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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 2:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:59 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC unbiased.

The ABC must be kept in public hands. In private hands it is compromised. There is nowhere else to get such accurate and unbiased news. The politicians need to stop trying to influence the ABC and its funding needs to be increased. We cannot settle for the standard of news and analysis delivered by commercial networks

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: National Shame.

The bulk of the liberals have become Philistines and spineless. The audacity trying to sell up our iconic institution. We pay for it like we pay their wages. Lets start advocating a trimming of their income We put these traitors in power to safeguard our outlook with integrity,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

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ABC is an objective public beacon.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

I have watched the ABC exclusively for the last 30 years. Now my kids watch it exclusively. It's the only trusted source for my news and current affairs and for my kids I trust that all the content of the shows is age appropriate and high quality. The quality of the shows and journalism on the ABC is higher than the commercial stations and far less biased than any commercial station. In addition, there is the benefit of no ads!! I am a willing tax payer and I like my taxes going towards a public broadcasting network like the ABC that can exist independent from commercial bias and influence. Privatising public assets is only a short sighted strategy. Claims that the ABC is biased only comes from those people with strong biases in the first place. People love the ABC as it is and has been. Privatisation is not the way forward. Please keep the ABC as a public asset. It is a wonderful asset!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in our hands

We live in an isolated area and rely heavily on the abc to keep us up to date on what is happening in this crazy world. my kids grew up watching playschool etc. and now my grandkids are doing the same. there is so much rubbish on the commercial channels so we need to keep the abc. all the fantastic series from the uk. Etc. if need be bring back a licence fee but do not privatise the abc!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do Not Privatisise the ABC

The ABC has well & truly stood the test of time. If you privatise, the whole focus switches to making \$. The best example is the privatisation of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. It was privatised & now a Royal Commission has proved beyond any shadow of a doubt that money & greed became its focus. Customers treated like scum for profit!

Let's learn from this & keep the ABC in public hands & resourced to do its job of keeping the bastards honest with impartial investigative journalism.

Do Not Privatisise the ABC!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is the most trusted news organisation in the country. There is a reason for this - it has the track record over decades of providing reliable news and courageous investigations. This does not happen in the commercial networks. For this reason, the ABC is a core element of democracy on Australia.

The ABC also has a record of providing innovative local content that reflects and expresses our culture. This is rare in the commercial networks.

Don't dilute or corrupt the ABC's charter. It has worked well for decades and does not need to be changed.

The ABC is the national broadcaster that has been performing the difficult task of speaking truth to power for decades. In the era of fake news, that is something we need more than ever.


Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!!!

My favourite channel is ABC. Always have good programs, interestingly topics. I hope ABC is kept operating into the future. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

When news is big, or bad, the nation turns to the ABC. Along with SBS, the ABC fulfils roles that commercial media would never take on. Australians living outside our capital cities would really suffer if the ABC was privatised. Our creative industries would also be weakened by having to serve purely commercial interests. Our country would be much poorer democratically and creatively if the ABC were to be privatised. Keep the ABC in the public's hands!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should remain for the people.

Anybody who has travelled recently will know that the ABC offers one of the most extensive and trusted broadcasting systems in the world. This absolutely must stay in public hands. With all the nonsense, lies and propoganda rampant in the media, the ABC stands out as a bastion of news and information, its obvious how good it is. I say again, do not privatise this valuable and well loved broadcaster.
Thank you

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

To the ABC Inquiry

Selling off the ABC cannot happen. This must not be allowed to happen. For any chance of independent reporting and analysis the ABC must remain in public hands. The struggling, thinking person, of which there are millions in Australia demand to hang onto our democratic and reformist way of life and not succumb to the impoverished and dictatorial Australia this Federal Government wants to create.
Regards

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off!

I am horrified to think that Australia may be without our ABC if plans to privatize it go ahead. The only television I watch is the ABC because it has the only programs worth watching! I'm interested in the serious, thoughtful treatment given to issues of the day based on fact. I'm interested in information that I can trust, not sensational rubbish of the commercial channels. I am so bored and disgusted by the drivel they dish up. Leave the ABC alone!!!! I will fight so hard for my ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:47 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC in public hands.

The ABC belongs to us, the people, not to any government be it left, right or any other position. We are witnessing the power of privately owned media in the USA right now and do not want to follow in that path. A clear voice, whether you agree or not, is needed to instigate debate on topics the commercial media won't touch for commercial reasons. The commercial media is not an unbiased voice and must take account of its owners and advertisers. You should be proud of our ABC as I am, and stop trying to drag us down the path of thoughtless mediocrity.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

ABC should not be privatised but stay as the relevant news & information & entertainment body that it is currently. Australians expect to have a national voice and it is still well respected. Our local radio stations for example are the go to place for local advice on breaking stories as well as guiding locals in situations of emergence. Fire, flood or other situation. The ABC sources all the best world information and presents it to our televisions & radios. We do not want it being the voice of private enterprise.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Punlic Hands

I am horrified that the coalition should consider privatising the ABC. The ABC was set up to provide the public with news and programmes that commercial out lets would not provide as there would not be enough profit for programmes of minority interest. Documentaries and good children's programmes would not be covered, neither would the ones that I watch, such as Insiders, Q and A and 4 Corners. The only news worth watching is on ABC and SBS, all the rest is rubbish, a mixture of murders car crashes and sob stories. I should have nothing left to watch with only commercial channels. I sincerely hope that you will think again and not deprive us of the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:45 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatize the ABC

Farmers, children, readies, parents, grandparents - everyone needs a public broadcaster, run not by companies with vested interests, financial and otherwise.


We need a well funded public broadcaster to inform, educate and entertain all Australians. The idea of the innocent and lovely ABC Kids that I was raised on and then raised my children on being marred by ads makes me sick.

The ABC and SBS are the only credible sources of independent investigative journalism in Australia and if that is privatized, are companies and governments going to expose their own misdeeds? England cherishes its BBC and Australians cherish the ABC. It runs on a paltry budget and privatizing a national institution because of 'competitive advantage' misses the point entirely. It's about democracy and a democratic media can and should be able to ask the hard questions.

I suspect that is what's driving this campaign and god-forbid policy change

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:44 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcasting is central to democracy in Australia

I know I can rely on the objectivity of reporting by the ABC. Privatisation would make the ABC just like the commercial channels and be a major threat to the freedom of speech enabled by the public funding of the ABC. This is not a commercial advantage but provides a balanced 'take' on events and a voice for me as an elector. Please do not privatise our ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Contrary to some opinions the ABC does provide balanced coverage of news and in commentary. The ABC also provides multitudinous services to an Australia wide audience - local commentary, talk-back radio, sports coverage, music, both Classical and popular - and, importantly, local. The ABC also provides TV exposure to Australian artists and an outlet for quality Australian drama and programs for children. There is nothing to be gained by squeezing the ABC financially or, indeed, selling it off. A healthy Democracy benefits from an independent, un-biased, questioning media outlet. This is provided by the ABC. It also provides an outlet for interesting, challenging, niche programs in the Arts and Sciences, which would, possibly, not be aired on a commercial outlet. The ABC is a valuable, much loved, national asset. (If you don't believe me, put it to a 'national, non-binding' plebiscite to test the water). The ABC should be nurtured and respected rather than criticised and undermined. And it should, certainly NOT be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is unique

The discussion as to whether the ABC has a competitive advantage over other comparable media makes the very dubious assumption that it is in the same market as the commercial broadcasters. The ABC provides a service for its viewers/listeners. The commercial stations carry content simply as a vehicle for serving the needs of advertisers.

The service the ABC provides is unique. The monetisation of information in the media market has destroyed its value to engaged citizens. In the broadcast/digital /online space occupied by the ABC, it is the only disinterested party and must be sustained.

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VIC 3461 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A voice for all Australians; the ABC.

The ABC is a national voice for all Australians. It enables people to hear all sides of a story. It is the benchmark of a democratic nation. Privatising it and we lose our ability to include and air all opinions of Australians. We cease to be a democracy.

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VIC 3056 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should remain a public institution

I respectfully write to ask that the government stops its damaging attack to undermine freedom of public debate and plurality of opinion by its continuing attempts to privatise and destroy through funding cuts our ABC, a long-valued community resource, preservation of which must transcend ideology. This is all the more important, with so much failing major media, and the concentration in a few hands what is left.

I am distressed by yet more budget cuts to the ABC, announced in the recent Budget, — and the attempt by ever increasing sections of the Liberal Party to put at risk through privatisation a vast array of a critical community resources, from Pepper Pig and Play School for our kids, to in-depth and investigative news reporting, alternative views on current affairs, to mention just a few things.

All this and so much more adds up to a vital service for rural and regional Australia, an educational voice on so many topics that privatised media will never cover and a great cultural and employment assets offering programs of local drama, comedy etc.

As a long term a viewer and listener I fear for the future of the ABC in this current political environment. And cut backs at so many ABC local newsrooms, particularly of senior and experienced journalists, have already jeopardised the important role the ABC plays in holding society's leaders to account.

It is ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL for the ABC to be able to continue and expand the important investigative reporting that is being done by its journalists around Australia on its many platforms.

The ABC is one of Australia's most respected and trusted institutions.

I therefore ask you to defend its independence from political interference intent on privatisation — and to fight to protect it from any further funding cuts.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Northcote, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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VIC 3070



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't get rid of the ABC

The ABC is the closest thing we have to truth in media in Australia. Don't be fools and dismantle all of our public interests.


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VIC 3031



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands, PLEASE!

ABC is the only place I can go to for TV shows and news that leaves me feeling smarter rather than more stupid. PLEASE don't take this from me. I live in the US now yet still tune in to ABC programs, I read the news on my phone every morning in an app stacked with mostly ABC articles because it is the news I know and TRUST. I watch programs on ABC iView because the news offering in the US is the biggest crock of shit I have ever encountered. You know why the news stations in the US are SO bad? They are sensationalists, and they're trying to turn anything and everything into a massive story biggest they HAVE TO because they're commercial stations who need the ratings. If you take away public broadcasting you're forcing the ABC into the same predicament, commercialise or die. ABC news, media watch, four corners, Q and A, Dr Karl and Hack on triple j - all of these are my favourite shows. You may argue that privatising the ABC won't kill it, that those who truly want it will be willing to pay for it and subscribe, thing is, the people who need it most are the ones who CANNOT afford to pay for it. The young students and those working in creative industries who barely get paid minimum wage are the ones who need it most, and we are already paying the living costs that far outstrip our wages just to survive - who has an extra \$1,000 a year? So you privatise it and keep it free, but then it becomes exactly like every other commercial station and news outlet, fighting to stay alive, cutting costs to forgo accurate reporting and putting on stupid TV shows to try and boost ratings so they can charge more for their advertising. Surely you're aware that Triple j (ABC) plays more Australian music than all the commercial stations put together - 49% Australian music whilst commercial stations play between 7% and 13%. Do you want to do that to your arts industry? Are we just becoming another US state, a resources powerhouse for the Trump administration? Your decision to privatise the ABC will kill it as we know and love it today. The ABC is our last lifeline, our last glimpse of hope that other people in Australia really do care about the state of the world, care about delivering unbiased information and good journalism. Out last hope that perhaps the government, the men and women we entrust with the future of our country might care about this too. Might care about us, about our education and about the state of this country and where it is going. You've already gutted the ABC when you cut funding and jeopardised everything they are trying to achieve, yet still you push to destroy it altogether. How dare you justify these cuts, the privatisation of our last decent source of information, yet waste millions of dollars on a ridiculous vote on gay marriage. WAKE UP and get in touch with your voters because you are an absolute disgrace. We refuse to let this country go the way of the US. You will not win.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:40 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

Governments everywhere DETEST correct analysis of their plans . It is quite impossible to find any such analysis in corporate television and even the ABC goes along , in part , with the disinformation being broadcast as news . Because it has been fiscally gutted by successive governments from both sides of the House .. if it were to be privatised even that façade would be doomed . Because of the Internet , it has become easy enough to see this clearly . Good ideas can only be intelligently debated with the courage that comes from a lack of fear of reprisal , in all its` forms , and fiscal independence is a major factor .

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NSW 2444 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

Having infant and toddler kids, the ABC is all we watch these days. It may take a lot of public money to run, but this is what allows it to not always prioritise the bottom line in its programming, otherwise it would show all those mindless reality TV shows that are so prevalent on commercial channels.

Thank you

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NSW 2219




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

ABC is the only media organisation which is not influenced by profit making, and therefore biased, entities.
We need to have independent ABC.

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SA 5082 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:38 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

For many years I have watched the ABC. It is informative, balanced and intelligent in its reporting. Programmes like Four Corners and Q and A are irreplaceable! My children grew up loving Playschool and Bananas in Pyjamas and now my grandchildren watch and love those programmes too. Australian and British drama shows are excellent, giving many aspiring actors a job. Please do not sell our ABC.
Thank you..

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need to support the ABC as a public broadcaster!

We need the ABC to publish information in the public interest! It was the ABC's Four Corners program which finally published the truth about water fraud on the Upper Darling River, more than a year after community groups had been contacting politicians right up to the Prime Minister about diversion of environmental flows and water theft through meter tampering. Letters to editors of national and state newspapers were not printed and politicians dismissed multiple petitions and letters about these concerns, but the ABC followed up and televised the details of massive mis-management and outright fraud in this key region of the Murray-Darling Basin. We need this avenue for publication of issues in the public interest. A public broadcaster is an essential ingredient in our democracy! Increase their funding instead of trying to shut them down!!

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SA 5069 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

I want a news source not influenced by money

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC has been a constant source of independent broadcasting since it's inception. Does anyone really think that will remain if it is privatised? This is a serious threat on democracy in Australia and must not go ahead.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF OUR ABC. KEEP OUR ABC OURS !

It's OUR ABC !

Generations of Australians have grown up with the ABC as the source of their earliest memories of the world of Television and Radio.

Generations of Australians have learned about the World they live in, the people that populate our cities and farms, our forests and the animals that live there, all by watching ABC TV and listening to ABC Radio. Iconic programming such as ABC News, 4Corners, Sesame Street and Playschool on TV are fundamental to my sense of self, and millions upon millions of Australians like me. I have spent many hours enjoying listening to ABC Radio and absorbing the great music of the Classical composers and Jazz music on ABC classics, and gaining wisdom from radio shows like LNL (Late Night Live), All In The Mind, and many other amazing pieces of journalistic magic - certainly nothing like these programs have or will ever exist on commercial TV or Radio. Because commercial TV and Radio does NOT care about enrichment of peoples lives - commercial TV and Radio only cares about making a profit.

