced by inexperienced hosts of near-amateur capacity.

Finally, I note by way of example the phenomenon of the BBC in Britain as a respected organisation which, by its history, scope, depth, trusted reliability and sustained quality assurance, contributes very significantly to that nation's identity as perceived both within and from outside the United Kingdom.

The ABC in Australia has that same capacity to continue contributing to our nation's sense of identity. It has fulfilled this function admirably throughout its existence.

The current existential threat to incapacitate the organisation through swingeing funding cuts, or worse, privatisation, represents an effort to deprive Australians of their only fully accountable source of news information, commentary, and broader cultural exposition.

Political and ideological commitment to privatisation for its own sake is, in this case, an abrogation of democracy. Selling a key enterprise of our national identity to market forces would abrogate our sovereign control by potentially handing it to unaccountable foreign identities. This is not acceptable in any circumstances.

The focus of the inquiry into aspects of so-called "competitive neutrality" cannot be undertaken separately from the broader responsibilities and contexts of the ABC and SBS.

If commercial enterprises find it hard to compete with the national broadcasters they must look to their own commercially-driven values and accept that they have no capacity to balance reliable, in-depth news reporting and commentary against popularity-driven programming.

The lowest common denominator of public opinion and taste is the bread and butter of the commercial media. It has no place as a benchmark of ABC and SBS activity. Audience reach is one thing. Dumbing down is not a defensible function of a national broadcaster.

Only a fool would imagine that commercial enterprises could manage the depth and quality of the ABC and SBS. It is not in their profit-making interests. No commercial media enterprise could have achieved the imprint of multiculturalism that SBS has achieved. No commercial enterprise bothers with so-called high

culture across the board as the ABC has managed.

Perhaps the inquiry would do well to define, contextualise and limit the application of the term “competitive neutrality” before allowing itself to be used by the friends of commerce to turn a valued colossus at the heart of Australian national identity into a bland, impotent eunuch.

Keep the ABC in public hands, and then fund it to succeed.



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off abc typical bloody liberals

Only access to the real world

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:56 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

It's the peoples ABC. You have no right to privatise it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The most trusted media in Australia is the ABC

I watch The ABC every day,  
I watch and trust it because it is non partisan, ie balanced and honest .  
I support both sides of politics depending on what I believe is right for my family, is where I vote.  
The ABC and SBS programs are good for my family , it's as simple as that.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC must remain publicly funded so the information is not diluted by corporate bias and lies. This move also shows the government currently ruling is unable to justify its terrible policies without the propaganda corporate news can deliver and hates when people are informed. We must fight back and show the fascist nature of it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:55 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

Just looking at the bubblegum offers from the private free to air channels shows what happens when a channel is privatised. Channel 2 is meat to their lollypop. Private channels are colourful and sugary. Even their supposed news, either nightly or ones such as A Current Affair, are light on information and often tainted with subliminal advertising for companies such as Coles and Woolworths, given to us as supposed "news stories". Some other "news stories" are geared to sway public opinion towards a change that the owner of the channel would prefer. An example would be stories about welfare cheats when the government is looking at cutting money to pensions and unemployment benefits. Another example is teacher bashing when funding is to be cut to education. I do watch these channels but I know that I am vegging out and partaking of a sugar overload. I no longer watch current affairs programs on the advertising channels as I got fed up with their preaching and advertising to me in the guise of "current affairs". They were also high on rhetoric and low on information.

The ABC doesn't have an "undue advantage" over the other channels as it doesn't compete with them. It is not in the race. However, because Channel 2 is not in the race to get market share of viewers, it doesn't have to give us Neighbours or other short fixes of entertainment or even news with no details as the other channels do to make it more palatable for the majority, Channel 2 can give us meat - Four Corners, Australian Story, Landline, Media Watch. Even Andrew Denton, who is now on an advertising channel, began his fame with "Enough Rope" - a program which gave extended interviews with well-known people. So much better than the usual two minutes we get on the other channels. His program introduced me to many people I would never have really known about. It was so popular that it has now been redeveloped for advertised TV. However advertised TV would never have tried the program initially. It took the ABC, who wasn't chasing advertising dollars, to trial it. There are many programs which the ABC has trialed that have become popular and allowed Australian talent to "have a go" and in many instances to flourish. Their Children's programs are innovative and world class and they excel with their children's educational programs. A private company would never do these programs as they would not bring in the advertising dollars.

