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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I believe in having a politically impartial television network. Because the ABC is not swayed by 1 particular political agenda, its one of the few ways people in this country have been able do draw their own opinions on the facts they are given. Also, it helped me learn the beginning of the alphabet.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the peoples hands. Hands off!!!

The ABC belongs to the people, not sensitive, corrupt politicians who don't like services & a voice that keeps the balance. Otherwise we have media, owned & controlled by the 1% who use politicians as puppets for their own agendas. Australia is democratic nation, not a borderline communist/authoritarian controlled joke that works for themselves, their pensions/perks, corporations & banks.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

A strong independent public broadcaster is a bulwark to good governance and therefore the health and wellbeing of everyone. Further it permits programming which is innovative and maintains a strong national culture. It can tell stories that will not be commercially viable for non-public broadcast channels. Our ABC should NOT be starved to death not sold off; it needs to stay in public hands and be well supported by governments of all persuasions.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Ridiculous vote to privatise our ABC

For heavens' sake don't give any credence, airtime or support to the ridiculous suggestion to privatise the ABC.

The Government may be cranky with it now because it's holding a light to things you'd rather not be out in the open like the banking royal commission and unbiased reporting on what your recent budget will do to society. But don't forget it's not the ABC that's been wallowing in the Barnaby Joyce swill, and that the next time you're in Opposition you will also be pleased that they're holding the Govt of the day to account. The commercial stations are racing to the bottom so quickly that it's only the example and comparison with the public broadcasters that are keeping it up to some sort of standards, and on,y the public broadcasters with their local, clear and nuanced work with kids and schools that trains young media consumers in the arts and wiles of the media landscape.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared on financial grounds with the commercial media.

Finally, the only party political issue I have ever marched about was defunding the ABC. I quietly sit here and work hard, pay my taxes and obey our laws because even when decisions don't benefit me personally I think 'oh well, it's a democracy'. Sell off the only way that any of the cooperative majority know that govts of whatever stripe can be called to answer for their actions, and you will start to see us engage in very different ways with our political and government arrangements. If every fundamental public resource we hold dear is up for sale, I see no reason why Parlt itself can't be run by a private company.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am in the UK and devastated by the push to privatise the ABC. As a broadcaster of news & opinion pieces from across the political spectrum it is heaps better than any of the British channels. It has provided my family for several generations with a vast array of different and relevant programs, maintaining a high standard of information & entertainment. It has also extended our knowledge of many situations with in depth and impartial interviews. If we lose the ABC we will lose an irreplaceable part of what makes Australia a country we are proud to live in. The music, the stories, the informative interviews, our world class line up of ABC journalists and presenters are a important part of the life of my family. I will definitely not vote for the Liberal Party if it chooses such a destructive action

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The case for maintaining ABC as a non-commercial entity

The ABC is the only source of news not funded by any commercial interests. It is a public interest broadcaster which reports without fear or favour. It analyses the policies of all political parties and puts questions that no commercial broadcaster dares to put. It is by far the best source of international news Australia has, with correspondents in places that are strategically important but not commercially important. It provides enormous input into the economy. It's support of the arts and television production is immense. It is the communications channel of choice for rural and regional Australia. It is the nation's emergency broadcaster. There is no commercial value in that and if the ABC is privatised, both of these irreplaceable services could well be lost.

It is essential that the ABC remains independent of either political party, and adequately funded to maintain these public good services.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC free from political interference

Recent news of a Liberal Party vote to sell off the ABC, reflecting the urging of the ultra-conservative think tank the IPA, make it a matter of urgency for citizens like me to record for their parliamentarians just how indispensable the publicly funded public broadcaster is to both Australian cultural identity and Australian democracy, in ways that commercial media organisations never can. By their inherent nature and the commercial conflicts that beset them, the commercial media can never offer the deep investigative reporting that ABC undertakes in so many fields. Commercial media's entertainment offerings of cheap, superficial reality shows are driven by the lowest-common-denominator and they can never sustain the ABC's deeper cultural offerings. The ABC's political reportage, found again and again by tribunals to be rarely biased or in error, and bound by the ABC charter to be so, is a vital counterweight to the shrill shock-jock analysis of many commercial outlets and indeed to the scandalous right-wing bias of the increasingly dominant Murdoch media empire. The ABC's role in holding governments of all stripes to be more accountable - both by credible reporting and offering commentaries from multiple viewpoints - is utterly essential in the increasingly febrile, splintering digital media universe of unconnected 'bubbles', and its professionalism and integrity has become a rock in this turbulent sea. All of this is still delivered despite the ongoing political attacks and savage resource cutbacks, and indeed the ABC represents outstanding value for money considering its public funding is now measurably less than that of comparable liberal democracies' public broadcasters eg UK and Germany. Finally, the ABC's high public approval ratings vastly outweigh support for any Australian political party. This will make any move to weaken or indeed destroy the ABC we know and value political suicide for any party inclined to attack it.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC.

I submit that the ABC must remain in the hand of the public to ensure fair and unbiased reporting, Australian content in drama, and continuing clean education for children.

Where is the advantage in privatising the ABC? That seems an oxymoron in itself!

For many years my family has enjoyed ABC content on televisions n-from the era of small children to the next generation who enjoyed programs for little children.

Australian drama, such as the currently showing “Mystery Road”, puts Australian culture at the forefront of television, showcasing our land and its peoples, for the edification and interest of a wider audience. To put the ABC into the hands of a corporation would mean the dumbing down of content at the expense of Australian content.

Selling off the ABC would mean the loss of work for Australian actors, and the narrowing of a field for local writers and producers.

Please don't sell off the ABC-we need programs such as the 7.30 Report, 4 Corners, Insight and other news and topical programs which challenge our thinking and mores!

Yours sincerely

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our Abe public!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off the ABC

Simple question, how many votes at your Liberal Party Council when the vote was cast to privatise the ABC were against the privatisation?

So the Liberal Party would like a less bias network like Fox News?

I want investigative journalism and if your party is so frightened of being investigated for poor policy, then thank the ABC to keep the government of any persuasion when in government to be scrutinised.

Hands Off Liberals!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands please

I am appalled that there is talk of privatising our ABC. I grew up with the ABC and still see it as an important independent source of movies, programs, news and current affairs.