If the ABC is privatised, Australians can only get LESS knowledgeable, LESS competitive in this world, and Australia WILL suffer as a result.

All Governments know educating people is the key to a more productive population, both in work readiness, and in quality of life.

WHY would the Government of Australia ever want to make it's citizens less knowledgeable of the world in which they live ?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public unbiased hands

Privatization simply increases the bias in journalism as companies influence their employees to present the company's own preferred information. This is the last thing news needs. All advanced civilizations have public networks that offer a different perspective and to have only private networks would remove any counterbalance and truly free provision of information. We should be proud that Australia has a public network with our small

Population. We should also do everything to avoid having a system such as that in the USA with the exceedingly biased news seen on so many networks such as Fox News. This is simply an embarrassment to which no intelligent community should strive.

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NSW 2193 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Commercializing the ABC

SBS & the ABC are the only free to air TV stations I watch..... why? Because I do not like the level of content that most of the other TV stations produce which cater to the lowest common denominator and brain dead. Eventually I will not be watching TV at all as I may want it but do not need it so a choice will be made.

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WA 6149



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:31 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcasters are crucial to functioning democracy and Australian society

Dear Parliamentary Committee,

I am writing as one of the millions of Australians that relies on our publicly owned, independent broadcaster for news and information every day. It is vital that the ABC remain a fully independent and publicly-funded organisation.

The ABC is an organisation that has been funded and built up by taxpayers across Australia and across generations. The parliament does not have a mandate to break up, reduce or privatise this public institution - such a step requires a referendum at the very least.

A robust and effective democracy relies on well-informed citizens who have access to independent news and information. In Australia, this is largely achieved by the ABC.

Commercial outlets will never cater to the broad range of interests and diversity of Australians for which the ABC provides a platform.


Many of the stories covered by the ABC are never aired in any other media outlet. Many important stories about our civil society are broken first by the ABC.

Currently Australian media is hugely concentrated in only a few private owners. The ABC is a vital platform for the diversity of Australia, and our society interests that will never be represented by the few media outlets in private hands.

I urge you to recognise the importance of the publicly-funded, independent institution that is the ABC, that is crucial to a functioning democracy.

Regards,
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TAS 7005 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT PRIVATIZE THE ABC

The fact that the ABC is not private is what has always made it so special and so edgy. If it goes private then we have lost this powerful voice.

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NSW 2575



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC INDEPENDENT

I have been a fan of the ABC for approximately 50 years and very rarely watch commercial television. I thoroughly respect and rely on the objectivity of the ABC and cannot stomach the tripe dished up by commercial television outlets. THE ABC MUST BE PRESERVED AS AN INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE BODY!!

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NSW 2095



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain a public asset!


The ABC is an essential part of life for many Australians in all its forms - radio, television and online. Many of us are not prepared to tolerate the dross and biased material pushed out by commercial interests. The ABC offers a range of programs covering all age groups and a range of interest groups. Where else would we experience informative programs such as Norman Swan's 'Medical Report', Robin Williams' 'Science Show' or interesting interviews such as those offered by the likes of Phillip Adams or Richard Fidler. Who else would introduce me to new classical music? My children would not have had the quality experiences offered by 'Playschool' or Australian series such as 'Round the Twist' without the ABC.

Conservative Governments seek to punish the ABC through numerous budget cuts for its truth telling and exposure of Government misformation campaigns.

The ABC provides essential information to us all in times of crisis such as bushfires or cyclones. It must be treated as an essential element of Australian life and must be adequately funded so it can provide quality journalism to keep us all informed.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:21 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT PRIVATISE OUR ABC

If our ABC is privatised, rural media will be utterly destroyed - all rural commercial media now emanates from metropolitan centres (even after promises this would not happen) with little local content - there is no financial incentive to gather rural reports, news, essential service updates - Australia is a huge landmass and needs an on-the-ground media - it's already demonstrated that commercial media will not deliver that service

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NSW 2483 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC belongs to all Australians

Please keep the ABC in the hands of all Australians - it is the only source of real news & views for me & family.

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VIC 3757




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I watch the ABC daily. I trust the news reports. Four Corners is probably the program I most trust as it has regularly addressed topics that are difficult or unpopular. I believe the ABC has better quality children's programs than commercial stations. I believe the ABC provides a balanced and sometimes provocative look at current affairs and I greatly appreciate this. Over many years I have enjoyed watching new programs that you were never going to see on a commercial station. There is much much more to the ABC than whatever political shortcomings various governments and political parties have issues with. A responsible and responsive government would fully fund the ABC and recognise its place in our society. Just remember that you were elected to do the best for your electorates, and ensuring a strong ABC is one way to do that.

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SA 5017 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC and give decent journalism its best chance of survival. Privatizing the ABC is the worst idea the Liberals have ever had, this week. What a bunch of visionless fools.

I don't watch commercial television unless I have to.
I regard its programming and presenters and approach as inferior and its editorial integrity compromised by its focus on serving its main clients; advertisers.
If the ABC were privatised my quality of life would be irreparably damaged.
At a time when so good journalism is under threat, the idea of destroying the one hope of having an honest, independent and impartial media will be lost.
Forever.

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WA 6009 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!!

Please, keep the ABC as a public broadcaster.

For my whole life (58 years) the ABC has been the news and current affairs that myself and my family have watched and trusted. It is still the 'tab' that is always open on my laptop to catch-up with headlines.

My children and now grandchild watch ABC Kids.

ABC is part of our heritage, our culture, simply because it is TRUSTED. Trusted to give the truth and balance.

Australians want their loved public broadcaster, because it provides balance.

I believe it is also very important for the Australian film industry, since it actually shows Aust TV.

Please, keep it as it is. Do not privatise ABC

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NSW 2485



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

If you want to privatise the ABC it begs the question, what stations do you watch and that then begs the question about your lack of intelligence, as you must be satisfied with the rubbish on commercial TV.

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WA 6065




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: hands off our ABC

The ABC has the news broadcast I trust. The programs are not commercial. Great movies, shows are not homogenised like other channels. I am very worried about the repeated attacks by liberals and co-alition on ABC. I dont trust Malcolm Turnbull who says privatisation, 'dont worry about it' , I believe he will do his usual about face on this issue.

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VIC 3058 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save your ABC

I would like you to know that I see the privatisation of the ABC as another hit on our democratic freedoms. Abolishing the ABC is the politicians' attempt to silence intelligent citizens from having a voice. Privatising the ABC is about saving the government money, stifling creativity, removing critical evaluation of government policies and agendas and the loss of opportunity for a diverse range of community members to have their views, ideologies and creativity represented in various media forms. Please preserve the high quality tv productions we find on the ABC. Let's not deprive our community of a broadcasting network that is not afraid to ask the difficult questions or discuss issues that really matter. I don't want another poor quality commercial network. Save our ABC. Protect your democratic rights. All Australians deserve the right to be heard.

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NSW 2251



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

As a senior member of our community I have always listened to the ABC. Being a country person we listened to the News, the Country Hour and radio serials, such as The Lawsons and Blue Hills, childrens programmes. As an adult I have always listened to ABC radio , News, Current Affairs, science programmes,documentaries etc. Now as a retiree I listen to ABC radio and watch ABCTV. I can't stand commercials they destroy the context of any programme. Please leave the ABC in public hands and give it more assistance to produce unbiased, non-commercially influenced programming.

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VIC 3460



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

How come there was not outrage about a left leaning ABC by the liberal party when the public broadcaster was bashing the ALP when they were in power.

How come there's no squeeling about a right leaning Fox,9,7 ten and The Australian?

There will always be right and left leaning organisations.

It's not democratic to silence your critics by imprisoning them or by squeezing their funding or threatening to sell them off.

I believe we have a fair balance in Australia and that we need a federally funded public broadcaster. I love the ABC and would be very disappointed to see it further emasculated. It provides a very good service, especially to rural Australia.

Hands off the ABC.

I will not vote for a party that continues to use the ABC as a whipping boy even if I fully support that party's stance on tax reform.

Regards

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WA 6285




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

ABC is a vital source of accurate and unbiased information. It does not have to appease sponsors needs ie ratings and sale of products. It offers a transparent and extremely important role in a media. This role appears to be increasingly vital in a media and entertainment industry focused on its in financial gains rather than supporting the public interest. It is a check and balance re: the distortion of truth and misinformation from commercial media. ABC is also a vital platform for local news and creative content for Australia. It creates jobs and careers. Privatisation would be a terrible mistake for this country.

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WA 6008 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

i believe ABC should not be privatised as we need a voice for the people, a voice for conscience, a voice to point out when the government is not doing the right things for the people. Privatising ABC means people like the Murdock will poison the fair and open space for free speech.
I feel that the Liberals are the far right people who don't want their wrongs to be made public. They are a bunch of cowards in my eyes.

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VIC 3030 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian people

The ABC belongs to the Australian people and taking it away from us is depriving Australia. We already have private commercial channels and often they flounder. They also tend to mostly show American content and aim for the lowest common denominator. Even though they are probably obliged in some vague way to show Indigenous content, I almost never see it on them. I never would have gotten to see the fantastic Redfern now, The Gods of Wheat street and right now, Mystery Road. Watching brilliant Rachel Perkins productions makes me proud to be an Australian. Anything to do with history, and the Indigenous and controversial subjects only appears on the ABC and SBS. It is appalling that they should be threatened with privatisation. That is solely about making money, and nothing to do with quality, diversity, and Australian content - for ALL Australians, not just the lowest common denominator or cheap violence, smut, soapies and one step up from gaming. The Commonwealth Bank used to be a bank I could trust. Then it got privatised and bleeds people dry and is always in the news for more dirty tricks. We are told that all that is justified because it makes "profits", but the rich pay the lowest amounts of tax of all. The best example is what happened to Telstra. They are appalling. And I bet they promised not to axe Australian jobs - at the start. Yet that's exactly what they do! They are horrible to work with now, and charge enormous amounts for very little. They treat Australians with arrogance and contempt. Telstra was meant to belong to us, for us. Rich politicians decide to rob us of anything that actually helps people, regardless of what we want. If we voted you in, don't you owe it to us to at least let us have our public institutions that WILL provide for us. Private companies WON'T. We can't all afford the Platinum Pack with Foxtel and so on. The ABC was created for EVERYONE. You should not deprive us of it.

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QLD 4814 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am disgusted that the Liberals are thinking of such a disgraceful betrayal of ordinary Australians. 99% of the time I listen to ABC radio and watch ABC television. The very thought of the idea has shocked me to the core. HANDS OFF THE ABC.

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VIC 3558 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!

The Australian electorate does not want our national broadcaster to be privatised!
We've all seen the disasters resulting from privatisation already.
Apart from ignoring the benefits for its people of a national broadcaster the government fails to realise that the electorate will not tolerate such a loss. The impartiality and varied programs of the ABC are not supplied by the commercial media.
The ABC has a unique purpose and place in our lives.
Huge protests will be evident at the ballot box.

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QLD 4217 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands!

I find it outrageously offensive to even consider commercialising the ABC and to contemplate voting for and passing such a naïve motion can only be considered a major collective brain-fart on the part of our elected members in the Liberal coalition.

Anyone who has travelled widely in the USA knows why we MUST HAVE a publicly owned ABC. The majority of Yanks are kept geographically embarrassed and brain-dead by their light-weight commercial news stations – and the PBS struggles for funding but due to the population size is able to survive through private funding.

If I believed in conspiracy theories I would say it is a deliberate ploy by the ruling US elite to keep the populace ignorant in the running of the country.

The idea of cows giving away cash on the ABC morning show, or similar, is going to see any Australian government contenting with masses of people in the streets with pitch forks and burning torches!

The ABC MUST stay in public hands because it...

- Provides a reasonably balanced perspective on Australian and global politics and current events.
- Deals with big investigative issues that are often unpopular with commercial entities for a range of reasons including viewer discomfort and unpopularity.
- Asks the hard questions, investigates and unveils things companies and governments want hidden or obfuscated.

If Labor or Liberal or other government considers it is getting a hard time from the public broadcaster, BAD LUCK, that is what the role of the public broadcaster is – to ask the hard questions and to raise issues that are unpalatable to people who watch the commercial stations, but who remain all the poorer for not knowing.

The audacity of our present governing elite – or any other flavour of government in the future – to consider commercialising any part of the ABC is nothing but fanciful elitism in full flight, is offensive to the ABC's loyal viewers and will likely not be tolerated by much of the Australian populace!

Hands-off our ABC – and that includes funding cuts.

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SA 5035




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC out of private hands

Please use your reason and logic. By handing over a public broadcaster to the private sector means destroying the independent voice.

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TAS 7325 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Dear all,

I am very much opposed to the attack on our national network, the ABC, by certain government parties. The very premise of the current 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. We need to make sure we have a media outlet that is not dictated by shallowly examined market forces to continue to serve our community. Don't privatise the ABC. That would definitely lose my vote.

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WA 6104



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay in public hands.

Dear MP.

Dont let the ABC become another media outlet that has to dumb down its news and sacrifice quality journalism in order to make a profit.

I read the ABC news every day and am thankful we have access to media that doesnt have to sacrifice it journalism in order to sell news to make a profit.

The Australian people and our democrqy depend on access to quality news to remain informed and make good decisions.

Please. Dont let the ABC necome privatised.

Regards

[REDACTED] Citizen of Australia.

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TAS 7155




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

It is ludicrous to even think of privatising our public broadcaster. The continuing eroding of ABC programs and cuts to funding by the LNP Government is absolutely disgraceful.
I watch the ABC for it's unbiased and truthful news, unlike the commercial stations.
Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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ACT 2904 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Please so no to private the ABC, its the only place we can trust with the news...

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VIC 3175 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't scrap the ABC

Please remember older Australians when considering this issue. My generation was raised with the ABC as a part of our lives. I try to adapt to modern technology and commercialization of everything but the ABC puts pleasure in my life and I would hate to see it go as a casualty of some political spat. So much fuss is made about cultural values these days. Is not the the ABC part of our Australian culture?

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VIC 3818 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why the ABC must stay in public hands

I grew up in Apartheid-ruled South Africa in the 1960s and 70s. The ultra-conservative government there banned and destroyed all independent media as such outlets threatened their secretive and divisive agenda. Privatising the ABC, handing it over to vested interests such as the Murdoch multinational or banking or mining interests will be a huge loss for Australia, a loss of the independent and unbiased media presence so vital to any true democracy. Don't follow the apartheid line and sell off OUR media. My children grew up watching the ABC and now, 30 years on, the public broadcaster still presents the best news and magazine programs on our nation. We need an independent public broadcaster. No sale - please!

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NSW 2031 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Maintain an independent source of information and a bastion of culture in Australia.