Without the independence of the ABC from chasing the almighty advertising dollar, Australia, as a country, would be worse off. A country of lollypop with no meat is a sick country. The ABC keeps Australia balanced and well.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:51 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that there are moves a foot to privatise the ABC.

To say this would be a disastrous decision is an understatement. In addition to providing millions of Australian with quality programming the ABC functions as so much more.

Firstly the ABC has been noted as an incubator of talent both in audio and acting talent. Triple J has been a vital ingredient in incubating local talent. Sure Triple J is noted as radio by arts students for students but without it talents of the likes of Missy Higgins would never have got their start. In television countless number of young actors have cut their teeth on the ABC. To destroy this incubator would be criminal.

Also the work done by ABC news both television and radio forms a vital check and balance for Australian democracy. As a case in point the material presented in 4 corners over the decades has shun a light to the transgression of not just governments but corporate organisations as well. Also with the rise of the internet and the traditional corporate model of journalism breaking down, the ABC remains one of the last bastions of genuine journalism in this country.

If the ABC is privatised this is all put into dire risk. When you have to make a profit the good work done in incubating local talent and promoting genuine journalism is put at risk.

Also if this is enacted make no mistake the perpetrators of this will pay at the ballot box.

I submit this matter for the inquiries attention.

Best Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:48 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't even think about privatising the ABC.

We don't want more ACA, Today Tonight, Sky News & the Bolt Report. They're [REDACTED] and make everyone dumber.

We don't want our lives polluted with more [REDACTED] ads.

The ABC belongs to us, we're happy to pay for it, and we want it to stay.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:46 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in public hands

The abc has been a huge part of my life from when I was a child watching cartoons and play school to now days where I like to watch un bias news and 4 corners programs. It would be a truly devastating outcome to privatise the abc and just what the liberal government wants so programs like 4 corners and the abc news can't bring there terrible polices and outrageous dirty deals into the public eye. It is so obvious why they would want to privatise it for there own personal gain

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to privatizing the ABC.

I look to the ABC for balanced news and current affairs viewing. This democracy in Australia requires an honest Government-run station like the ABC. We, (Australians), need the ABC. Please leave it alone.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:43 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** FOR THE SAKE OF DEMOCRACY, END THIS ATTACK ON THE ABC

I wish to protest most strongly against any attempt to force the ABC into private hands either through further budget cuts or legislation. In a country which prides itself on being a democratic model, we must have at least one media organisation which is truly independent of commercial interests and political bias. My experience of being a ABC viewer for over 30 years and my career as a teacher of Modern History in Australian schools informs my view that we have in the ABC an institution which is crucial to maintaining that democracy. In a world increasingly leaning towards either despotism or or commercial dominance by multinational companies, we need a fearless media which will call out attacks on our democracy in whatever form they take.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is not for sale

Dear Prime Minister and members of the Coalition

I am alarmed and dismayed at the suggestion by your government to want to privatise the ABC. While I live in the city I have friends in rural areas who derive enormous satisfaction from programs for example such as Landline and Back Roads which also give me a window into rural life. I also appreciate the quality of informative programs such as Four Corners, the 7.30report and the variety of period dramas. While topical programs are provided on commercial channels I do not believe they provide the same extensive research as those found on the ABC, not to mention the annoying interruption of often mindless commercials.

I was alarmed and dismayed on a recent visit to New Zealand that their equivalent of our ABC had been so compromised.

A democracy requires a range of mediums and views to allow informed debate and removing the ABC from our right to have variety of opinions is to reduce our democratic right to informed choice.

For those pushing an agenda that the A B C could be managed by commercial interests is insulting and offensive.

Please be aware that I am one of many from all sides of politics who will vigorously oppose such a move.

Thankyou for considering this correspondence.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:42 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We need an independent ABC

Today the world relies on independent unbiased reporting and current affairs more than ever. It is too easy to get 'tailored' news reinforcing bias and predudice; we need to be presented facts no matter whether they conform to our beliefs or not.