Public broadcasting plays an important part and has an irreplaceable role in our democracy and that is why the ABC, SBS have to stay public.


I have my doubts that the current government has the best interests of the Australian public at heart in its wish to privatise the ABC. I believe from what I have seen and heard that this government actually want to silence any dissenting voices and the ABC is one of those very important voices that works to keep the government and corporations honest.

The ABC and SBS have a crucial role in delivering independent news and stories to the public. Privatisation will demolish this necessary independence and so has to be stopped.

I feel the undue advantage is actually with the commercial outlets of broadcasting who seem to have lost the moral compass the ABC and SBS have and deliver any sort of news and programs to sensationalise our world events irresponsibly.

So please keep the ABC in public hands and stop using the ABC as a punching bag.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC belongs to the Australian people.

ABC and SBS are the only news service that provides balanced and unemotive news services. ABC also provides us with professional journalism and excellent documentaries and current affairs. Do not leave us having to rely on the commercial channels, we are entitled to trust one news source, free from political propaganda and advertising.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC not for sale

I believe the ABC is for all Australians and should be governed not by money but by the Australian tax payers. We need a voice that is not powered by money or greed.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain a public broadcaster

The ABC is the most trusted unbiased source of information and investigative reporting. No other media in Australian comes close. It is an invaluable public resource which should be fully funded and not subject to relentless cuts to its budget.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands - now and always!

The ABC is like no other broadcaster and needs to be kept as THE Australian public broadcaster. Both ABC radio and television provide very good quality trustworthy news and current affairs as well as quality children's and adults' programs. Further to this, ABC Radio also has some essential localised programming (esp in rural and regional Australia where I live). The ABC is a quality, Australian icon - that the Australian Government must commit to financially now and always!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Re: ABC & SBS Inquiry

Dear Inquiry,

Stop emaciating the ABC and SBS! The \$1.1bn spent by Australian tax payers is money well spent. Out of the \$400bn, 2018 tax revenue received by the commonwealth, spending of \$1.1bn on the ABC represents a comparatively miniscule amount of just over one quarter of one percent of commonwealth revenues.

Who in the commercial world with all free to air stations complaining of declining revenues, is going to produce quality programs like 4 Corners, Foreign correspondent, 7:30 (recently emaciated), Insiders, Australian Story, Q&A, Gruen, Catalyst, The Drum, The Business, You can't Ask That, Landline, Back Roads, Home Delivery, Matter of Fact and many other quality programs including News? Are commercial station going to welcome another entrant into the commercial scene, further diluting the revenue to each station? I think not. In making all broadcasting media commercial, the government is making its self totally beholden to commercial interests which may not be to the governments liking. You may not have an alternate outlet to spruik your message.

How will regional viewers and listeners be catered for when it is not viable for a commercial operation? Country people should be able to enjoy a wide variety of Australian programming, the same as city dwellers.

The halving of PM's air time on radio is a disgrace; yes it was an ABC decision but due to budget cuts by your government!

Perhaps it is the intent of the government to dumb down the population so they are only fed shopping tips on A Current Affair or Love Island?


The Government seems too sensitive to criticism? You are in Government after all - expect it! It has been my experience over 40 years that both Labor and Liberal over time get equal attention from the ABC. Perhaps the government wishes to silence criticism all together and stifle debate on important democratic issues? The ABC has an important and impartial role in the country's democracy!

Continued usage of the internet by the ABC is essential as it is increasingly the lowest cost delivery mechanism of choice, particularly for younger viewers. Live steaming and iView are very important in providing convenience in delivery of content.

Further reducing the ABC's budget or even a partial selloff - do it at your electoral peril!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ownership of Australia's print media is heavily concentrated. Two media groups – News Corporation (owned by billionaire Rupert Murdoch) and Fairfax Media – are responsible for 85% of newspaper sales. The ABC is needed to balance this out.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save ABC from privitisation.

Dear Inquiry,

The ABC must never be privatised. In these days of social media where "fake news" is ubiquitous a trusted news organisation whose clear and unambiguous charter is to present all sides of the national and international debate is essential.

Just look at the Murdoch press to see what unapologetically biased private enterprise comment looks like.

Think of Queensland, of Tasmania and WA and SA. Their written media has no other voice.

Isolated Australians still rely the ABC for their information.

So many of us in the cities and regional centres do as well.

And the organisation covers science, the art, children's entertainment to mention a few ... areas that need exposure but will struggle to retain funding in the private world for lack of profit generation.

It must remain as the unbiased voice without political and financial masters to threaten its charter.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Support and Keep the ABC strong

I am an avid ABC viewer and radio listener and have been for a huge part of my 62 years. This is a Government supported institution who has provided tremendous programs for adult and child alike. My children grew up on playschool and I grew up on Rake, Jack Irish and Rage. It has also been an independent investigator of all sides of politics. Many a left leaning or right leaning observer have complained over the last 50 years about ABC "bias" but really they were complaining about proper, considered investigative journalism. There is substitute to such a body and it must remain fully supported by the Government of the day.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands for sure

The ABC in my view is an unbiased Australian icon that has delivered unbiased news and current affairs for decades. In my view the ABC has done as much as it can already with various changes and cut backs made over the years. It (the ABC) speaks to all cultures, genders and ages along with the likes of SBS. But without commercial interests monopolising content. If the ABC becomes privatised then this current liberal coalition will be forever known as the party that threw out the ABC with the bath water and I for one will be none to pleased. Our politicians it appears are increasingly losing their senses and connection with its electorate. One only has to travel outside australia as I am at the moment to see that other countries still back their free to air multi media. And we should be doing the same. Shame and double shame on the Turnbull government for taking the issue of privatisation up against public wishes. It should remind itself that an election will be coming and that they may want to consider their current push towards ABC privatisation

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I'm both a producer of documentaries and a dedicated consumer of ABC programs. Over the years, the ABC has funded programs of substance that the commercial channels would not have commissioned. This has enabled a rich variety of programming which has benefited the majority of Australians who want alternatives to the uniformity of the commercial stations.

Many Australians don't want to watch commercial television. They also want independent news and current affairs of a high standard.