I am a first fleeter now living overseas. I grew up with the ABC, still trust the ABC when I am home. My mother would watch no other channel. This is the only broadcaster we have which is not beholden to vested interests. It is the only guarantee we have. I live in Spain where the government broadcaster is both commercial and under the thumb of whichever government happens to be in power. I often find that ABC news can give me more accurate information about what goes on in this country than our own broadcasters do. Apart from anything else, the liberal party made a verbal contract with the Australian people that they would not privatise nor make cuts to the ABC. They were voted in with this promise still fresh. What they are doing is breach of contract and if they don't keep the contract, the contract should be abolished. That is to say. Keep your word or call a new election.

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NSW 2088 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC

I am a long-time viewer and listener of the ABC, I rarely watch the commercial stations and no longer watch very much on SBS due to the annoying advertisements now on it. I rely on the ABC to give me excellent Australian produced drama, quality news, current affairs and reliable information I can trust. I was dismayed and alarmed by the recent cuts to the ABC and the Liberal Council voting to privatise the ABC. Funding cuts have placed enormous stress upon the ABC which is again being asked to do more with less, it robs the ABC of its ability to finance new content and innovation. As a viewer I fear for the future of the ABC in this environment.


The very premise of this inquiry misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. I do not believe that the ABC (or SBS) has an "undue advantage" over commercial outlets by being publically owned, if the ABC was privatised, there would be nothing left for people like me (who do not like commercial TV) to watch.

I remind you that the ABC fulfils a unique cultural role in Australia and ranks among our most respected and trusted institutions. It needs to stay in public hands; it is a "priceless asset" that should not be sold, no matter how much someone might be prepared to pay for it.

The ABC should be free from political interference, it should be able to continue to scrutinise policies and platforms from both sides of parliament effectively. It is also critical for the ABC to be able to continue and expand the fine investigative work that is being done by its journalists around Australia and across all platforms.

I implore you to stand up for our ABC by defending its independence from political interference, allowing it to maintain its role and fighting to protect it from any further funding cuts.

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WA 6280 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!

Our ABC, the peoples' ABC is the only source of truly unbiased, truthful information and news we have in this country. Remember that we, the people are the ones financing this ABC, not the govt. The LNP has no right to ride roughshod over our wishes. This country is not an LNP state where the govt has a right to hide behind weak and fake news. This is a democracy and the ABC keeps us up to date with both sides of the argument. Keep your hands off our ABC. This is the only news broadcaster I trust. Do not imagine for one minute that you will be forgiven if you take this away from us.

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WA 6111



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I love Catalyst and the 7:30 report and ABC news. I doubt that these shows could exist without public broadcasting. If they went private they would be watered down with sponsored messages and other advertising.

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NSW 2077 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC is public hands

The ABC must remain in public hands as that is the only way to ensure impartial press. The Murdoch press is already destroying democracy and if we lose the ABC, we will not have a source of truthful news and a broadcaster representing all Australians. The ABC is able to create valuable programming, not just 'profitable' non-sense. Finally, given the fear politicians have of the ABC indicates that the democratic system is working.

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VIC 3046 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS!!!

Goodbye you Liberals in power - if you even try to privatise the ABC you WILL LOSE THE NEXT ELECTION and NEVER gain power again. The ABC is the only station I watch, sorry plus SBS - because they can be trusted implicitly with telling the truth, and this is why you Liberals are trying to bring them down. The truth hurts, you continually lie in Parliament and to the people of Australia, and this WILL BE YOUR FINAL UNDOING.....just try, I cant wait to see you all fall. You privatised Telstra and look what they announced today, 8000 job losses and Australia's unemployment situation gets worse every day, but you Mr. Turnbull can stand up and yell in Parliament that 'a 60 yr old worker in Aged Care has the right to improve her working status????' Like how, when there are no jobs and no training for older workers and low wages - what can you offer but tax breaks for your rich cronies. WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR SCHEMING & LIES, do it and watch yourselves lose power. I cant wait!!!

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SA 5043



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a national treasure only as long as it belongs to the nation.

I object to any move to privatise the ABC, or to sabotage its good work in any way. The ABC is one of our few remaining national treasures, after so many have been destroyed by privatisation and other underhanded means in the last 4 decades, the period in which the dead hand of "economic rationalism" has been used by those who hate our nation to do it harm.

The recent vote by the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC- a vote not conducted by the secret ballot that party has always insisted on for others, but a show of hands that enabled the extreme right wing ideologues of that party to force compliance with their agenda- is a warning to the voters of Australia that the Coalition has been taken over by the foreign and anti-democratic influences that they have recently pretended to oppose. Our country's media is already dominated by a foreign-owned propaganda network which constantly produces skewed and fabricated "news" programs that almost exclusively promote the political interests of the extreme right. No wonder that paranoid and authoritarian minority is now using its political clout within the Coalition to facilitate the ambitions of that foreign propaganda network's owner within Australia. If this is successful, it will be to the everlasting disadvantage of the Australian people, our democracy and nation.

The strongest democracies in the world today are the ones that have established and maintain publicly funded national broadcasting across all platforms. Australia is lucky to be a member of this club, but we must not be so foolish as to suppose that luck alone will ensure our continued membership of this club of peaceful, prosperous and politically stable nations. The ABC is an essential tool for maintaining that membership. If privatised, it will no longer be a national broadcaster but a corporate one, subjected immediately to a completely different set of requirements and pressures, that will change its character and quality, and limit its scope and appeal almost overnight.

The truth of this statement can be easily tested by a week's watching of Australian commercial television (or listening to commercial radio) in search of high quality journalism, international news, documentaries, children's entertainment, educational programming, or locally made content. In that time you will find less than what a few hours' listening to or watching of the ABC will turn up, even after the huge cuts to funding that Tony Abbott promised in 2013 would never happen, and were then subsequently inflicted on his orders. Instead you will find that the commercial stations, ruled by the need to make a profit, treat the listener and viewer as the product which they market to advertisers keen to trick them into buying their wares. Caught on the horns of the two requirements to a) spend as little money as possible on content so as to ensure the largest profit, and b) cultivate the minds of their audiences to be as receptive as possible to the advertisers' messages, commercial media rarely do other than provide a steady stream of shallow and unchallenging stimulation to keep their audience tuned in until the next ad break. Anything that challenges prejudices or the intellect, or that delays gratification for even a minute, or that may appeal only to a limited or non-consuming demographic is ruled out by the imperatives that drive a commercial media operation.

These iron laws of commercial broadcasting would destroy the unique qualities of the ABC. The programming that keeps Australians informed about important or complex consumer, economic, environmental, educational international and political issues would disappear quickly and completely if the ABC were privatised. Of course, this is exactly why the extreme right of the Liberal Party voted in favour of this recently, and the motivation that established this inquiry. Authoritarian regimes, and those who dream of one day running them without accountability or transparency, are allergic to the exposure, investigation and well-informed criticism that a properly operating public broadcaster is bound to provide in a functioning democracy.

This inquiry asks the question; are the ABC and SBS at an unfair advantage over commercial broadcasters because they receive public funding and the commercials don't? The answer is; No Pauline and Eric, you know perfectly well they aren't. Please don't waste any more public money by staging a fake inquiry into this silly question.

There is no point of comparison between the public and private broadcasters other than that they both broadcast. They provide completely different services to substantially different customers. Public broadcasters provide their services to the public who pay for them via taxation, and the commercial broadcasters provide theirs to the advertisers who pay fees for the attention of an audience to their adverts.

Commercial broadcasters would not be any better off if there was suddenly another commercial broadcaster called ABC, instead of a public broadcaster of that name. That would only add an extra and unwanted competitor for a limited advertising dollar. Isn't it funny how capitalists talk endlessly of the virtues of competition, yet always hate to have more of it in their own business? But this is how it has been since Adam Smith's time. For the same reason there would be no benefit to the commercial broadcasters from forcing the ABC to carry advertising, just as there would be none to the ABC or its audiences. The income would be minimal compared to the damaging effect on programming and the violations of the charter.

The products of the public and commercial broadcasters are so different that they cannot reasonably expect to poach from each other's audiences, with the exception of sport. In that case it is generally the commercial broadcasters that win the events with the largest interest to local advertisers, and the ABC or SBS that get to cater to the smaller and less commercially rewarding audiences. This is not a competition in which the commercial broadcasters might be at a disadvantage, but a de facto co-operation in which commercial operators are free to spend only on the biggest events, and the public can benefit from having their taxes ensure that commercially unviable events are still available to them. This benefit to the public and the commercial broadcasters has been deceitfully mischaracterised by commentators from the extreme right as "taxpayers' money wasted on entertainment for the elites". Of course this is ideologically driven nonsense.

One advantage that the commercial broadcasters enjoy (free of charge) from this arrangement is that the public pay for the development of new TV audiences by public broadcasters, that the private broadcasters can take over once the experimenting and hard work of building them up to a commercially rewarding size has been done. In this way it is true to say that the commercial broadcasters derive an advantage from the taxpayers' provision of a free incubation service for new markets that they can exploit without having to take any investment risks on. This has been going on for so long that the commercial broadcasters have become dependent on the ABC and SBS for staff training and product development (recent examples include but are not limited to cycling, athletics, women's sports, comedy, panel and music shows) and would be at a serious financial disadvantage if the ABC were privatised and turned from a nursery for the commercials into their competitor.

I can't help but notice how very few managers of commercial broadcasters ever make this allegation that they suffer a commercial disadvantage from the public broadcasters being publicly funded. It's only ever lunatics on the extreme right wing fringes of politics and the commentariat who play this game, usually at the cost of the same public money they claim is being wasted on ABC and SBS. That might be because the managers of commercial media have compared their own multi-million dollar salaries with the monastic wages drawn by their counterparts in the public sphere, and thought how lucky they are to get so much money for such a relatively small amount of work and political bullying. People who know broadcasting inside out know that the ABC and SBS provide far more product, of a far greater quality and to a much more widespread audience, than the commercial broadcasters ever could or would wish to, and they do it on a starvation budget that the private operators would never accept.

One point that is often forgotten about that wide ABC audience is that it includes not just the remoter parts of Australia, but most of South East Asia. The ABC is the most trusted source of news in our region and a great source of prestige for Australia. Sadly some of this service was cut by the Howard government for purely ideological reasons, similar to those responsible for this inquiry, and replaced by a commercial

broadcaster. This was an English Christian fundamentalist group with extreme views and a hatred for other religions, and it was allowed to broadcast from Darwin into Asia at a time when Indonesia was experiencing the political fallout from the demise of President Suharto. Long-suppressed religious tensions were coming to the surface in that country of many faiths, and the Australian PM's indulgence of his dislike of the ABC enabled this company to fill the airwaves of Indonesia with religious hate programming in the place where Indonesians were accustomed to receiving more reliable news from the ABC than they got from their own government. This did not help the people of Sulawesi, where Christians and Muslims had lived side by side for generations and were now being pitted against one another by the TNI on one side, and what they thought was the ABC on the other. Massacres ensued and whole towns were destroyed in the melees that followed. It's probable that no Australians were hurt, but there was also no acknowledgement of the part Australia played in that disaster, and subsequently in keeping religious tensions high. But it's indisputable that on Sulawesi (which contains one of Indonesia's financial capitals Manado, and main ports Ujung Pandang, as well as its second most important tourist area Rantepao) Australian prestige suffered a major downgrade that will be long remembered. This may have already produced serious problems for Australian tourists or businesspeople in that area, and might yield a major strategic disadvantage to Australian soldiers if they have to deploy there in future. I travelled across this island only a year or two before this disaster occurred, and Australia was well regarded, partly because the ABC foreign service was relied upon and respected. The local people used the same buildings as mosques on Friday, then churches on Sunday. That doesn't happen anymore. It is well to remember that childish ideological tantrums by politicians and shock jocks in ivory towers in Australia can and do have consequences far beyond their limited intentions, and that these consequences are sometimes very serious, and that the flow-on effects of the stupid decisions wrought by their selfishness and egotism can last a long time and may come back to bite when and where they are least expected.

The extreme right of the Liberal party will no doubt continue to make up scary stories about public broadcasting and the alleged evils of democracy and accountability as long as they can support their dream of a totalitarian nirvana just over the next hill. That's no reason for the adults in the room to indulge those perverted fantasies or to give in to them. The fact is that the ABC achieves a great deal of good for Australia's viewers and listeners, and benefits the commercial broadcasting sector as well, all on the smell of an oily rag. Australian taxpayers derive excellent value from money allocated to ABC and SBS, and can well afford to roll back 100% of the cuts that the Liberals promised they would never make, plus GST. Even if this means a billionaire owner of a commercial broadcaster has to pay taxes, there will still be plenty of net benefits flowing to private broadcasters (and perhaps more) from a publicly funded and independent ABC and SBS, who along with medicare, remain the most popular government programs in the proudly democratic nation of Australia.



NSW 2044

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the A.B.C. ours

Because the A.B.C. makes statements not compatible with the hard right of the coalition government they believe this to be a good reason to deny the people of Australia access to a balanced view of current matters, also is that multinational corporation of "ex-Australian" Rupert Murdoch influencing the views of these future politicians?

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VIC 3040




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:58 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC along with SBS are pretty much the only TV channels I watch. In particular the ABC for current affairs and news investigative programs, science and cultural matters. I am also very concerned for rural and regional viewers who are very dependent on the ABC for anything other than the very inadequate commercial channels regarding provision of important information on world and national affairs. To me the ABC is a national treasure and I am outraged at the suggestion of the Liberal Party that the ABC be privatised. Their attempts, including cutting down on funding reveals their desire to dumb-down the Australian people and further degrade their participation in wise decision-making relevant to good government. This I see as unpatriotic and clearly opposed to the interests of democracy and a very concerning development.

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NSW 2481 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:56 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is important to me in a number of ways, the news is not biased and the current affairs programmes are also extremely intelligent and make me think about the issues before I make a decision about them, I don't get that on the commercial channel.

I am concerned about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what it means for Australia, they seem to be wanting the country to head more towards the US model and most of us can see that that would be disastrous, as USA is heading away from any democracy towards a fascist state.