We are in an era where good journalists are being reduced as they are expensive. The profit motive means cheaper, more superficial news is being provided. The line between true news and Information provided by PR companies increasingly blurs fact and advertising.

We have already seen the devaluation of the SBS with adverts -or rather the space for them as they can't attract enough advertisers. Surely we should be restoring the SBS to its stated charter rather than reduce the ABC to a second rate service. Just because the commercial agencies are finding it difficult to survive in the 21st century does not justify the national broadcasters to be brought down with them.

Most democracies have strong national public broadcast services. Why do they exist; apart from being unbiased services they help to keep the commercial services honest. Only corrupt governments cannot tolerate the light. Are we on the path to loosing our democracy? Commercialising the ABC would suggest we're heading towards an intolerant state!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:36 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

As part of the grey nomads I find it is the only radio station I can rely on to be there for me at all times,they also have a continuity of programs all over Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:34 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC would be an act of cultural vandalism

Privatise the ABC? The Liberals have really lost the plot now! I grew up in a rusted-on Liberal voting family. We grew up with the ABC and would never bother with commercial broadcasters. The ABC is so much more than political coverage - science, history, economics, religion, aboriginal and rural coverage. No privatised broadcaster would ever cover these things. The ABC is a cultural treasure, not a plaything for politicians of either stripe to pursue their short-term political agendas. It belongs to all Australians and is something to be proud of. It is also a priceless repository of our national history and culture. Privatising the ABC would destroy all this and shatter our sense of shared identity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:33 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I have always loved the independence of the ABC.  
Please leave OUR ABC alone & back off with your greed.  
You cannot "sell" the ABC because it doesn't belong to you.  
It belongs to the Australian PEOPLE & we don't want it "privatised".  
Concentrate your apparent abundant energy on creating more jobs for our young people.  
Thank You

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:29 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC from being privatised

The ABC is an important national institution that can only be an effective watchdog and commentator on daily media issues if it remains in the public domain. Any attempt to privatise it could result in a lack of independent, unbiased media coverage in Australia, making our democracy less effective and more a pawn of the government of the day. The ABC also provides important coverage to regional and remote areas and communities, both through its public broadcasting and television coverage. Privatisation would create real issues about access to media for those who do not live in urban areas. And additionally the ABC is renowned for its commissioning of excellent drama and comedy shows for both adults and children. Privatisation would reduce Australian TV to woeful commercial programming and cheap overseas buy-ins. The ABC can tell our own stories much better than any commercial channel. And it is great not to have advertisements either.

Save our ABC and fund it properly and with the respect it deserves from high quality news programs and the best journalism.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:25 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not kill or privatise the ABC

The ABC is the only reliable and reputable media outlet and is treasured by its very many viewers/listeners from all over the country. The content and programming are amazing and much admired by all - even visitors from the UK where the BBC offers an even better range of content think the ABC is wonderful. It has none of the rubbish advertising that destroys the value of any of the other channels/stations which we avoid and hardly ever watch. Together with SBS, we are well served in this country and these treasures of information and knowledge must be supported and their funding restored. The service provided cannot be maintained with the huge reductions in budget forced on the ABC by the Abbott and Turnbull cuts. The people of Australia need continuing access to fair and undistorted comment and intellectual content so that future generations can learn the facts without commercial distortion. We are not living in a materialistic bubble - keep up our access to top quality news, documentaries, drama, music, arts and intelligent debate. Preserve the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:24 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please protect the ABC IT MUST STAY PUBLIC AND BE WELL FUNDED.