For the sake of diversity, independence, high quality journalism and content for a broad variety of audiences, the ABC must be kept independent.

Don't mess with our ABC, politicians. If you do, you will receive a backlash and condemnation from all sectors of society.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My ABC, defend at all cost


I am distressed to the extreme to think this current government dislikes the ABC so much that it wishes to hobble it by privatisation. This broadcasting service has been a very important part of my life's enjoyment and enlightenment . I have loved the ABC's

Up to date investigative reporting and wide ranging entertainment. My elderly mother was a great fan as she felt connected to the wider world from her rural home. Music, current affairs, opinions and news have been presented in an extensive and fair way without hassle and bias of commercial presentations. The ABC is the only non tabloid -and by that I mean shallow and crass- content worth watching or listening to.

To privatise the ABC is pandering to a portion of our population that does not like varied opinion or innovation, or anything that threatens alternative ideas. If it goes what is there left for us, those people who want something deeper to think about and enjoy?

Our government should be protecting and enhancing this national asset, not screwing it over. Shame on those legislators who intend to jepodise its future. SHAME!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC must stay properly funded in the hands of the public. The ABC is not beholden to commercial interests so is able to be objective. The Australian shows for children are of major importance such as ABC for kids ,and no one else does this ,free of all commercial interests. The films and the shows with our stories and our attitudes are invaluable ,Mystery Road is a perfect example.

The current affairs are not biased and are informative as well as investigative. So much we would not know without the ABC. Do we want a very ignorant society ? There is no comparison with the commercial stations who are all for competition but complain about the ABC taking away work from them . This is not good enough .i want the ABC a trusted organisation that is good for democracy and the public . It has nothing to do with economics,there are some things that are not valued by the financial worth ,it is NOT all about the money .

The ABC is priceless . Do not let greedy commercial interests take it over . Australia will be much poorer without it ,and there will only be one point of view in Australian media. The other part of the ABC which i love is ABC classic music ,no one else would consider doing all that just for the enjoyment of the public. The ABC is a treasured institution interesting ,enjoyable ,informative ,innovative and good for our democracy. It must stay in our own hands and not in the hands of a profit driven business organisation.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC as our public non-privatised broadcaster

Privatising the ABC would be an act of destroying one of the world 's best radio services. A privatised service understandably driven by profit motive is bound to be more reactive and not as relatively creatively proactive as our current public broadcaster. Clearly privatised services have their place but we already have diversity in this field. It is critical to maintain and even expand the entertaining, sophisticated, and informative counterpoint that not only meets our demands but expands our experience and knowledge in ways that a commercial entity understandably won't chance. What a tragic loss privatisation of our only public broadcaster would be.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public ownership of ABC

Dear Minister for the ABC

I am a 62 year old male born in Australia and have been watching the Abc almost since the very beginning.
Mr Squiggleand Miss Pat....aka

Pat Lovell are indelibly etched into my consciousness

Even as kids we always watched and news .

It's a trusted....indeed revered brand which has enormous significance for myself and family and contemporaries.

It's as Australian as Apple pie or pie with sauce.

It's a trusted Aussie icon.

It's value to me in commercial hands will become very little and I will feel as if I have been personally stolen from.

Ministers and others.....do not fall into the trap of underestimating the shock and anger that will be felt throughout our communities if you take this away.

It takes a lot to motivate me politically but please be warned.

This is totally absolutely unacceptable.

This is crossing a line.

I'm very angry even thinking about it.

Livid in fact.

I'm not alone.

Abc is sacrosanct.

Don't try and tell me we can't afford it. Patently untrue..

I believe it's political suicide for this government.

I'm not politically active but your consideration of this outrage will bring me and many others out to resist this terrible mistake.

Yours in sincere outrage

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


Dear Sir/Madam

It saddens me greatly to hear about this new push to privatise the ABC. I understand that the ABC is more left-leaning than other news outlets, and this displeases many individuals who complain that as the ABC is a publicly funded company it should provide more centred views. But this complaint is ill-founded because it assumes that news coverage in Australia is, on average, politically neutral. But this is not the case, at least if one considers only mass media. Mass media has a significant right-leaning. Privatising the ABC could only negatively impact the ABC's ability to provide non-commercially influenced views. Providing commercially influenced views is likely to significantly impact the independence of ABC News Reporters, making them either seek employment in less well-known, less readily funded organisations, or provide a news service that tends to the political right. In either case, there will be a significant impact on the news service in Australia. In particular, this change would dramatically impact the ability to present a different perspective on current affairs from the status quo in mass media. I would find it hard to stomach such a change.

All the best

Dr [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is not yours to privatise

To The Australian Government,
The thought of privatising the Australian Broadcasting Corporation is sickening.
As a swinging voter, I have no allegiance to a certain party.
The ABC is not an avenue for commercialisation nor is it a commodity that should be traded.
I personally fund the ABC via my taxation, as do the majority of Australians, and I am very pleased to.
The ABC is held to the highest benchmarks by the governing body, and the most trusted source of non-biased news available. There should be no outside influence on our independent news, or perhaps we may be looking at a dictatorial situation where news can be governed and influenced by those who have an agenda.
Regards, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Importance of a publicly owned ABC.

As someone who spends hours a week commuting, I rely on ABC radio for news and current affairs (which is far more reliable than any other Australian source), entertainment, music and interesting podcasts. All of these would be potentially threatened if the ABC were to be privatised in order to remove a potential "advantage" over commercial broadcasters. It is so important to me that we have an independent voice to comment on political and social issues, no private broadcaster could effectively play this role.

The premise of this enquiry is flawed. The ABC and SBS cannot have an unfair advantage over commercial outlets because they are not comparable to commercial outlets. Public broadcasting is crucial to our democracy. It plays many roles in our society that are not filled by commercial outlets, and hence does not require the same ratings to justify its work. Suggestions that the ABC be privatised are extremely worrying because they threaten these roles, and indeed our democracy itself.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in public hands.