The ABC and SBS need to stay in public hands and more money given to them so they can grow as they are miles ahead of the commercial channels in every way, especially as they are democratic and multicultural in nature and the commercial channels are not. The point the Coalition makes that the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded misses this crucial point


yours sincerely

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WA 6056 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should not be privatised

A free and democratic society requires a public broadcaster. This is not negotiable. ABC enables trust in governance, deserved or not at times, it might be pointed out. I can only deduce that measures and Liberal party members voting to privatise the ABC are merely the result of the same temporary and Quixotic charge towards hard right policies across the globe. If the ABC were to be privatised, it would only decay truly free media messages (the truth) and the germs of venerable opinion leading to rational choices relevant to a future-prepared country with the wisdom to understand the times and navigate onward from a certain level of genuine understanding of what is occurring at home and abroad. In my opinion, the only reason a government would wish the public broadcaster to be in private ownership is in order to work towards nefarious ends. That in itself should be an issue of national security. If we are to be reduced to the opinions only gleaned through the lense of the likes of the main private media owners then we are certainly going to be heading to dangerous territory. Do not privatise the ABC as it will make this country a vastly more dangerous place. I note also that Liberal members such as Eric Abets is extremely keen to see the ABC dismantled. Asking why should include a thorough examination of why this man and others on the "hard right" should be taken seriously, given their attachments to many things which our grandparents suffered to defeat. It is outrageous and it is no longer far fetched to point out that there is a very definite destructive and dangerous tendency at work in the minds of these very angry and aggressive right wing politicians and their oft times repugnant followers. The ABC stands as a bastion of hope and a stable voice for the TRUE silent majority, not the bought and paid lackey supposed majority of loudmouthed and vicious snobs who are seemingly fascinated with repeating history for all the wrong reasons. We need sanity. Those suffering depression and face it, despair at the difficulties in life are ultimately served best by the ABC by having reflective coverage of issues without a hard right perspective. It's sensible. It is my life long studied opinion that the only sane conclusion is to keep the ABC public and better funded, rather than privatised and turned into yet another howling megaphone for the already overly represented private media interests.

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QLD 4305 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:55 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't make the mistake of privatising the ABC!

I have been watching the ABC for most of my life and have come to love the culture and diversity of programmes that it offers. I was brought up on Aunty Jack and Countdown and came to love Frontline and The Bush Tucker man. I grew disdainful of commercial TV and its bland diet and found solace in the ABC and its ability to nourish the intellect and often, the soul.

Aunty ABC has continued to provide good wholesome programs for my many nieces and nephews and gives us hope that Australia has a government that wants to support a cultural and broad perspective.

I hope this government can have the heart to realise how important the ABC is to our Nation and allows it to continue to be an important public enterprise in an era of privatisation.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Hands off the ABC - if you want to further damage the Australian culture and drive us towards the garbage that US citizens have to put up with then privatising the ABC will achieve just that. If anything the government needs to fully fund our ABC and not cut costs to the point of destroying good Australian drama, current affairs, finance reporting, agricultural reporting , independent journalism with shows like media watch pointing out the disgraceful reporting within low life commercial media. The ABC is iconic and free from bias - some may not think so because they are the ones who have acted in their own self interest for financial reasons. The Liberal Party needs to get real and recognise they are trying destroy what most Australians believe is the best broadcaster in the land by a country mile. A big fat NO to Privatisation.

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WA 6018 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:54 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need the ABC in public hands

I love the ABC's investigative documentaries. Four Corners has been particularly good the last few years. Also the news and 7.30 report are superior to anything on the private channels, in terms of balance, depth and analysis. The children's shows are excellent, and are widely used in schools and day care centres. They are very important for the education of our children. I usually only watch ABC and sometimes SBS, because I hate the constant commercials on the private channels. I would be devastated if ABC were privatised, and would probably throw my TV away or maybe move to the UK.

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WA 6062 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public; turn your attention to pressing issues

Dear Madam/Sir,

I write to you in relation to the recent Liberal party vote to privatise the ABC, as well as the announcement of an inquiry into the ABC and SBS, is a shocking attempt to undermine the fourth pillar of democracy in our country, as well as our democratic governance process.

The ABC is a brilliant example of open, fair and educational services, and in the 21st century is one of the few real examples of proper journalism left. It is a vital service for remote communities and children, and a critical review of current affairs that is so terribly lacking in mainstream media.

To attack such a fundamental, public service is a huge concern for the citizens and the government of Australia - we have pressing issues such as climate change, the rise of the extreme right, and the decreasing living standards of Australians, to address. For a political party to (a) focus its attention on something that is not a problem, (b) to vote for radical change to that very something that is so vital to resisting the populism and cynicism those voters seem to represent, and (c) attempt to pressure a national government to restrict media freedoms, particularly those of critical and independent media, is a shocking development for a country that believes itself to be free, open and fair.

The very idea of the inquiry into whether 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 cannot be compared to commercial networks that are increasingly following the 'easy story' of celebrities, sports, celebrities and sports. Australia should be better than that.

I implore you to start thinking about the welfare, long term benefits and reputation of Australia. The ABC and SBS are not broken, so there is no need to create discussions on how to fix them. What does seem to be getting broken is our government's ability to think, plan and create policies that benefit Australia and Australians, now and in the long term. Please think about how you can assist turn that embarrassing trend around and put our politics back on the right track.

Sincerely,

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VIC 3109



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I simply cannot fathom why the government would consider privatising the ABC and consider it a nonsense to talk about public broadcasters having an 'undue advantage' over commercial outlets. Both are not only desirable but necessary for balance.


I regret my inability to couch things in what might be the correct way to make a submission, however I feel very strongly on the subject.

I grew up with the ABC, (radio initially, then radio and TV) being a reliable news and current affairs provider in my life. I do get to see commercial versions in many waiting rooms, and also in the houses of some friends who do, for whatever reasons, choose to rely more on commercial TV for their news and current affairs programs. In my opinion there is no comparison. Four Corners is definitely my most trusted current affairs program, and I regard the ABC as the most reliable news source in Australia today. Commercial interests (often vested interests) can definitely dumb down news and current affairs programs.

For younger family members (grandchildren & great nephews and nieces) the children's programs have been regular viewing - PlaySchool, Bananas in Pyjamas, Fireman Sam, Octonauts and Pepper Pig among them.

When driving interstate I always tune in to local ABC radio stations. If there is any natural disaster type situation like floods etc you can hear updates, and be aware if it could impact on your intended travel route. Generally regional areas of Australia rely on the ABC for their news source.

There is a real need, in my opinion, for there to be a public broadcaster. I call for the ABC to stay in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:53 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC out of public hands

Please keep the ABC like it's always been, everything about it is great there is no other TV station that is anywhere as good as the ABC apart from the SBS which I say is the only other TV station that's even worth turning on, it is so annoying to be watching a program with all the advertisements on, if it wasn't for the ABC and SBS I probably wouldn't even bother to turn the TV on

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WA 6160



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC not the coalitions

Dear Government

I trust the information aired by the ABC. I don't trust temporary politicians to make a decision to make it commercial. Commercial equals lack of independence. Commercial means more reduction of quality programs, soft or changed truth. Hands of our ABC not YOUR ABC!

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VIC 3688



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatiser our ABC? No way!

My unrivalled media outlet of choice is the ABC - whether news, commentary and regular programs of interest on ABC RN and local ABC radio, or drama, comedy and political debate on ABC TV (usually via iView). My children and now my grandchildren have loved and appreciated the rich and varied programs for the younger generation.

There is no shortage of well researched, competently presented, mature and interesting programming. To top it off, I do not have to endure loud, frenetic, bombardment with advertising! The contrast with commercial media is enormous. I find the ABC generally calm, reasonable, balanced, strong on social conscience and human values and careful to avoid promoting any particular commercial interest.

The current attacks on the ABC are a great concern to me, as I believe privatisation would be an extremely backward step which would result in great loss to Australian society. Its role in maintaining our democracy and reporting reliably on local, national and global events would be irreparably damaged.

Please reconsider this matter, listen to what people are saying and retain the strength and prominence of our public broadcaster!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:52 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't let the Hard Right Wreck our ABC!

In this world of privatisation and constant change, the ABC, our ABC, is one of the few constants that an elderly person such as I can hold fast to. It is a beacon of delight in the ocean of sludge that the commercial media has become. The gutless Hard Right are desperate to destroy any organisation that will tell the truth and expose the paucity of their their rotten beliefs. Bring it on you bastards, this is one fight that I am prepared to fight to the death.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Democracy requires media diversity. Hands off our ABC!

One need not look far beyond our natural moat to see examples of nations controlled by political or self serving intent through biased Commercial or state controlled media.

In the era of Fake News and the well publicised manipulation of democratic processes through potential interference with media outlets, this defunding and ownership debate is partially stupefying.

The ABC is for everyone, even those who chose not to watch or listen. It is especially for those who don't have a voice elsewhere, money to pay to avoid manipulative advertising and those who wish to tell a story of significance.

It is simply not ok to destroy a messenger simply because you might not always like its' message.


Public debate on structure and effectiveness is welcome but such a debate must also give air to the intangibles of independent state funded media and the well understood need for a diversity in media ownership for maintenance of thriving communities.

Nordic nations such as Denmark and Norway not only have conservative governments but also have thriving well funded national broadcasters in NRK and DR who hit well above their weight as creators of cultural content that sells their national brand to the world.

It is simply NOT ok for commercial agendas to control all media. The ABC has always been publicly owned for a damn good reason.

The ABC is a public institution and any major changes to ownership should be put to a public vote and not instigated through some stacked internal political controlled process.

Culturally, public owned media might be a nuisance for those driven by power and money but for those of us who value culture and diversity beyond catch phrases and sound bites... the ABC remains a trustworthy outlet of choice. It must stay publically owned.


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:51 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is the people's vehicle for free speech

Will politicians ever learn? Our once great country has been ruined by greed & profit motives by selling off our gas/power/Telstra/post/rural banks etc. Now they are after the Crown jewel that is our ABC. NEVER. My son learnt to count by age 3 with the Playschool rocket clock. ABC shows are fun/educational/thought provoking/intelligent/gutsy. Without ABC & SBS, TV in this country is appalling. Don't try to dumb the people down - it will be af your peril.
We need free speech & great debate.

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WA 6112 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:50 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The only reason the right wants to privatise the ABC id's because they hate critical examination. Democracy depends on critical examination and both sides of politics should respect this.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:49 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC is an essential part of the Australian media and needs to be retained. Please don't inflict the dumbed down TV services that we see in the USA and other countries that don't have government broadcasters.

Keep Australian content alive!

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NSW 2047




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:48 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC for the People

The ABC is one of the greatest assets this country has. For many Australians it has been with them all their lives, informing, entertaining or connecting people across Australia. The ABC produces a wide range of programs which, over many decades have enhanced our culture in a way that you cannot put a monetary value on this asset. No government should seek to privatise this most important institution simply because they have been criticized by a current affairs program. To privatise the ABC is to destroy one of Australia's great film, television, employer and producer that is unique and irreplaceable. Sincerely [REDACTED]

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VIC 3161 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:46 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

I listen to the ABC news and their QandA show because they look at the most impoverished in Australia and not the agenda of the rich in Australia.

When the federal government of the day is being questioned by the media, channel 7 and 9 seem to care more about what the prime minister ate for breakfast rather than what his policies actually stand for, whereas, the ABC impartially and independently show what is being said by the government.

The ABC is the lifeblood of Australian culture and the privatisation and changing of ABC's mission would destroy Australian culture as we know it.

The conservatives privatising the ABC is unAustralian.

You can judge a society by how it treats it's most vulnerable and by how the Liberal government is trying to silence the ABC from reporting on the governments' mistreatment of societies poorest and most vulnerable.

Although the ABC is constantly being labeled and pigeon-holed as being 'Far Left' it is infact moderate , independent and impartial.

I especially love the ABC's Australian dramas that look at life in remote country towns of Australia which is being ignored by commerical tv.

The reason why the ABC reports on important Australian issues is because it does not have a commercial interest or agenda like that of all the other tv stations (even SBS). ABC is independent of corporate issues also because of it's charter and it's non-reliance on mindless ads.

When i see channels 7,9 and 10 they even churn out deceptive infomercials on life insurance that fails to pay for loss of loved ones.

I remember the days of the ABC in the 90's when the Doug Anthony All Stars had their wacky comedy show called 'DAAS Capital' which had much much bigger budget for ambitious set design.

I love watching BBC shows on ABC hosted by Michael Mosley on how to be healthier and live longer.

The reason why the ABC is important is because it uses critical thinking rather than mindless, uninformed and uncaring opinions of tv wowsers on channels 7, 9 and 10.

This TV enquiry is just an attempt to destroy the facts being reported by ABC news. Pauline Hanson and the government are sick of the ABC news holding them to what they say and do.

I love how the ABC let's regional and rural town citizens reach outside their remoteness and communicate with the outside world on important issues that are being ignored by the Liberals and the National party. The rural towns are being affected by drought, bankruptcy, suicide, contaminated bore water and especially isolation. Isolation alone is a big problem for remote towns and so is the lack of infrastructure and lack of hospitals, but I would have not known about these issues unless I had watched crucial shows like Landline, ABC News 24, and QandA.

I concerned that the coalition's attack on the ABC because the ABC looks out the little guy and supports the


underdog and they believe in the Aussie tradition of 'a fair go'.

I'm deeply concerned that without the ABC being publicly funded, there will be no one in the Australian media left to report on life-saving issues that affect our country and the world.

In a sea of misinformation and uninformed opinions and fake news the ABC is sifting through the mindless nonsense of the collective stupidity of people and organizations on the internet.

The ABC can't be compared to Australia's commercial media because our commercial media has squandered its rights and privileges and freedom of speech and the ABC ignores this because of its independence. To even suggest that the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial media is the pot calling the kettle black. Commercial media squanders its revenue to come out with late night infomercials and daytime infomercials amounting to nothing more than verbal diarrhea. How can people trust infomercials on life insurance and weight loss products if they fail to acknowledge public backlash from ripped off customers than only have a voice on the SBS and the ABC.



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I am shocked to hear that the Government is considering the privatization of the ABC. I am an Australian living in South America at the moment. My daughter sends me occasional links to ABC podcasts and I am always reminded of just how superior the ABC's reporting and analysis is to any available here. I recently listened to a series of podcasts on social class in Australia which led me to reflect over the history of my life growing up in Australia, the growing concentration of wealth and opportunities and how fortunate I was in comparison with my children and grandchildren today. The private media do not produce programs like this.

Therefore, I urge the Government to maintain the ABC as a public sector entity and ensure that its budget enables it to keep educating, entertaining and informing Australians in the future.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Hi,

I view Media Watch on the ABC and it is a valuable resource into the machinations of the media and it gives me a critical insight into issues I may have missed and a different perspective to mainstream news stories. I also watch Four Corners and QandA for perspectives I have not considered before.


I worry about the Coalition's attacks on the ABC because I trust it as a source of independent media. I see it as a source of facts, and in the age of fake news, it is a valuable source for critical analysis. Given that Rupert Murdoch owns 70% plus of Australian media, it is hard to get criticism of the coalition. The ABC is the resource that I look to for criticism of government. If the ABC doesn't do it, who will?!