The ABC has been an important part of my life since I was a child with Jason And The Arganouts. Now the ABC, local and national, offers me trusted reports, delving into world affairs. These offer me real insight into our world. I know of no other source which I could turn to. Which I would trust. The ABC has had cuts and has struggled to stay active, the edges were carved away, timing, pronunciation (which taught me) then the research was cut so the repeats are more numerous. This has been sad but the standard was kept high. NO MORE. The funds need to increase. We live in changing times. As citizens we need information. The ABC is essential as a commentator on government, democracy, power, a voice demanding transparency. Commentary on climate change its challenges, our capacity to act, ideas from around the world on what is being done and how we can participate. A commentator on health, child development, research in many fields, I love being informed.... it is an essential ongoing education. Please stop the government even thinking about privatisation. It is frightening to contemplate loosing our watch dog, faithful Aunty. Our teacher, our soft music in hard times, PLEASE KEEP ABC INDEPENDANT.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:21 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I was brought up in the country where the only reliable news source was the ABC. The Government have been trying to run down the ABC but it is still the most reliable. Up to date information on news, weather (especially damaging weather the ABC is there...vital to country people and necessary to us all), disasters....such as bush fire...nothing else is 100% reliable...certainly not mobile phones....often doesn't arrive for an hour or so when just an unimportant sms between friends.....where life saving I would not and have been shown is not reliable under multiple pressures. Commercial stations are dependent on the commercial realities and that is fine for entertainment...it has already proved very sad for major sporting events...which upsets me but could be argued should be paid for BUT BUT our democracy, freedom of information, the opportunity to hear all sides is vital and only the ABC can provide. Polititians who say different are interested in themselves and not Australia or it's people. Look at countries without a free press....Russia, Turkey, North Korea...are we allying ourselves with countries like that????Help Help.....

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC

Please tell me what a "undue advantage" is? Is it the fact that the ABC is independent of monetary influence so they actually present as unbiased News. It is because they don't have to cower to their advertisers to "keep" them. I'm a Journalist and I've seen it. That means this is the ONLY News I watch. It's the ONLY News I trust. It's the ONLY News worth watching. Channel 7, 9 and 10 are all a JOKE.... they don't report in any shape or form that could be considered unbiased. I'm 60 next year and I've seen these broadcasters go from sometimes worth watching, to a load of biased garbage. Without the unbiased reporting, unswayed by MONEY the ABC will become another load of Crap.... just like the rest. By taking this independence away, you take away any chance Australians have of actually learning something of interest to them, not to the Owners.....

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**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:19 AM  
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**Subject:** [Redacted]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It is "my ABC" and "our ABC"!

Please leave the ABC in our hands. Don't sell out to big business! Their prime goal is money making but surely Australian content, jobs, coverage of local events, sports shown which are not commercially viable. I live in regional NSW and watch ABC every day. We trust it. We own it. Do not sell it off too !!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:19 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is important to all australians. I value it deeply for it provides quality and objective views of hard issues which are covered up by dodgy corporate australia and politicians. I grew up in regional australia and it is a lifeline. our children have all grown up with ABC kids and have been able to have australian balanced input instead of solely americian and UK input . our ABC is the only source of breaking ground on greed and wrong doing.

The Coalition's attacks on our ABC is not good enough and privatisation is not the way to go. how can you let future australians down. you were not voted in to damage the abc. Our society needs to have access to a public broadcaster.

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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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:17 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

Hello,

Since I was a child I've relied on the ABC to provide programming that is not influenced by commercial interests.

It's critically important that Australia retains our ABC. It must remain in public hands. It should not be sold to the highest bidder. We have more than enough commercial television and radio, and news.


The ABC staying in public hands means it won't be, can't be, forced to broadcast based on what makes the most money or content from whoever paid the most money.

I've always trusted the ABC, through all its ups and downs, it's ours.

We have to keep it that way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

A vital assets refined and keeping abreast of workable platforms and enriching content for all .Do not consider anything but continuing unfettered support for this valuable institution.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:08 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands

Why are you destroying our Public tv and radio? It was built with citizen taxes and public money. It must keep public now and always.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:07 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Do NOT privatise Abc. We the public like it the way it is. The amount of advertising on the other channels is sickening and we don't want that on ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:05 AM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The

The news and current affairs coverage of the ABC is unmatched by the commercial channels and untainted by commercial pressures. Rather than "reality" tv which is in fact quite unreal, manipulated and dishonest ABC drama, comedy etc. is entertaining and stimulating in the best sense. This despite recent cuts which have sadly lead to a frustrating level of repeats.  
ABC programs show a deep respect for their audiences which is the basis for our loyalty.

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