The ABC in its current form the only television& radio broadcaster that brings some degree of balance to news reporting and investigative issues. The ABC does provide for rigorous examination of issues that commercial interests choose to ignore. The other content that includes , music, drama , comedy, documentaries and children's presentations are unparalleled and MUST be preserved. The advocates for its commercialising will lead to the interests of commercial media owners to further concentrate profit orientated motives at the expense of providing some degree of balance in the media sphere. The influence of media moguls and groups need to be held to account by an ABC whose charter has served Australians for many years. Please , please maintain the status quo at the least.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

I am a woman in her 60's. I have always had a deep interest in the world; the best and the worst of Humanity. I find that I am better able to find hope for our future when I view and listen to the ABC- Radio National in particular. The high calibre of journalism and wide range of stories from all walks of life gives me a better perspective of what is happening in the world, beyond the hype of what passes for journalism and documentary making in the Media in general - commercial broadcasters and internet sources of news and information. I am increasingly sickened by hype, glamour, advertising and addiction to disaster and drama. It's getting much, much worse every year. I feel the benefit of clear critical thinking that I hear on the ABC. I particularly appreciate programmes about Indigenous Culture and History- especially hearing from Indigenous people about their lives and culture. I absolutely know that the wide range of cultural activity in Australia and beyond, will not be presented nearly as well on commercial enterprises. Privatisation of Public Utilities has, in my experience and opinion, been an utter disaster in Australia. Profit as the primary driver cannot rule our world, and "improved efficiency" is always a dubious qualifier. Vested interests distort the quality of information and delivery of service. Our Quality of life has degenerated since the closing decades of last century as a direct result of the unbridled greed and "irrationalism" of Economic Rationalism. I don't want to live in a world of glitz, glamour and spin, and I am ashamed to leave this legacy to my children and grandchildren, and next generations. When I saw footage of the Liberal Party Council voting to privatise the ABC I felt physically ill, and terribly distressed. The ABC is a vital part of my life, and to all our lives. We have plenty of commercial media outlets - all of which I cannot abide. We need a Public Broadcaster. It is vital to the process of Democracy, which is under dire threat, world wide. I grew up in a world where we were expected to give our loyalty and respect to Outer Authorities, having faith that our best interests were being taken care of. One by one these Patriarchal Institutions are being shown to be corrupt and devoid of moral integrity - the Churches, the Financial & Legal Sectors, Political Leaders, Entertainment Industry Practices and Culture, the world of Sports.. exposed on a daily basis. The work of feminist activism has repeatedly called for Transparency, Accountability, Inclusion, Collaboration and Justice. These moral drivers are evident in many corporations - it's now called "Best Practice" in the Business World. This deeply Christian impulse for Social Justice and Equality is very evident in the quality and diversity of ABC programs and programming. Where else do we have the opportunity to be nourished and informed about our world, accessible to the greatest number of citizens? Where else can we be assured of perspectives of our world which have some reliable measure of moral integrity? Common Wealth for the Common Good

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VIC 3051




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain in public hands

Having a "non-commercial", high-quality public broadcaster is an essential part of our democracy. My family and I rely on the ABC for unbiased news reportage and good quality local content, as well as the very important ad-free childrens TV. Please do not make this dreadful policy mistake: history will harshly judge those who are part of this effort.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC!

I have grown up with ABC and am growing old with the ABC. I listen to it everyday and it runs my preferred TV channel with excellent programmes. Its reporters are excellent and like its programmes they are balanced, principled and cater to broad cross section of people and tastes, without prejudice or bias. Privatisation means someone else with their own interests and investment requirements, and their own particular view can dominate without question or conscience - a recipe for manipulation though our air and media waves. I cannot believe the Turnbull Government wants to muzzle and manipulate the media in this way! Shame, shame, shame! You have lost me!

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SA 5061 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am an avid ABC watcher. I love the authenticity of the reporting and the fact that it is not tainted by commercial operators. We simply cannot let this institution fall into private hands as the broadcasting will be dominated by big money rather than what ordinary people want. I absolutely trust the ABC as I know they are

Committed to providing honest well informed programming. If we lose the ABC into private hands it will just become another broadcaster who has to satisfy shareholders rather than the man in the street. Please, please do not give into the Likes of big business who are clearly able to influence the Liberal Party. We cannot become a country who lets big money influence all our media. Thank you, [REDACTED]

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WA 6015 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is important to me and all Australians. It has the best Local & Overseas News, wonderful Australian Mini Series, Films, etc., as well as other Shows created here in Australia using Australians for Australians. It does not have Commercials, which can be irritating if one wants facts & films delivered without interference. Too many things have been sold off to be privatised. Do not, under any circumstances, allow this Australian Icon to be privatised.

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VIC 3150 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

There are very few, truly unbiased news sources in Australia and the ABC is without a doubt the most respected. I don't want to live in a country where compulsory voting is coupled with campaigns built on advertising budgets paid for by investors.

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NSW 2011 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It our ABC stop trying to KILL it or SELL it.

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia. It is being hobbled by Government to suit their political purpose. This is WRONG! I for years have been watching and listening to the ABC and am DISGUSTED at the way the current Turnbull and previous Abbot governments have been slowly strangling it. Loss of content, loss of jobs. Australia needs a free open Public Broadcaster. Not another Murdoch clone. Bring back to health and support it not shackle or try to kill it off just because it let's the public know what your'e really up to.

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VIC 3214 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC provide an objective view of what is going on because they are not influenced by commercial interests and I have always trusted that. I listen to triple j every day and I would be extremely disappointed if the format was changed to follow the same repetitive format that all of the other commercial stations follow. I think the ABC offers a fantastic opportunity for new artists that would be lost if it was privatised. I am extremely disappointed that this government would even consider privatising the ABC and taking away a public service that so many people trust and admire.

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SA 5112




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No Fake News for Australia - leave the ABC alone

I want to live in a democracy where the national public broadcaster is able to deliver news based on truth and facts. The ABC provides this through its news and current affairs shows. 4 Corners and 7.30 Report's investigative reporting has unveiled numerous untoward and illegal events, providing our society with responsible journalism. Q & A and The Drum present multiple views and facets on topics and we never miss The Insiders. And they are just the current affairs shows, I could continue to an essay if I outline all the wonderful entertainment we enjoy on the ABC and SBS. We do not and will not watch commercial TV. I fear for our country and do not want to be like America as I see the Coalition constantly attacking the ABC and ultimately free speech. Mr. Turnbull we do not want a Trump style leadership, leave our ABC alone it plays a crucial role in our democracy.