The inquiry into public broadcasting misses a crucial point: public broadcasting plays an important role in our democracy and it should not be compared to commercial media outlets. Commercial media will censor critical coverage of important sources of funding and advertising dollars. Whereas the ABC, being publicly funded, will report on issues in the public interest without fear or favour.

Please keep the ABC in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:43 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: One reason to keep the ABC everyone's ABC

One reason?

That's impossible. There are so many. There is hardly a program on the ABC which the commercial channels would touch. Their prime audience is 18-35s because that's where the advertising is (how do I know? I've worked in ad agencies for more than 20 years and have seen more media schedules than is healthy).

News and current affairs that don't have to fear the wrath of advertisers, kids programs that don't need to be sugar-driven, stories from so many places that just wouldn't rate.


Niche broadcasting? Absolutely. But so many niches that there's hardly a person in Australia who is not touched by them in ways that matter (even if they don't know it).

It's a treasure because it doesn't have to cater to the audience and advertisers that is the lifeblood of the commercial stations. If sold, it would inevitably become just another Channel 10.

It ain't broke. Supporting the ABC may just be the best thing you can do.

Thank you,

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VIC 3181 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT sell the ABC

What undue advantage does the ABC have over commercial outlets? Well, maybe watchable programmes (at least some of them). Fewer inane "dialogues" between "presenters"; interesting programmes (sometimes); n advertisements trying to sell me worthless stuff, the production of which is probably contributing to climate change and the consumption of which, if so-called edible, leads to obesity etc. IS this enough to go on with? Also, which commercial channel or station broadcasts classical music, book reviews etc?

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WA 6014 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is my main source of independent news and analysis. In a world of increasing fake news, a public broadcaster that is acceptable to the public is an essential component of a modern democracy like Australia. I strongly disapprove the idea of privatising the ABC, thus removing my main source of independent, objective and accountable news sources and other information.

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VIC 3125 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:42 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No right to sell our ABC

The ABC is by far the most democratic broadcaster we Australians have. It provides us with balanced view points, news and culturally important programs which help us project and understand our identity. All private media dumb down their content and kow-tow to their investors profit margins. We own the ABC through our taxes. The coalition government has no right to sell the ABC off. Coalition politicians and their supporters need to act for all Australians and support the ABC with increased funding. I shall join the vast majority of Australians in opposing your plans to privatise the ABC and feel confident you will lose the next election on this policy.

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VIC 3084 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

Privatisation of the ABC is lethal. It opens the door further to dictatorship - which we the public of Australia do not want. We are interested in being spooned your propaganda, on any front. The ABC has been a brilliant media source - the only one in Australia worth listening to. I am absolutely outraged the melding in this affair. We want the ABC to be given the financial support it has always had & the freedom to continue to present an extremely broad range of media coverage & opinion. We have had a gut full of this governments small minded - economically focused crap. The dollar is a god in your world & it is not the primary god in ours // stop ripping our Australian culture to pieces. We will never allow you to dominate our thoughts. We need small local government bodies that represent the voices of the peoples in their electorates not your big business homogenised corporate dictated agendas. We celebrate & honour diversity & difference, period.

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NSW 2484



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:41 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to all Australians.

The ABC is an Australian institution with a long history of providing news, current affairs and educational services to Australians. It is a vital part of our country's character. Governments of all colours have always felt the ABC was biased against them and this is a good sign that the ABC provides balanced news and current affairs. Without hard and sometimes uncomfortable information we are unable to remain the educated and compassionate country we are. Any move to remove the independence of the ABC and to privatise it is against our national interest.

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VIC 3071




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:39 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands - PLEASE

I have been watching the ABC for over 40 years. It is the only news I trust. I dislike commercials intensely. The ABC usually presents classy British-made drama, comedy and documentary programmes. You can always tell when funding has been cut by the number of repeats being shown. I have been watching programs like the 7.30 Report, This Day Tonight, Four Corners, and Insiders for most of my life. As a child, I was made to watch such programming by my parents. My radio has been tuned to 702 for the last 30 years. I really do not know how people in the bush will get on without their national broadcaster giving them the low down on weather and bushfires. Even National voting farmers won't know what to do without their local form of the national broadcaster, especially when it comes to local knowledge about weather trends and conditions. Will a private firm be as caring about broadcasting such information about disasters, fires and weather to people who live in remote regions of Australia? I think not. The ABC also features particular sporting events on television and radio which people all around this nation enjoy. If the LNP were totally above board, they would not fear the ABC doing it's job. After all, most people are not afraid of being seen on CCTV when going about their business. If the ABC is privatized it will become the mouthpiece of vested interests. That is hardly a good thing for democracy.

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NSW 2147 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:37 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted]

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VIC 3000




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:37 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Impartiality, investigative, honesty is what we will NOT have if ABC is privatised. Neo-liberalism is not what the public want but only the ballot box will convince them this is so. Bring on the election.

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NSW 2791 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC an essential element in Australian broadcasting

I love the ABC and will vote against any party who try to dumb down or corporatise it. It provides a wonderful platform for Australian talent be they actors, writers, comedians, directors or cinematographers. The ABC is one organisations of the few investigative journalists who u cover the sorts of things a Federal ICAC could investigate if we had one.

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NSW 2250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:36 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

I rely totally on the ABC for my Australian news coverage while I am working abroad, plus the analyses on the various ABC websites - not to mention international and sporting news.
It's one of the best things about Australia!

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NSW 2204




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont privatise our ABC

Please dont privatise the abc. Tell rupert murdoch to keep his hands off our abc. I want my tax dollars spent on health and education and consider the abc to be a valueable part of education on a independant television station

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TAS 7054 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:35 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

Of course the measure of a real democracy is one whose government has the courage to endure scrutiny from an independent media (unlike Russia). The ABC is the obvious leader in this field in our country, and is where every thinking Australian goes for the best quality, impartial analysis of national and international affairs. The recent thinking behind privatising the ABC reveals a deep fear from the Liberal community that they are somehow exposed to scrutiny, and says more about their terror of genuine engagement than their power. I actually encourage them to pursue this course of action, because I believe Australians are too smart to be duped by their facetious economic argument, and furthering this agenda will decrease the government's chances of reelection. The coalition is in tatters, and this desperate attempt to murder the messenger will only hasten their journey towards much needed reform.

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NSW 2027 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:34 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's OUR ABC, not yours to sell! Auntie is our kitchen sink - hands off.

The corporate sector will not be content until their employees in the Australian Liberal Party enable them to own us - that's nearly a done deal. The sewn up corporate media owned by a few pay for play, package deal fiction lovers and other share holding, else bored news-makers would love to hammer the last nail into Auntie's coffin so there is no one left to show them up. Is this the reality the Turnbull team occupies? Already weakened by your 'governments' deep cuts to its ability to function, the amputated ABC has demonstrated she can do much with little. Do I have to turn off my television completely? The ABC is the only network worth watching bringing consistently reliable content to keep the Australian public informed. Oh, I see... That's telling. Do you collectively envision your grandchildren growing up in The Trueman Show without a reality check from Auntie's? Your true colours are blossoming by the day. See you at the next election. Waving, not drowning.

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NSW 2441 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

The ABC is the only free to air television I watch. No endless commercials. It is the only channel, with intelligent, considered unsensationalised news and current affairs. It has quality content rather than endless reality shows. Most importantly It is independent. Having one media outlet independent of the powerful commercial media companies is essential. The allegations of ABC bias from the government are reminiscent of Trump and are deeply concerning. I will be outraged if the ABC is privatised. I will be outraged if funding isn't restored to enable the ABC to maintain its unique standards.

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NSW 2038 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

It is unthinkable to me that the Government is even considering privatising the ABC. It is a core part of our daily lives and identity as Australians. Programs like 4 Corners & the 7:30 Report provide audiences with high quality unbiased journalism. Journalists who are unafraid to ask the tough questions and push for the truth. The ethics and values of the ABC cannot be smothered by corporate greed and political agendas. It's unacceptable.

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NSW 2042 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:33 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

When I was growing up, the ABC was my main television channel. As a child, it gave me access to intelligent and creative shows I couldn't have accessed on commercial television- then or now. The absence of advertising at the time allowed me to be completely drawn without interruption into the stories I was watching and opened my mind and imagination to ideas and worlds far beyond the four walls of our suburban Melbourne house. As an adult, I think the ABC still delivers that kind of viewing experience for young and old and all in between. Except that now as an adult I also look to the critical analysis provided by ABC journalists to balance the lack of in-depth debate I see in commercial television media. There are many places for advertisers to sell on other free-to-air channels and many better ways for a government to communicate with its people without stifling the national broadcaster out of fear and a need to control. Please leave the ABC in public hands. I'm so grateful for what it has given me; my life would have been far poorer without it.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

VIC 3079




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC

Dear Govt

Year after year we see how and why we need an independent ABC.
Please don't do this
Please don't flush us down the dunny.
We need our ABC

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NSW 2203 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No to privatising the ABC! Keep it in public hands.

We need the independence of a public broadcaster to guard editorial content against commercial interest. The news & current affairs, investigative journalism and political reporting provided by the ABC provides a professional, trustworthy balance of views, as is mandated, of both left and right. Not everything of value to the public has to be for profit! And I really like no commercials! More funding, not cuts, is needed for ABC so we can continue to have such high quality programs such as ABC News, the 7.30 Report, Lateline, Q&A, Four Corners, Insiders and Australian Story. Let's not forget ABC radio or triple J platforms with their huge followings as well as children programs.

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QLD 4870 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:32 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Inquiry in the ABC

To whom it may concern,

As an avid ABC radio listener I'm appalled by the constant attacks on the public broadcaster. Coming from German background I find it amazing how blatantly certain elements in the government are trying to weaken any form of inquisitive journalism to protect themselves from public scrutiny. This doesn't bode well for the health of the democratic system in Australia. Generally Australia's media landscape is quite poor in terms of diversity as its commercial mainstream media outlets are mostly controlled by Rupert Murdoch and are lacking neutrality.

Australia needs a strong public broadcaster network to ensure that its citizens are informed and to be able to question and scrutinise what political parties and politicians are doing. This inquiry is another effort to undermine the ABC's role.

I hope that the public backlash against yet another attempt on the public broadcasters will resound loudly through the electorate and not be forgotten.

In hope,

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NSW 2204



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off our abc

Are you kidding? The abc is the only tv with watching. Keep it the way it is!

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WA 6060



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

Dear Sir/Madam,

I willingly pay my taxes to include an independent news service which is not influenced by shareholder concerns. The ABC may not be perfect, but in the interest of freedom of speech, providing free and unbiased information to taxpayers, I strongly oppose the idea of privatising the ABC.

Our experience with privatising the Commonwealth Bank is an excellent example of how the culture of serving the Australian Public can be sacrificed to market forces with disastrous results for the public good.

Yours sincerely

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NSW 2092




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I listen to the ABC regularly, the only reliable news station and it has excellent documentary programs on TV and Radio. The ABC must not be privatised.

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WA 6147 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:30 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the voice of the people and must never be privatised! We trust the news at 7p.m. and 7.30 report, also never miss Q&A and 'The Drum'. No-one else brings important issues to the fore like 'Four Corners'. The drama programs are outstanding and support Australian actors and crews. Our children loved 'Playschool' and now our grandchildren watch it and delight in shows like 'Peppa Pig' and 'Giggle & Hoot'. It is vital for the ABC to remain a public broadcaster and any attempt to privatise it will be met with a very strong public backlash! People in regional areas particularly rely on ABC TV and radio for reliable news! Hands off!

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VIC 3350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the A.B.C. in Public Hands .

The ABC is thoroughly Australian . It is Us . It is respected . It should not be compromised in any way .

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WA 6158




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC INDEPENDENT AND PUBLICALLY FUNDED

Don't touch the ABC. A government without an independent media (meaning the ABC not commercial television bias for profit corporations) will quickly be lost in its own self righteousness and fail more quickly than any other.

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NSW 2021 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatize the ABC


The ABC is the most trusted source of news and current affairs in this country and for very good reason. The coverage and journalism is broad and intelligent. The knowledge that the content is true journalism and not advertorial tripe is critical to the esteem in which it is held. The fact that it critically assesses itself and the media in general through the likes of media watch all add to its credibility and its value to the nation.

As a broadcaster, the diversity of content that the ABC provides is critical who we are as a country, from ABC kids, tripleJ for youth, rural and regional content, the arts, sport, documentaries and current affairs and science, the ABC informs and educates as much as it entertains. The fact that it produces much of the content is both important and nothing short of impressive.

If the major argument against the ABC is that they are paying themselves millions in bonuses there is very little understanding about how the labour market works and what is required to attract high quality management. Does this same complaint apply to Australia Post or to loss making GBEs like NBN Co? This is ALL taxpayer money.

The ABC is part of the backbone of this country and has been a critical service in times of need. It is extremely naive to think this can be sold off and yet maintained.

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NSW 2043 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:29 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

A free and independent media that is fully funded AND not open to interference by governments in power, is the bedrock of a functioning democracy.

I have listened and viewed the ABC for fifty years. My parents were the same and my 84 year old mum needs the ABC like never before. My mum has no other stations with anything decent to watch on the free to air space. Like many older people, she does not stream, download podcasts or hold any interest in the rubbish on commercial channels.

As good citizens, we need to be informed. The ABC also needs to be free from government interference in order to do its job as The fourth estate.

The ABC is a national cultural institution that needs to be protected from the commercial interests and governments who want to use it as a kind of state media, censored and interfered with. The Liberal government has been so out of line with its interference of the ABC that it presents a threat to our national security, social cohesion and inclusive, humane society. The interference I have seen, and been appalled and shocked is the sacking of Nick Ross for writing critical of the governments NBN technology and plan, Emma Abericci being discredited, or tried to, all because the LNP don't want a specialist economic journalist to critique the big business \$65 billion tax cuts.


Its truly frightening to witness these and the degradation and loss of informed debate, analysis and conversation that experts can discuss because it is their life work and they are the best people to give an opinion on their issue or topic. It has been really frightening to see IPA members slip into programs like The Drum as these people do not have credibility or genuine qualifications and expertise in the field of topic. I note Georgina Downer and Daisy Cussons are not qualified to be guests on such important programs and these IPA people from the Liberal Party have been infiltrating the ABC over time.

The cutting of programs a decent society needs for it to operate peacefully and to function has also been evident by cutting Science shows, fact checks or any other program that the Liberal government don't want people to know whats going on.

The whole country would be worse off if the Liberals were to privatise our beloved ABC. It is the only station to watch that can keep me sane.

It is the only station that can hold governments and power to account. It talks truth to power so to speak.

I will protest this despicable move to undermine our democracy until the day I die. I hate what these Liberal National governments have done and are doing to our country.

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NSW 2539 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation

The question is not so much why the ABC shouldn't be privatized but why SHOULD IT? One reason only...to enable some people in government to get away with doing the exact opposite of what a huge number of the Australian public want and to take away the rights of free speech (as in China, Korea, the USA and other dictator led countries).

By privatizing the ABC , the public now understands clearly that this government has more to hide than ever before. The ABC is the ONLY TV station worth watching because it tells the public what is REALLY going on. People who watch the ABC trust them because they have to apologize if they get information wrong...whereas politicians lie to us all the time and know they can get away with it...especially if the ABC is privatized. If the government thinks people will not mind this, then once again we have proof that they have no idea what the Australian public needs and wants...SIMPLE TRUTH .

Privatizing the ABC seems a very unnecessary and negative move and is the final straw for me and a group of friends...all now EX Liberal voters.
We will all be voting Greens..not because they can run a country but because SOMEONE with morals and care for the environment and truth needs to be sitting in parliament and having a say.

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VIC 3931 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Aunty Public.

Aunty should be public because:

There will not be enough advertising dollars for the other TV stations to share.

There is no guarantee that a privatised media will be able to be kept in Australian hands

Government should be able to use the ABC to promote what is great about being Australian. Such shows as Australian Playschool with John and Bonita to guide young Australians as they grow. ABC helps us in valuing our land and culture through such shows as Landline. ABC teaches us what is great about our sense of humour through quirky shows such as Julia Zamiro's Home Delivery. Explores our connection to culture through Girt by Sea and Australian cinema through shows such as David Stratton's Stories Of Australian Cinema.

ABC's role is provide a social dividend in the form of entertainment and local news of things that are Australian. Its news if upsetting to political parties is because they have been found out and somebody needs to be keeping politicians honest and Its not unreasonable for us to pay taxes to have this service. I would rather pay a dollar a day than have to subject myself to commercial television.

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WA 6153



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:28 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC and Australia's future

As an immigrant Australian, I was swept away by the amazing perspectives on the world offered by ABC, which is in my mind absolutely central to Australian democracy and identity. Without it we would be in the situation of my former country of residence, Trumpland ! ABC is critical to the future of this country, not to mention the fact that we punch above our weight in contributing to the rest of the world on so many fronts.

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WA 6163




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Having an independent public broadcaster is vitally important for a countries democracy. It provides an outlet to report on government and private enterprise without any fear of favour. Public broadcasting is often the grounds of testing and giving opportunity to new talent, which would otherwise be never discovered by commercial networks who are too risk averse to try new ideas.

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NSW 2770 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

We need the ABC
Says it right there in the letters Australian Broadcasting - it belongs to all of us.

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VIC 3111




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our precious ABC

I am very proud that Australia has a world class public broadcaster, the ABC. I listen to/watch it daily, and have done for many years. It is educational, informative and entertaining, covering so many issues and topics of interest. I love One on One, Australian Story, LNL, the Spirit of Things, the Law Report and many other excellent programs. Often I listen to something that doesn't interest me and I find that it so enlightening ...and an important topic that I was not aware of. I will not be silent if the current government decides to privatise ABC. It will be another disappointing move by the Coalition.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3102 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC. Regardless of our politics

News & information should be factual & not corruptible by commercial marketing. Fake news is as dangerous as manipulated propaganda. In depth interviews, discussions or research projects are not of financial interest to commercial enterprises but are vital to maintaining an informed, curious nation.

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VIC 3929 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:27 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

We appreciate the ABC's ongoing commitment to a democratic nation, where people are presented with views from all walks of life and all sides of politics, and governments, who are elected to represent the people, are held to account for their proposals, decisions and actions through media exposure. If the ABC were privatized there would be a bias in favour of the private bodies who then managed the flow of information and programs delivered by the ABC, (or the sponsors who supported them), in relation to their own private agendas and interests. This would leave the world of media in the hands of the commercial world with it's own agendas that are unlikely to continue to democratically represent the views and interests of the whole community and governments would more easily be able to force their own agendas on the community which would see the demise of democracy. It is of utmost importance to our democratic way fo life to keep the ABC in public hands.

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WA 6230 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not even consider privatisation of the ABC!

On a few occasions I have been treated shabbily by the ABC; it is not a perfect institution. But there are no grounds for suggesting it be privatised. The notion that it is biased is merely laughable: the Tories think that being held to account is necessarily left-wing. As a public broadcaster the ABC represents the public, and the public need analysis of the current political (and economic and social etc) situation. It's not as though The Sydney Telegraph or The Australian, or any Murdoch paper, provides unbiased coverage. Imagine what our public life would be like if the biases of the conservative press were all we had! Commercial radio doesn't contribute to the informed and careful discussion of public issues. Commercial TV seems to be endless reality shows and limited news. How can anyone believe that commercial media can step up and achieve what the ABC does every day? They are required to pursue commercial goals and they'd still do that even if they took over the ABC? The proposal is ludicrous and disingenuous and must be resisted to the end.

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NSW 2577 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I respect and trust the ABC. It's the only network I take seriously because it provides valid, unbiased and worthwhile content which I find informative and entertaining. I don't have the same respect for the privately owned networks which I regard as no more than junk mail. It is important to me that the ABC remains in public hands.

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SA 5095 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:26 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is Ours! IT IS NOT FOR SALE!

From a BBC child of the UK, to an ABC teen, then adult, Aunty has been a part of my life for around 55 years. I will tell you why.

It is an important institution and a bedrock of integrity. Its programming is first-class – informative, educational and entertaining. In these days of social media, silly tweets and trolling, the ABC provides news we can trust. Its unequalled reporting provides the facts, without sensationalism or bias. We would be the poorer for not having Four Corners, Foreign Correspondent or 7.30 Report – programmes which, apart from being interesting and informative, also play a large role in supporting our democracy and which, on many occasions, are sometimes the only voice in the wilderness.

It's becoming more and more obvious that the far right is trying to pull the ABC down. This minority group seems to attack anything that has to do with freedoms or free choice and, it seems, would also like to keep us uninformed. Commercial television can be swayed and monopolised – we are already seeing the frightening result of that in the USA . . . politics should not even enter into it.

Without the ABC in its current form there would be little accountability. Public broadcasting plays an absolutely necessary role in our society and there should be no comparison to commercial media.

The ABC is OUR ABC!

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[REDACTED]
SA 5577



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:25 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatize the ABC

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not privatize the ABC. It is important that there is a public broadcasting outlet.

The ABC services the whole of Australia. We have lived in regional for many years. It is the only decent channel that we watch. Our children use to watch Playschool when they were young. There isn't anything like it on commercial TV.

I'm sure that the right wing and ultra conservative politicians watch it too.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6160



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands!

How long can our ABC stay in public hands if the Liberal party votes for privatisation, yet Fifield is ideologically opposed to it but publicly reassures the electorate that it is not the Libs intention to privatise. It does not inspire confidence. It does quite the opposite.

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VIC 3458




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:23 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Absolutely necessary

You cannot have a democracy without informed public opinion. With the ongoing economic failure of many newspapers the ABC has become absolutely vital to the wellbeing of our democracy. A fascist state has no interest in maintaining a reliable source of truth. I support the independence of the ABC because I desire to live in a functioning democracy where both sides of politics are critically examined. The fact that both Labor and Liberals have complained about the fairness of the ABC proves how well it is doing its job. If it were privatised this would no longer be the case as vested interests are by their very nature uninterested in anything that promotes egalitarianism.

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NSW 2134 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT give our ABC (or SBS) over to commercialism


I consider it more important to use our tax monies taken to maintain ABC and SBS rather than increase your salaries and perks

Please leave some sanity and not drive people crazy with crappy adverts misguiding, frightening and telling people what to do

What a horrid idea to turn our ABC into another commercial station

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VIC 3056 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatisise the ABC

I have listened and watched ABC programs for over 50 years. I trust them to deliver honest, intelligent, well researched information and entertainment. The ABC is a strong alternative to the light-weight programs and rubbish that often comes from the commercial channels. It has wonderful programs to entertain and educate our children and I have country friends who depend on it for local and international news. The ABC has been and continues to be vital in delivering alerts, support and up to date emergency warnings during extreme situations and I wonder how this could continue to be reliable in private hands more interested in profit! Keep the ABC independent.

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VIC 3188 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC provides insights into news reports both world and national, that give different perspectives to the news broadcasts. The ABC is paramount to the subjects and shows specific to the station that hold interest in an educated well journalist format.

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VIC 3215



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:22 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

To whom it may concern,

For my whole life, some 54 years, I have valued the ABC. It was and remains a family tradition to enjoy and value all the ABC has to offer. I especially value its journalism. I am also an avid listener to ABC Radio, include JJ, JJJ and Local Sydney Radio. In fact JJJ was a huge part of my formative years.

I outright reject any sale of the ABC. In this time of fake news and extreme right wing efforts to take our world into a darker place the ABCs role is more important than ever. Not only do I reject any sale I call for restoration of funding and, in fact, an increase in funding so the ABC can continue to serve the Australian public. We should continue to value and support our PUBLIC BROADCASTER not sell it off for ideological reasons.

Yours sincerely

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St Leonards NSW 2065

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NSW 2001




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:21 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the People HANDS OFF

I absolutely reject any attempts to privatise the ABC it is essential to democracy for there to be Freedom of the press / media. The ABC is the only truly free media left in this country now due to privatisation of all other media and concentration of that media in the hands of a few powerful people with their own interests and agenda. Their message is controlled and distorted and riddled with lies and misinformation just like dictatorships and Nazi Germany. The ABC belongs to the people of this country and it is our only free voice. If you don't like what they say about your politics then tough , get over it , they / we have the right to dissent, disagree. A healthy democracy reviews and critiques what people in power do because they have to , it is the only way to keep our country a free country safe from power hungry individuals. The public are very concerned about the attempts of the the right wing of politics trying to shut down our last vestige of free media, the public backlash will be greater than you realise.

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VIC 3140 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:20 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: REMEMBER THE LAST TIME YOU FAILED TO PRIVATIZE THE ABC? I DO!

Dear Mr Turnbull, Mr Abetz, Mr Murdoch, Ms Hanson and others who are campaigning for gain by privatizing our ABC.

HANDS OFF PLEASE. Our ABC is bigger than any of you are.

MY TAXES ARE PAYING FOR THE ABC. It is not yours to privatize.

THE ABC IS KEEPING YOU HONEST. If you are not satisfied with the reported truths then adapt your work practices the way that the rest of us Australians have to.

WE IN THE BUSH HAVE LITTLE ELSE. You might enjoy your Maccas, KFC, and God knows what other commercial tripe is served up to you. It is not relevant to my family, my community or my lifestyle in the bush.

WAKE UP TO YOURSELVES. You have tried to dismantle OUR ABC before and have failed every time. Yes I am old enough to remember the past and want EVERY AUSTRALIAN to know what you have tried to do before.

ACCEPT YOUR PUNISHMENT. If the ABC reports honestly on your failings, accept that reporting in a professional manner, befitting that of an elected, honourable public service official.

DON'T BOW DOWN TO GREED. Big business and commercial media interests have everything to gain. The little people in the villages and towns of rural Australia have everything to lose.

DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR WINDOW TO THE NATION AND THE WORLD, AND REPLACE IT WITH ONE FILLED WITH YOUR COMMERCIAL BIAS.

HANDS OFF. LET GO OF YOUR FOOLISH IDEA.

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VIC 3741



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of our national treasure

The ABC is special because it tells Our Stories & for the public good, Not to make a profit. Commercial interests make biased outcomes.... obviously the sponsors of content would have too much control over what is broadcast. It is VITAL that we have a PUBLIC broadcaster working for the Public & not for shareholders. This goes to the very fabric of our democracy. Mess with it at your peril.

Yours most sincerely

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NSW 2483



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:19 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Support for the ABC

An Independent public broadcaster is more vital now than ever. Without a robust fourth estate democracy will fail as people get their information from dubious and unreliable sources. Vital for democracy and Malcolm Turnbull may not have made PM without the ABC .perhaps he needs to be reminded of that. It is the cutting of their funds that worries me the most. I am an avid watcher and know they have all manner of talking heads on their programmes.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2257



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a public asset and not for sale

I write to express my outrage at your continuous and not so subtle undermining of the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) trying to turn public opinion against this national treasure. Yet research studies demonstrate the ABC is the most trusted national institution in Australia.

Most days I rely on radio to inform and educate me and provide information that I can trust as factual, well researched and informative and regularly watch free-to-air T.V. or use iView for programs such as 4 Corners, 7.30, Insiders and for excellent dramas, and light entertainment including women's sports programs.

It seems the current federal coalition government led by Malcolm Turnbull - a former Communications Minister - is intent on demonising the ABC and the fine journalists and other staff who work around the clock to bring balanced and researched programs, in-depth news analysis, educational programs including science, religion, arts, culture, music, and general information - all high quality programs across radio, T.V. and other social media platforms is an invaluable resource and national treasure. Government spending - our money - on the ABC is not wasteful it is not about market values but cultural values and to repeat, the ABC is the most trusted national institution in Australia.

How highly inappropriate but perhaps not surprising that the government is intent on privatising public assets that benefit the few to the cost of the many. Privatisation, deregulation and out-sourcing public services have failed as policy choices with increasing research studies, parliamentary inquiries and a Royal Commission showing this. For example, banks, electricity supply, Telecom, Vocational Education and Training VET-HELP and Aged Care all putting profits before the delivery of affordable essential services and care of people.


I say, public broadcasting is not for sale. It belongs to the people of Australia and plays an extremely important role in our increasingly fragile democracy.

I urge you to reject the notion that the ABC as a public broadcaster has an 'undue advantage' over commercial ones - and should not be compared to commercial broadcasters for the reasons outlined.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3121 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep out ANC in public hands

It is essential that the ABC is not privatised but rather properly funded to ensure we have well researched news & current affairs as well as the many other cultural services the ABC offers. The ABC is the main TV and radio my family watches/ listens to, including iview. The ABC provides so many important and trusted information sources as well as being critical for our Australian identity and culture - there is so little Australian created material these days of any quality & the vast majority is on the ABC (& some on SBS). Please keep ABC as a publicly funded quality service for all Australians and as a much needed alternative for the plethora of rubbish provided on commercial services.