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NSW 2008 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect the ABC from privatisation!

The ABC is my most trusted source of news and current affairs. It is also an excellent producer of quality drama, documentaries and comedy which I have enjoyed regularly. It has a very high quality of output and I believe that as a public broadcaster it is world class. It is a real asset of Australia and I believe is best kept in public hands.

I wish to state in the strongest terms my concern over the Coalition government's attacks on the ABC. The recent funding cuts are detrimental to the ABC and not in line with Australian people's wishes. Public support for the ABC is in clear contrast with the Coalitions' constant attacks on the public broadcaster. I ask that the ABC is kept in public hands and has its funding reinstated.

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WA 6014



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as the PUBLICLY OWNED BROADCASTER, of course

seriously? the abc is fundamental to australian public life - and MUST be in public hands. enough said!
dr [REDACTED]

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QLD 4031




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in its current public ownership status, but with some increase in funds to ensure it can operate effectively. There are far too many staff changes at present which are giving the impression of cheaper staff and

The ABC as it is, or was until the further harsh cutbacks began to affect staffing and other major features of a public ownership,

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VIC 3133 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

To whom it may concern,

There is so much that the ABC contributes to our society due to its being publically owned, that the privately-owned stations just don't contribute.

Firstly, its documentaries. I can't remember the last time I saw a scientifically-backed documentary on one of the private channels of a quality even remotely approaching that of those shown on the ABC. With its privatisation, we would see a decrease in quality programming being available to the Australian public, to the country's detriment. Not only do informative shows increase an adult's level of knowledge, but they also stimulate the minds of young Australians. Again, removing these from our reach will be to the entire country's detriment.

Secondly, its quality of programs. The benefit of having a publically-owned station is that they don't need to cater to large swathes of the population, and can focus instead on the quality of programming. The privately-owned stations have to think about their target audiences, which has led them to including shows which offer us no benefits in terms of knowledge gained, emotions felt, thoughts provoked, etc. I'm sure there is a more eloquent way of saying this, but much of what I see on the commercial stations can be described as not worth watching.

Thirdly, its Australian dramas. I don't believe any of the commercial stations come close to the ABC's quantity of Australian content. It would be detrimental to the Australian film industry to take the ABC away from us.

Fourthly, its children's programming. Play School is, in the view of many working in early childhood, one of the best shows available to young children. Most of the shows I see on the private stations aimed at young children has not been based on sound science; factors such as the time spent on each frame before cutting to the next, the intensity of voices, the speed of movement, etc. The only time I have seen these factors considered is on ABC early childhood shows such as Play School and Bing. If the ABC were privatised, the shows would lose quality to the detriment of young children and our future adults.

Finally, its unbiased coverage of politics. Time after time, the ABC has been shown to be an unbiased source of information. As far as I can tell, it is the only unbiased media source in the country, and it would be highly detrimental to democracy for this to change.

I would hate for something as worthy as our ABC to be taken away from us, and it is impossible to go back once the change has been made.

It is ours. Not yours to sell for a few quick bucks.

We will fight for our ABC.

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WA 6101



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: WE WILL FIGHT to keep the ABC a public institution in the public interest

The ABC is the only credible broadcast news media left in Australia - full stop. A commercially run ABC? Just look at the rubbish on every other broadcaster in the country and the disastrous consequences are manifest. The proposal to privatise our Public Broadcaster is intellectually vacuous, morally bankrupt, and ideologically extremist. WE WILL FIGHT to keep the ABC, along with our other public institutions, public. NO to tax dollars for more spies, the military industrial complex, banks and miners. YES to tax dollars for public broadcasting, and for national debate on matters of concern that cannot be had anywhere else.

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ACT 2605



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC publicly funded

To whom it may concern,

As a long time listener, viewer and reader I deeply value the media services provided by the ABC.

Why? Because all the ABC platforms I use (TV, radio and electronic) are the closest media representation of objectivity of which I am aware.

Furthermore, the thought of the ABC becoming the domain of the highest bidder or loudest shouter is very worrisome.

Finally, as institutions go I rank it with the CSIRO in importance to the Australian suite of credentialling institutions.

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WA 6330




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

If the Liberal Party manages to achieve privatisation of the ABC, it will prove that Australia's Government is corrupt and verging on steps toward dictatorship and silencing of intellectuals and opposition to its policies. I am ashamed and embarrassed to see such open abuse of power in today's Australia. I never expected to live to see dictatorship and wide-spread corruption accepted as a necessary evil in my time. I feel so very sorry for the coming generation who will inherit such an ugly, self-interested and greedy political system which is hell-bent on retrograde and unsustainable policy-making and led by a Baby Boomer Generation, nurtured and catered to by generations who did the hard yards for the betterment of the nation. This Government does not give a damn about the Australian people, or today's youth who will be disenfranchised yet will face the consequences and deal with the mess you are creating. What right do you have to dismantle the only respected, reliable platform and independent voice Australia has today?! Shame on all of you!!!

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SA 5022 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell off the ABC!

The ABC is the only news source I regularly view/read and trust. Regular independent reviews have proven it is NOT biased and is basically the ONLY trusted news source in Australia. Just because the LNP doesn't like the truth does not mean the ABC should go. If it is privatised I will have no source of news and can absolutely GUARANTEE that I will campaign just as hard as I can against the LNP for the rest of my life.


It is the only reason I have a TV.

It is an asset owned by all Australians and should remain as trusted broadcaster. The LNP's ongoing funding reductions are a direct assault on our country's democracy, and suggestions of privatisation show the extent of the contempt the LNP has for the Australian public. You can't get it to parrot Murdoch headlines because it has a charter that requires it to be unbiased. We are NOT all right wing nut jobs - the LNP has totally laid claim to that turf - and we don't all want to read the spin scripted by Murdoch, the IPA and LNP. This is not yet a fascist regime and I'll fight to keep Australia a democracy with at least one unbiased source of news and information content.

Hands off our ABC!

May the nation's anger at this (now openly declared) policy put the LNP firmly in the opposition for decades to come. If you don't respect democracy, and the role a free and open press plays in ensuring governments can be held to account, you have no right to govern!