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SA 5062 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

The ABC is one of those institutions that have enormous value beyond their cost. When the government learns that they are running a country, a society and a community, not a corporation for profit, we will all be better off. The recent suggestions of young Liberals and the Liberal Council that the ABC could be sold of to a media mogul like Rupert Murdoch is simply ludicrous - 10 minutes each watching Murdoch TV and the ABC will tell anyone that. Likewise with print and online papers - Aunty's foray into online news, phone apps and iView has been outstanding - the whingeing from the Murdoch side simply proves that point. To quote Oscar Wilde, a cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. The same could be said of the Australian Government. Keep the ABC public!

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NSW 2500 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:18 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC a Public Broadcaster

For my entire life I have been entertained, received unbiased news and important information from the ABC: all of which would be in jeopardy if it were privatised. Don't privatise our only independent broadcaster!

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NSW 2782 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:17 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is an integral part of our public service

The ABC cannot be privatised. A civil society has public services. ABC radio, TV, Iview all provide excellent public services. Just take some time to watch Mystery Road, Killing Eve, Australian Story, 4 Corners - all without those time wasting ads. I'm actually amazed that you had so many people agree to this preposterous idea.

What other TV or radio is free of ads? Can't we hold onto a valuable public service? Isn't it great to have Peppa Pig for the kids without them being urged to 'get' stuff through advertising? We love the ABC. Best not start meddling in that direction!

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QLD 4562 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:16 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

I implore you to keep the ABC public! And ensure it is protected forever from privatisation.

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NSW 2479 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:15 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Conserve democracy and the ABC

The ABC is a key and highly trusted institution in Australian Society. It has proved its worth over decades and is trusted by most Australians. Much more trusted the Murdoch, somewhat more than Fairfax. It is known and evidenced around the world that countries with capable independent broadcasters are more democratic. The first moves by despots is to control the media. Already the ABC is being dumbed down and defunded and specialist broadcasting is suffering terribly. That specialist broadcasting on Radio National has been an education to me and many over decades. I know I am a better citizen and more informed citizen for ABC RN. The cuts to the ABC must be returned if we wish to maintain a vibrant democracy. Already we are suffering from scare campaigns on National Security and climate change and the rest. Already we have media and think tank and political conglomerates that mislead and seek to control us. The radicals are on the right these days and they have money and power. Our ailing democracy can stand so few further cuts. Be conservative by conserving our great institutions. Protect democracy in Australia by protecting independent Public Broadcasting.

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ACT 2603




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the public

Please keep the abc out of private hands..I do not want to watch the endless atream of mind numbing content..e.g.Love Island..MAFS...streaming on commercial channels..There are very little thought provoking programs on the commercial channels..Is it any wonder the nation is being dumbed down by such inane rubbish.

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NSW 2780 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I love the ABC

I have listened to ABC radio ever since I can remember - ABC news, Kindergarten of the Air, classical music, The Argonauts, cricket and football commentaries. More recently I asked the ABC for something informative after 10 PM and instead of boring music I got Late Night Live. I've listened to The Science Show since its inception. And I rarely watch commercial TV. What media experiences can children who have a zest for a deep knowledge of the world if there was no ABC? Similarly for adults.

Before the Abbot government was elected there was criticism that the ABC was biased. But, lo and behold, the pre-election promises were broken because there was so much conflict within them that they had to be. The ABC was only telling the truth after all!! But you couldn't get the truth at the time from the major dailies. I don't know about the TV channels because I didn't watch them.


Commercial media is biased towards what business wants. The ABC has shown, however, that it can work in joint exercises with commercial media to expose corruption - no matter which shade of government is in power.

I love the ABC and I certainly don't think it is biased towards my way of thinking. Even LNL is very critical of just about everything as well as being informative about non-political aspects of life.

I also like the Health Report and Ockum's Razor. These programs have given me advice that has kept me much healthier than I would have been otherwise. Where are there science and environmental correspondents in the commercial media?

I love the ABC and am very thankful for it. Lets help it to keep advancing Australia fair.


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WA 6152 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:14 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hand

ABC is the only reliable News I listen to

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WA 6025 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC has proved itself to be the most reputable network on Australian TV, as well as an amazing avenue for up and coming Australians of all creeds within the arts. To privatise means that it can potentially become just another propaganda mechanism for the highest bidder. It's something we should all be proud to fund despite it not always aligning with our individual political or social views.

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NSW 2040




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:13 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC from Privatisation

I cannot imagine Australia's media being totally in the hands of commercial interests with the undue influence it would have. A government who would overturn one of our most highly regarded institutions, would be without integrity, conscience or faith in itself. Is that you? From their wonderful children's programs, TV news, documentaries especially Australian Story, Four Corners, Q & A, local radio & the marvellous Classic FM the services provided are inestimable. Who else would provide these? Certainly not commercial interests.

I will remove my vote for you & urge friends & colleagues to do the same if the ABC is privatised. An appalling proposal.

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NSW 2321 


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

I value the publicly-funded ABC for these reasons :

1. a publically funded body can take a strategic view of its value to the community and to our country. Yes, there are commercial pressures to work within budget, but the pressure of conforming to advertisers' wishes is eliminated. Just look at Gina Rinehart buying into channel 10 to "have a vehicle to promote her messages". Public broadcasting does not have this sinister pressure.

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VIC 3127 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:12 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I am outraged that our A B C is under threat of privatisation. I enjoy so many programs , especially 4 Corners . We live in a democracy , leave our A B C alone !

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NSW 2027 

[REDACTED]

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

ABC is our National Broadcaster broadcasting to Both City and Country people. No !No! To Privatisation of theABC.

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QLD 4066



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:10 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The Australian public overwhelmingly trust the ABC to maintain an objectivity often missing in mainstream media. Privatising the ABC will remove a bastion of information and education from this country. Please ensure that the ABC is kept funded by the government so that it can continue its important work.

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VIC 3183




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC can not and should not be privitised

The ABC is why kids can get educated at younger age before school, i am like i am beause of play school.
Australia democracy needs a strong, independent news media too make it work.

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NSW 2153 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster

Having access to reliable and independent news and media is vital for a healthy and functioning democracy. I wouldn't trust any of our commercial stations to provide what the ABC does because none of them are independent of corporate agendas which generally seek to push their own view of things for their own ends.

An independent public broadcast can, without fear or favour, hold government and politicians to account without worrying about an agenda. Democracy decays and dies without it.

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NSW 2519




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:09 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands!

I am committed to supporting the Australian Broadcasting Commission. I grew up in rural Western Australia and without the ABC our family would have been without reliable and trustworthy information. There are many seniors who rely on valid and trusted information that is believable. Debates, from time to time have proven this. I am not someone that takes our public broadcaster for granted. It must be kept in public hands which must be independent and free of political interference! My concern is that those who live in more isolated areas have received very good service over the years, and with cut backs threatened, this could have grave consequences to those in more isolated areas. I have lived in Perth metro for many years, but still feel for many outback people who still have a less than desirable service. I value the ABC and will continue to do so for many years to come. [REDACTED]

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WA 6157 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Its OUR ABC

It is not YOUR ABC, It's the voice of all Australians and should be fully funded and NEVER be able to be touched by any government.
It should be able to report and entertain to all views. Just because BIG BUSINESS is wrongly ruling the country (and the world) , no government should be able to silence the ABC just because you don't like being exposed as puppets to BIG BUSINESS.

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SA 5253



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

You simply need to look at the polarised and divided society of America to understand the fundamental value of a public broadcaster and its independent voice. Dare to touch the ABC and it will ensure you loose the next election. We would then be able to focus on creating a more sustainable, equitable and just society of Australians.

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NSW 2010




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:08 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

Privatisation of the ABC would be an act of utter cultural vandalism for which many on the right, most of the left, and all of rural Australia will never forgive the Liberals. Privatised at your peril and be prepared for the scorn and contempt of Australians as they punish you at the ballot box.

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NSW 2088 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:07 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain the public broadcaster.

The ABC has been my educator. I am the migrant daughter of parents who left post war Nederland to get out of Europe and be as far away as possible.
Due to the pressures of needing to add to the income of the family I left school not even completing form 2. (Year 8). I knew that I was somewhat different to other teenagers because my idea of having a lunch break was to go to the cinema in Swanston St and watch the Newsreels. No TV at home then. Only Radio. As a family always listened to Jack Davey and at other times my father was using shortwave to try and get the Dutch news from Radio Hilversum. I do remember the radio being on 3 LO and 3 AR.
I was an avid reader. Not fiction. Always for information. My father had the Encyclopedia Britannica which I loved.
It wasn't till I had small children that The TV was predominantly on the ABC. That's' when I came across Margaret Mead the anthropologist. It whetted my appetite for Paleontology, Archeology and Geography, etc. If I was to have my life all over again that is the area in what I would have chosen as a career. Over the years I was an avid documentary watcher. Remember This Day Tonight? Insightful information for the day apart from the News. Over the years have been a fan of 4 Corners, Lateline (which I miss terribly) Foreign Correspondent, etc. We are also Radio National (WHEN WE CAN GET IT - TERRIBLE RECEPTION HERE IN CENTRAL VIC) & Classic FM listeners . It was John Carga that educated me to classical music. What a wonderful explanatory man he was. Not only would he introduce the piece but he would also explain the composer and how it came about. Same with the singers. Gave their biographies - then once played he would repeat the info. So wonderful for people who had tuned in during the playing. He had a huge impact on me.
I enjoy late night live with Philip Adams. Don't always agree with him but it's always food for thought. Geraldine Dogue on a Saturday morning provides intelligent and informative discussion. I look forward to her programs. Always been a AM & PM listener.
And usually Breakfast with Fran though lately because of a sick husband was watching ABC TV Breakfast. But it's gone so silly - may as well be commercial TV.
Will leave Paul Kennedy out of that. Great admirer of him. Sensible man Now wait for Joe O'brien at 9am on ABC news.
I must admit to recently watching more SBS as I haven't liked the direction the ABC TV is going. Seems hell bent on appealing to the young when really the faithful are older. I used to enjoy The Business with Tikki Fullerton (whatever happened to her?) My husband and I were in business for some 30 years and enjoyed the business segments on the ABC.
Can't ever see Commercial TV giving such an intimate insights as the ABC does.. Those wonderful Arts programs of old - the Betty Churcher vignettes - so great. Now the horrendous MIX!!! Also overtones of trying to mimick Commercialism. Tuning to Gem & Prime 2 for the well loved BBC series that are now few and far between on the ABC.
BUT all that I have learnt in life has come from the ABC of old. I can honestly say it was the catalyst for me to follow through with further education. Commercial TV would never provide what the ABC does and the thought of it becoming privatized indicates the shallowness of the politicians involved. The accusations of it being left angers me no end. What in the hell do people mean by that? I find the ABC usually has people from all colours in their programs. Q&A has a decent cross section of people. I look at myself as a middle of the road person and most people I know are similar. Because I am a faithful ABC person I really dislike being branded a Leftie. Makes my blood boil and I would walk in the biggest March ever if they try and privatize OUR ABC.

VIC 3556




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:06 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

Lay off the ABC!i love the ABC, I can't believe this government is suggesting this, I feel like I'm in Trumps America! A government that keeps disappointing. The ABC is what I watch and listen to, quality and intelligent dialogue and shows. Leave it alone and give them more funding!

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WA 6156 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisise the ABC!!!!

Are you crazy?

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WA 6153 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:05 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should not be privatised

ABC must stay neutral when it reports the news. It must report the unbiased facts. It can only be trusted to do that if it is independent of owners I.e. paid for by the taxpayer as an independent body.

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TAS 7250



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:04 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We need an independent broadcasting media. Already too much of the mass media is in the hands of a few powerful people.

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WA 6163




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC belongs to the public

Don't privatise the ABC. It is a link to the Australian spirit. Being a young country still developing, there are many obstacles. All Australians need the foundation of the ABC to help Ausies feel a strong bond on what being an Australian actually means.
Please keep ABC Australian!

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WA 6280 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:03 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

The ABC has shows of such a high standard, quality and interesting content that the commercial television stations lack. Public broadcasting should not be compared to commercial media and plays an important role in our democracy.

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WA 6052 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A Public ABC

The ABC is intrinsic to the Australian identity. That is a perception which is global and iconic. As an internationalist Australian I miss it when abroad,do my best with its apps,and find no other comparable national broadcaster. It's credibility in a world shaky on that score depends heavily on its public ownership, by the citizenry.Don't mess with the ABC! [REDACTED]

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VIC 3206



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!

The ABC is important to me because of shows like 4 Corners & documentaries etc... It's also my most trusted news source.


I'm concerned that we're gonna end up like America and just have a couple of sources of info, but biased!

I'm worried about the Coalition's attacks as it means a far less informed society and the government not being held accountable.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands.

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

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SA 5007 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:02 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: a publicly funded broadcaster is vital to a functioning democracy


Over the last 30 years or so western civilization has been sold the story that all industries should be freed from the shackles of regulation and oversight to ensure business is as efficient and profitable as possible, so as to create jobs and growth; a rising tide lifts all boats. Business should be left alone to self-govern, self report etc. While human suffering has, subsided globally, this has been a disaster for the environment, labour standards, equity etc. Over the last 30 years both in Australia and overseas there has been a litany of examples of corporate fraud, greed, pollution and the like, that have heaped huge costs onto tax payers. Such cases not only hurt individuals and the voiceless, they hurt democracy and therefore the respect of politicians and our political institutions. Almost exclusively it has been publicly funded broadcasters that have exposed such cases and lead to changes expected by the public.

While the 'political right' currently feels the ABC supports the left, i dont believe this is remotely the case. The ABC in my opinion, simply lets the data tell the story. It just so happens that the data doesn't currently tell the story the Right would like. But in the future this may very well change.

The fact is times are changing rapidly, the values that the Right holds dear are losing ground, they are not being transferred to the next generation, in fact our youth despise those values. This is not the fault of the ABC. Selling the ABC will not suddenly result in gay marriage being over-turned for example. The irony of course is that the commercial media parrots the Right's cause incessantly and yet, still no one is buying it.

Therefore, selling the ABC is a short-sighted response that will achieve nothing for the powerful people who are making this request - they are increasing on the margin of civil society, they will continue to slide into irrelevance with or without the ABC.

What we will lose however if the ABC is privatised is that unique Australian perspective on life, humour, politics. In this increasingly globalized world, we need a public broadcaster more than ever to bring people together under the Australian banner. A completely commercialized media landscape will further fragment the Australian way, our trust and our love for each. This folly needs to end.

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WA 6286 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

Trumpism has arrived in Australia!

I am an artist, when I started my career over 40 years ago, I was proud of my country and it's culture. Gradually we have declined into a parody of what we we once where. Commercial forces have been front and centre of this decline.