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ACT 2605 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation? NO!

The ABC was established to be the PUBLIC broadcaster--immune from influence of corporate money or other special interests. LEAVE THE ABC ALONE! DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC!

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WA 6530



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting is important to me, I get all my news from ABC tv and radio and also the unique programs such as tonightly and Gruen just wouldn't be aired on commercial tv, another reason I don't watch commercial tv is because they only screen reality shows which make me quite sad and depressed .
Don't sell of the ABC

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NSW 2138



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Ownership of the ABC

Since the 1950's my family and I have been regular listeners and watchers of ABC NEWS. It has been a trusted source of news and current affairs and currently Four Corners and Mediawatch are - in my opinion - the best shows on television. I am outraged at the possibility that any political party would even consider privatising this respected institution.

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NSW 2478



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay public!

I am deeply concerned about the proposals to privatise the ABC.
Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with - or converted to - commercial media.

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NSW 2037



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands Off Our ABC!

The ABC is our public broadcaster. It isn't beholden to commercial interests like other broadcasters, which allows it to focus on things other than ratings and profits. This means it can do real investigative journalism, and invest in Australian content (rather than just buying cheap overseas content). This has given us really excellent drama, terrific children's programming, and top notch journalism that isn't to be found anywhere else. I rely on ABC news and current affairs, because it is the least sensationalist and least biased journalism on TV.

The public broadcaster's job is to challenge the government of the day, no matter which party. And governments seem to not like that, which is exactly why it must be protected. I'm concerned that the government is attacking the ABC (through endless vexatious complaints, funding cuts and now this Liberal Party Council vote, which frankly is no surprise to anyone, as it is what the Liberal Party and IPA have been gunning for for years). And the ABC is being attacked because it is doing its job: criticising the government. It is a job which none of the commercial broadcasters do very well.

The ABC is owned by the people of Australia, and we trust it to provide news and information and to hold politicians to account. Under no account does any government have the right to sell the ABC.

Hands Off Our ABC!

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VIC 3182 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC!!! To remain free from commercial interest!!!!

The ABC is such an important voice in Australia as it offers a non commercialised view of current affairs in a manner that is provocative and balanced. Programs like four corners have shone the light on aspects that have assisted in policy change and addressing corruption. The quality of the children's television is second to none. It is also a avenue to support Australian cultural perspectives and provide a forum for the Australian film industry. It has been noticeable that as funding becomes tighter that we are seeing less of a light shone on good quality Australian drama and the loss of late line was felt by many.

This is a public asset which relies on retaining independence from commercial interest and is central to our democracy.

This is our ABC, let's look after it and fund it appropriately for now and future generations.

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NSW 2043



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need to keep the ABC in Public Hands!

To the Public Broadcasting Enquiry,

The ABC is an important part of Australian life and it and SBS have been an important part of my whole Adult life.

When we lived in country SA we often found the ABC was the only or best source of news, but now we live in the city we still find it is less sensational and more likely to cover a wider range of country and world news than commercial channels.

The documentary, life and country-related content we get on the ABC and SBS is great - unlike what we get from commercial stations.

- We watch at least 50% content from the various ABC / SBS channels and websites.

I am very worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and SBS, plus have great concern the Coalition thinking is affected too much by Big Business donors. Also there is a Cartel of privately owned "News Sources" that exist mostly to make profit and spread the story that the ABC and SBS have an "Advantage" over them, when it really that they want to generate "news" and entertainment content at a lower cost for more profit rather than invest in proper investigative journalism and quality content like we regularly see from the ABC and SBS channels. I don't want us to lose the one genuinely independent news source. Our society would suffer greatly. The unfortunate issues I see with "news sources" and "entertainment" channels in USA would be happening here!

The ABC needs to stay in public hands!

I think the premise of the inquiry - to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets because they are publicly funded is WRONG!) Public broadcasting plays an VITAL and IRREPLACEABLE role in Australian life and should not be compared with commercial media at all!

Thanks for doing what you do.

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SA 5014 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of public hands

Real journalism has been systematically killed by our generation. Four corners, Barry Cassidy are a few of the programs where difficult corners in this country are investigated. Sarah Ferguson asks some poignant questions and is reprimanded so now when the opportunity to ask the lying Clinton woman happens she becomes a muted puppet. It is obvious that the Liberal Government wants to shut them down and why. My children , and the future of this country already have been switched off all the crap that is being served. When they ask me who to vote for I tell them to look at the policies of each Govt. Both parties are over staffed and full of rhetoric. If only they could wear bracelets that remind them when they lie or repeat themselves. A fit bit that sends an electric impulse and renders them mute would be engaging and entertaining to all viewers. We need less politicians and they need to have iq tests . Why are we being ruined by dum nuts !

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NSW 2482 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Future of abc

The ABC belongs to the Australian people not to private media companies and specially not to those such as Murdoch Press that already have an over dominant share.

Together with SBS it is the only source of decent quality news and current affairs knowledge. Programs such as Four Corners play an outstanding role in investigative journalism bringing to light issues that Australians not only deserve to know about, but most likely would never know about otherwise. Perhaps this is why the Coalition hard right wants to privatise it. And of course ABC holds nothing back in exposing Pauline Hanson for what she is. Many of us rely on the ABC got quality TV programs instead of utter trash on commercial stations. IT is our right to have a public broadcasting company. To privatise it is undemocratic and raises many issues concerned with people's rights and freedoms. It smacks of oppression of the Australian people. As far as I am concerned any attempt to carry this out should result in the calling of an election and the opportunity to oust from Parliament those Politicians trying to bring this about.

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NSW 2443 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

Keep your hands off the ABC; you pricks!

The ABC is akin to the BBC in Britain. The ABC provides high quality content and news and is looked up and loved by the Australian people. The commercial radio stations produce garbage!!! All of the ABC belongs to tax payers ie the Australian people. You have no right to flog it off just as you have done with many other public utilities. Privatised the ABC for your fat cat mates and the Australian people will vote your ratshit government out of office and keep it out of office. The tex dubbo party (national party) and so called liberal party (liberal means willing to respect or accept behaviour or opinions different from one's own; open to new ideas)the so called liberal party are not and never have been liberal but are a party of right wing nut jobs and wowsers are extreme and are shagging Australia while trying to pull the wool over the voters eyes!!

The liberal and national party's should take the french letter as their national emblem - it stands for inflation, halts production and gives the population a false sense of security while being stuffed. PRIVATISE THE ABC AT YOUR OWN PERIL.

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QLD 4500 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC hands

Please do not privatise the ABC. The ABC is the only Broadcaster to make sure their news is honest and can be trusted to be correct. We need a Broadcaster that will tell the true story and not play favourites.

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NSW 2477




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I am very sad to say as many say, this time is the worst Government in our know history this as is voted by friends & residents. What does the LNP Government intend for the Australian population to read surely not the Murdoch Press the Australian the Courier Mail & the rest. Our Australian LNP Parliament has hit an all time low this proposed ABC sell off just one of many. The number of Petitions I have signed to prevent privatization of jobs is disgusting many appear to be Game of Mates. We need Australian Jobs for Australians but after watching Parliament the last two days what an utterly disgraceful show on the part of the LNP the banging I thought feet were being used, until our speaker finally spoke up on the second day & we Australians learnt it was banging on your desktop, rather sounded like cattle in a truck being taken to be slaughtered. Malcolm Turnbull has finally shown his true form & rather sounded like an out of control inmate. As a swinging voter & have been my whole life, this behavior plus fights in cafes again by the LNP, now let's not forget Barnaby Joyce, Tony Abbott, Abbetz & the rest. LNP is determined to stop freedom of speech instead operates on deceit & lies. How did the ABC manage to upset the LNP Party by doing as it has done all my life by reporting factual accounts unlike LNP preferred option, a foreign Newspaper Rupert Murdoch who happens to be an American citizen & has been proven World wide to print anything but the truth so help me God. Australians I have spoken to are extremely faithful to our Australian ABC & privatization is not an option, we live in a regional area & tha ABC is our only source of quality news, plus the country section livestock & more. Quality reporting by the LNP's preferred option is a none event I haven't purchased for many years & I most certainly have no intention in the future.

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QLD 4306 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to ABC inquiry

My submission is that a publicly owned ABC is an essential component of Australian society. I value the ABC as my main source of objective, well-researched and thorough news and analysis. Four Corners does investigative journalism to world class standards. Foreign Correspondent tells us about the rest of the world. Catalyst provides health and science stories. Checkout tells us about our rights. No privately owned broadcasters in Australia are interested in providing these styles of show to the ABC's excellent standard.


The best investment in democracy that this country can make would be to ensure that the ABC remains independent and high quality with generous funding to be able meet the high standards we expect of it.

I listen to ABC NATIONAL, CLASSIC FM, and I watch ABC and ABCNEWS. To me there are no private broadcasting services that even come close. The ABC is vital to Australia and it is vital that it not be compromised by funding cuts or restrictions on its activities and independence.

Please recommend a strengthening of the ABC and its capacity to meet the needs of a thinking public.

Thank you

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VIC 3073 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

It is important to have an independant publically funded media to counter paid media reports. This is especially important because of the opening up of media ownership rules

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ACT 2913 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC ATTACKS

I only trust the ABC for news and current affairs. If it were not for investigative programs like 4 corners we would never have had royal commissions into the banks and child abuse by churches and others. No commercial network will undertake these sorts of investigations for fear of upsetting sponsors. The ABC also produces great Australian drama for adults and children. Commercial stations prefer to buy cheap imports and fill local quotas with sports and quiz shows. Without the ABC many local artists would never gather a chance. Similar comments apply for SBS. Any political party that goes down the path of privatising the ABC will never ever get my vote, and my friends feel the same way. Back off and leave the ABC ALONE.

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VIC 3188 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

The abc is a national treasure, news reporting of the highest standard holding those in public office to account, revealing injustice and crime, and keeping us informed in an impartial manner. Commercial news is just a mouthpiece for whichever owner it has at the time, such as rupert murdoch. The abc and sbs are hampered compared to other outlets because the government will not give them enough funding. Defend, and extend the abc and sbs!

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VIC 3153 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has long since been a wonderful Australian public broadcaster, and it has served my family and friends extraordinarily well for many decades. It is my firm belief that the standard of ABC journalism is simply unavailable on commercial channels, and the prospect of losing our treasured ABC to private interests would be a tragedy of considerable magnitude. Unthinkable.

We need it...

Our fellow Australians in outback and regional areas need it...

Our city friends need it...

Our children certainly need it...please don't let them grow up without ever having the opportunity to see Australia through the prism of our amazing ABC!

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VIC 3116



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I believe that Australia needs a public broadcaster, and strongly oppose the ABC being sold to the commercial sector.


Recently, when I was in the US, where music radio stations were essentially rationed to a playlist of about 200 tracks in a bid to stay afloat financially via advertising income. For anybody who wanted to escape from the stultifying boredom of this arrangement, there were a few public broadcasting-style stations that were prepared to play a wide range of interesting and less commercially-oriented music in a variety of diverse genres. All of these had one thing in common - they were all obliged to devote about 1/5th of their broadcast time soliciting donations, which in turn diminished the listening experience. When I returned to Australia, listening to cultural and intelligent content on the ABC was a breath of fresh air. I am happy for my taxes to be devoted to funding the ABC.

Similar dynamics occur in the television medium, where the ABC has a consistently higher quality than the commercial stations, and puts on more interesting programming. In so doing, it avoids having to appeal to the lowest common denominator.

Another important role that the ABC fulfills is to commission and provide a platform for Australian content, nurturing new talent. Commercial TV stations will not be financially supporting this Australian content, given that it is cheaper to purchase programs.

It would be a terrible mistake to privatise the ABC, and the Australian people will not stand for it. I do not believe that a party that intends to do could conceivably win the next election.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ourABC

The ABC is the only tv channel I watch. My favourite night is Monday . I cannot imagine our lives without the fabulous current affairs programmes of FourCorners and Q andA plus the wonderful investgative journalism of Leigh Sales. What is wrong with you guys????? Leave the ABC alone.