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WA 6236 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC.


I am over 70 years old and have been listening to the ABC all of my life. I would be devastated if suddenly the ABC was to be privatised or disbanded on economic or other grounds. Why should people like me be denied the benefit of information and entertainment of a kind that is available nowhere else? What has changed that could allow this to happen?

I have considerable experience of living in the US where there is no comparable institution. The ABC is a voice that tries to speak for and to all Australians, and I firmly believe that one of the major reasons why Australia is a more cohesive society than the US is due to the ABC.

Many surveys show that the ABC is by a considerable margin Australia's most trusted institution. This level of trust is remarkable, given the amount of negative comment that is put out by other media organisations. Let them continue to pour out their discontent, but please do not let them take away our ABC.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

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SA 5051 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Australia a strong democracy. Keep the ABC publicly funded.

The ABC is the only high quality trusted news service on tv or radio so all people, no matter where they live or how much money they have can have equal access to journalism which keeps our democracy strong.

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WA 6061




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:01 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in tax payer's hands!

Keep ABC in tax payer's hands!

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NSW 2115 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC

Public broadcasting plays important role in our democracy & shouldn't be treated as commercial media.

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NSW 2113




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We need a government broadcaster like the ABC. This is extremely important to upholding standards in journalism. We must protect this as it is an asset for our nation for the future, and helps to protect and support all Australians.

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NSW 2055 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2018 12:00 AM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC publicly funded

We need a without commercial bias. I don't trust the privately owned news outlets to be unbiased. I grew up with the sincerity and honesty of the ABC abhors the thought that for coming generations it could be just another outlet with tacky thinly veneered vested interests. We desperately need an independent voice. I strongly feel that it would be a tragedy and the Australian public would be the loser. I think that the quality of the programing is first rate and amazing given the repeated and constant reductions in government funding. I rely on the ABC to speak up when the government of the day acts shamefully which is all too frequent in this day and age. I the ABC for clarity and lack of sensationalism. It is one institution that I am still proud of. I think that it is despicable that it is continually undermined by successive governments directly because of its refusal to cower to government pressure.

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WA 6163 

From: <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australian Voices telling Australian Stories

The ABC has been a part of my life as far back as I can remember. Having taken the time tonight to reflect on its place in my childhood, teenage years and into adulthood, I realise how much I relied on the ABC. It is part of Australia. It is trusted. It is there to inform, entertain but most importantly, to be the calm voice that reassures you- your voice and your story are valuable. Especially when every other voice you hear is shouting otherwise. The ABC is the voice of Australia, telling the stories of its people. It can not be owned or bought or bullied for short term agendas.

As a young, newly migrated child to Australia, growing up in Perth I remember Play School. I remember hearing Australian accents telling Australian stories and singing nursery rhymes that I was hearing in my new school. I didnt realise it then, but I can understand now - the friendly Aussie presenters were welcoming and accepting.

I remember watching Sesame street and learning to count to 10 in Spanish. Which is amazing for a little girl who couldn't even speak English a year earlier. What else could I learn?

So much more! I remember learning the alphabet in Auslan. I remember watching Behind The News at school before the teacher tasked us to critically assess the new stories to understand the difference between facts and opinions. Lessons more important now than ever to teach our children.

Then in my mid-teens I discovered the wonder that was (and is) Triple J. What an amazing parallel universe of sound that was. Who were these funny, brazen and (again) welcoming morning hosts teaching me about completely new genres of music each morning before school? I heard Aussie bands telling Aussie stories through song. I learnt about not only Australian artists, but local West Australian artists like Eskimo Joe and Little Birdy and the Panda Band and Jebediah. And I learnt about the Aussie story tellers that had inspired them - Sky Hooks and Go Betweenes and You Am I.

They also introduced me to my love of comedy and (again, again) Aussie Comedy. The self deprecating, half winking, Aussie accented comedy of Wil Anderson, Tripod, Shaun Micallef and Claire Hooper.

Triple J was the sound track to my high school and university days. To late night study sessions, to car trips to Margaret river, to the music we then chose to watch live.

It was the sound track to the stories we begin to craft for ourselves. I remember introducing my younger sister to these sounds and music has always been a huge part of how we communicate - swapping details of new songs and bands. It still is today, even as we live on either side of the planet.

But apart from music and comedy, there was the news. As a young adult now completing my working holiday rite of passage in London, the ABC news website was my morning ritual to understand the local news. Not just the news from Canberra and Sydney and Melbourne, but news from Perth which always needs an extra effort to track down when you are overseas.

Independent news that I trusted. No commercials. No foreign ownership.

As Im writing this other memories come to the fore. Watching election nights with my family, watching the New Year fireworks with friends from a rented beach house, listening to the hottest 100 surrounded by friends new and old.


I now have a young child of my own who loves Emma Wiggle and Hey Duggee. I rely on iView for sharing these stories with her. I can see the quality of the content and for the Wiggles especially, the absolute value of Australian content. Showing Australian stories.

I could go on but I hope I have expressed already in the words above just how much love I have for the ABC and its unique and vital role in helping us share Australian stories. Be they teaching, entertaining or informing.

I write this letter not just for me and my daughter but for every child and teenager who will discover a story on the ABC that resonates with them and empowers them and reassures them their voice matters. Stories only the ABC can (and will) tell.

Thank you.




NSW 2114 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands, please!

I remember my Mum listening to Blue Hills on the ABC when I was just a child and we children listened to the children's programs when we came home from school. Once television came into our lives we realised that it was only the ABC that gave us real news, not the type of adulterated news you watch or hear on commercial stations that set out to simply sensationalise and sell. We don't want our ABC to just be another means for those who are in positions of power to make money and sell their versions of reality. Why is it that the Hard Right want to eliminate the only opportunity for free speech, to get unbiased editorial, to hear real debate in the media, for our children of all ages to have stations suitable for their different ages, to have multicultural stations, to have quality drama, to have such a range of radio stations that would never be sustained by a commercial venture? I thought the Liberal Party was into free speech - but obviously I'm wrong! How could anyone believe that the commercial stations who are already finding it difficult to keep afloat, would want yet another clone to peddle more sensationalized nonsense? I like the fact that whatever government is in power is held to account by our ABC. That's what we the public want - to question without fear or favour.


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WA 6076 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC!

Australia's democracy would be so much poorer without the abc.
Personally I would be lost without it. I really enjoy the way the abc keeps me informed without the bias of other outlets. The abc is able to report accurately without being beholden to commercial interests.
I look forward to The Drum every afternoon and The Insiders on Sunday. The class of Gruen keeps me laughing while informing at the same time.
Keep the ABC in public hands! Keep us informed without fear or favour!


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NSW 2340 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands not corporate

To whom it may concern. I would like to voice my concern that the voice of the people which is the ABC is going to be stifled crushed inhibited attacked so that corporate interests can be shut down our throats when we already have a government that doesn't work for the people. Over the decades with Santa degradation of the institutions facilities that were in public hands going to corporate hands to the cost of the Australian public in the Australian government should be working for full stop hands off the abc please. Sincerely

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VIC 3936 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

As an Australian who believes in the necessity of an independent press, not controlled by private interests or by governments, I am appalled by any idea of privatising the ABC!

The ABC is an essential ingredient of our democracy, and must not be sacrificed for the short term self interest of any government or political parties. We can see this happening in countries across the world, with appalling consequences for democracy. This must not happen in Australia!

Sincerely,

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VIC 3068



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should never be privatized

The ABC has been an integral part of the Australian community and my family my whole life. It is one of the few places you can get quality broadcasting without the level of bias and advertising that you are bombarded with in commercial, privately owned media. It was a staple of my childhood, quality children's shows and current affairs as I passed through adolescence. The ABC has traditionally tackled real issues that need reporting, not just issues that will get higher viewing and are highly sensationalized for increased popularity like other stations. Let's compare the current affairs like today tonight or 60minutes versus 7.30 report and 4 corners. I see it as actually a birthright if every Australian to have access to the Quality broadcasting of the ABC and it is outrageous that there is talk of privatizing it and taking this away.

Kind Regards,
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WA 6159 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

ABC is the soul and spirit of Australia. As a first world country, we should be proud that ABC is in public hands. Privatisation of ABC is similar to selling the soul and spirit of Australia. How do we face our future generations to tell them that Australian government have to sell ABC to generate fund for the budget while significant number of Liberal politicians spent lavishly for supposedly work-related travel and activities.

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NSW 2076



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


The ABC has been an important part of my life since childhood - when the Science Show would be playing in the background over Saturday lunches. I have always been able to trust the news reporting and current affairs, and the voices of the ABC have been a reassuring constant through many years. The ABC remains is my primary source for news and analysis of the days news. I am profoundly disturbed at the suggestion that there should be an enquiry comparing the ABC to commercial broadcasters, and the broader suggestion that the ABC be privatised.

There is really no way of directly comparing the role played by the ABC with that played by commercial broadcasters - they are simply not doing he same thing. The content produced by the ABC would so often simply not be produced by a private media company - particularly the science programming (can anyone possibly imagine Channel 7 or 9 producing Stargazing Live), or the programming that is about ideas and national stories rather than commercial imperatives (contrast Australian Story with Master Chef). As a mother of two primary school aged children the ABC has also been a haven of quality children's programming (without advertising) that contrasts dramatically with the content of the children's programming provided by the commercial networks.

I ask that the inquiry consider the deep value to our culture and nation provided by a publicly funded national broadcaster.

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WA 6052 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC hands

I found it unbelievable that the Liberal Party would even suggest the privatizing of the ABC. I mainly listen to ABC 720 for most of the day and watch ABC 2 in the evening and then later ABC News. I hate the monotonous mind numbing reality shows on Channels 7, 9 and 10. The ABC is extremely important to Australia. The UK has the BBC and there are fantastic shows on the BBC also. A suggestion of selling the ABC is political suicide, and I cannot believe the Liberal party would even think about it. Get on with running the country instead of driving intelligent voters in to the arms of minority political parties because we are sick to death of Labor and Liberal and their stupid ideas.

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WA 6019 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

The ABC is an integral part of Australian society and an indispensable part of the Australian democracy. The inquiry that is being conducted should look at and find if the government is unduly using its influence to try to control the ABC. See a link below about the government causing the withdrawal of an editorial which suggested that the Government's tax cuts might not be the best thing for the Australian economy. <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2018/feb/16/abc-removes-corporate-tax-cut-analysis-after-complaints-from-malcolm-turnbull>.

Already the private media over represent the financial and political interests of the corporate sector. The ABC is vital to bring a balanced debate to the public. This can never happen when the only media are privately owned profit machines that are supporting the government that will bring the most benefit to private corporations.


Please find that the ABC is a valuable media source and that it is invaluable to the Australian public.

Yours Faithfully

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

We're living in the age of fake news.

And the best antidote to that is good quality, independent journalism.

I rely on the ABC for news & documentaries so that I can stay informed about what's happening in the world.

And this is exactly why we need the ABC to remain publicly-funded and independent of vested corporate interests.


The Coalition attacks on this vital Australian broadcaster are disgraceful and must stop. For once, listen to the public you serve rather than the fat cats at the top end of town - we overwhelmingly support NOT privatising the ABC.

Don't privatise the ABC!

Kind regards

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NSW 2043 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is owned by we the people- not the politicians

Keep your hands off our ABC. We the people own the ABC , not you the politicians. We the people want an independent ABC that provides programs covering a wide range of topics. They may not get the listening base that the commercial media wants, but we don't want to be subjected to the content they deem suitable for us eg reality TV, cooking shows etc. There is nothing wrong with these types of shows. I understand lots of people watch them. Good for them. But i want to be informed about important matters, independent news analysis and so on.

I want the ABC kept in public hands.

You have stirred up a hornets nest of public anger.

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VIC 3196 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC was created for good purposes. Not for profit. No government owns the ABC. It belongs to society.

Dear Members ,

The ABC was created in a time where an honest reportage of current events was considered to be an asset to our democratic society.

In this age of corporate mega-giants influencing public opinion for their own vested interests it is absolutely vital that we retain an unbiased information service such as the ABC and SBS .

This is vital to our society for all good reasons .

The ABC provides a source of educational , positive , creative , humanistic , sporting , scientific , interesting programs which are a far cry from the commercial hype style of the commercial channels.

Our society owes very much to the ABC. It was not created by this current or many of the previous governments who dislike the ABCs propensity for getting to the truth in programs like FOUR CORNERS.

By inference it could appear that politicians don't want the citizens to know the real truth as exposed by programs like Four Corners ? Why else would governments want to gag impartial reporting ?

Without impartial honest investigative journalism we are subject only to the mass media owned and run by only a handful of mega-rich vested interests . This is not a healthy state for society , nor does it foster the spirit of democracy.

Yours sincerely,

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VIC 3941




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisise the ABC at your peril.

I do not watch a great deal of television but 95% of what I watch is ABC. Likewise, when in the car I listen to ABC FM.

I was born a liberal, educated Liberal and am still Liberal by inclination. If the Liberal party is unable to get some real discipline and learn to run the business, Australia, they were elected to run I will vote for Shorten or maybe The Greens at the next election.

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SA 5252 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatize the ABC

[REDACTED] and I trust the ABC to report fairly and objectively on the news, current affairs and the political situation in Australia and around the world. We have given up on newspapers because we do not like spin. We wish to hear then form our own opinions and make our decisions. The ABC enables us to do this. We are ordinary Australians who believe in the right of free speech and peaceful protest. We are rhoughtful and have been productive members of the community although in our seventies we are now retired. I am not happy to hear about the right wing push to privatize the ABC and I believe there are hundreds of thousands of like minded Australians. Think carefully before you privatize the ABC. To do so could well be political suicide.

Yours faithfully

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VIC 3036



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is crucial for the survival of democracy and free speech that the ABC is retained in its present form. It is also crucial for any government's survival that it leaves our independent broadcaster alone. Stop pandering to the dullards and ignorant and show some true leadership and integrity, Mr Turnbull- to destroy the ABC is akin to burning books. You underestimate the will and decency of the people- re asylum seekers, re climate change and re the ABC. It's well and truly time to do what is right rather than to pander to the right.
Yours Faithfully,

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VIC 3127 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: An independent ABC

Sources of fair, unbiased, objective and truthful information are essential for our democracy to work effectively. Along with the majority of Australians I view the ABC as the most trusted source of information available to me. I am very happy that all citizens can contribute to the running of the ABC through our tax system and have access to the sort of trusted information that is not available from commercial sources.

I do not support privatisation of the ABC and I respectfully request that my government ceases consideration of this course of action. [REDACTED] [Dr].

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