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WA 6010 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the most trustworthy media organisation in Australia. It reports in a balanced manner which sadly results in right-wing commentators accusing it of left-wing bias. If it was privatised, it would soon be subject to the self-censorship of privately owned media who decide what the general public should be allowed to know. For this reason, the ABC must never be privatised and the government must stop cutting its funding.

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VIC 3922



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No Privatisation of the ABC

As a baby boomer I have experienced the amazing development of broadcasting. I recall the days when radio provided entertainment for all the family and everyone gathered around the radio at 7pm each evening to listen to the news. The years when current affairs programs came to our screens with presenters like Bill Peach. The entertainment that we enjoyed with comedy, wonderful documentaries and dramas. The ABC is such an important part of our society.

We must retain our publicly funded broadcasters. We appreciate the investigative reporting of programs like Four Corners. The news programs such as Foreign Correspondent, The World and Matter of Fact. Commercial networks do not match up to the same standard as ABC and SBS. Don't take this away from us!

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NSW 2620



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I grew up watching the most interesting shows on ABC and it has shaped and informed me to be who I am today. If we want to cultivate intelligence generations, then we need to keep our media balanced in check. I strongly encourage you to think about this further and what it means for future generation's intelligence.

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NSW 2481



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Four Corners has on many occasions changed government policy. ABC current affairs programs provide by far the best detailed, unbiased reporting available. There are no other programmes to compare with the ABC's cultural and science presentations. As parliamentarians you are paid to represent the interests of your constituents, not the short term prejudices of the right-wing extreme of your party. Do not privatise the ABC. Restore its funding now if you want to remain in government.

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NSW 2480




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: dont sell the ABC

the ABC has many informative news programs

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VIC 3757 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC away from commercial interests

We are regular watchers and listeners of the ABC and really appreciate the varied fare we are offered. We love the good discussion programmes such as Q&A There is nothing else like it on Commercial TV where they have to know tow to owners or shareholders. Long live the ABC which gives us wonderful unbiased reporting as every enquiry proves.

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VIC 3192



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is the source of news and information I trust. Like many Australians, I was brought up on it. My children have been brought up on it. It is essential that the ABC stays independent of commercial interests. It is an Australian icon. It should be cherished, protected and proudly supported by governments.

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WA 6053




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

It is essential that we have a non commercial voice in our media outlets! One that is not swayed by commercial values. One that backs good drama and comedy because its good not because they think they could make money. How many programs were developed in the ABC and then bought by the commercial media! HEAPS. Hands off the ABC!!

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NSW 2477 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC - Not on!!!!

This Government does not have the mandate to sell this very trusted peoples's asset. It is getting downright tiresome to see this bunch of misfits and incompetents raping the Australian way of life to butter up their far right cronies. KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF THE ABC.

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TAS 7140



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep hands our ABC

Having a independent ABC , provides me a balanced and credible news , news moguls interference .

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VIC 3130



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC free

The ABC is OUR ABC, not the property of some corporation with a goal of profit who will represent THEIR interests. That is a dark path. The ABC must remain free and independent. If you try to take that away, what's the difference between Australia and the early days of Nazism and other totalitarian regimes - or is that just what you want? Well, we don't want it. And if you are afraid of any criticism which may come your way - why are you so afraid? Can you not hold your heads up high as a government, and debate what you stand for? Fie on you. Leave OUR ABC to THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA - ALL PEOPLE.

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VIC 3448



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

The ABC is the only one we can trust to give true news and not compromised by their advertisers and big business

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QLD 4115




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserve and protect the ABC

The latest vote by the NSW Liberals shows just how far to the right the party has swung. The Libs are obviously concerned about several things, like ensuring dodgy commercial dealings are not exposed (or ensuring the story can be spun appropriately). Of course, they also want to see their corporate mates divide up the ABC pie if it's sold because current ABC programs supposedly competes unfairly for market share and public broadcasting interferes with their right to make money from peddling their lightweight trash. Of course this will all be done under the pretexts of "efficiency and balance" whereas it's just about profit and control. Difficult to think that previous Liberal leaders were passionate supporters of public broadcasting but sadly the right wing free-marketeers are gradually getting their hands on the policy levers. I'll be contacting my local member tomorrow to see where he stands on this critical matter. This single issue would determine my vote.

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VIC 3122 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the public's hands.

My name is [REDACTED] I am a 74 year old grandmother doing my PhD in museum education. The ABC has been part of my life from Jason and the Argonauts to Countdown to the Mindfield and all in between - music, conversation, discussion, in depth analysis, news and so much more. The ABC is as trusted as the publically owned museums I've had the privilege of working in. It is beyond comprehension that the ABC should be even considered being privatised knowing how precious trusted knowhedge is in thei time of post truth, prepared truths, and alternate truths.

For the sake of social cohesion, the ABC as an independent media agent, is obvious. Is the hard right of the Liberal Party so insecure, so in bed with big business, or so 'exceptional' that they cannot understand that a healthy independent ABC is goo for everyone. Cannot the small l liberals celebrate the debates, the insights, the controversies and explain the case for the ABC to remain our most trusted source of news and commentary by being publically owned?

The ABC is a national jewel to be treasured. It has and can repay the Australian public handsomely for every dollar spent on it through its contribution to our health and well being.

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QLD 4068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

I am writing this submission to the parliamentary inquiry because it would be unthinkable if the ABC was to be privatized.

The ABC is an Australian icon and is one of the most trusted institution in Australia. As a news source it has been invaluable.

Royal commissions and other inquiries have been held into numerous issues because of ABC journalistic groundwork.

Many programs produced by the ABC have become important institutions in their own right amongst them current affairs, music programs and television for children to name a few.

A independent and trustworthy media is essential especially now as we are going through massive changes in the media landscape as a whole.

Australia without the public broadcasters ABC and SBS , TV and radio would be absolutely unimaginable!

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public funding for publicly relevant content for the Australian public

I am dismayed to hear about an inquiry into comparative equity of the ABC and SBS. My impression is that it has been instigated for political reasons to control the content of the National broadcaster. I am concerned about further privatisation of any institutions - especially after the recent land titles office sell-off. The picture of the Liberal Party Council voting to privatise the ABC looks just like an auction room - making me think 'how many of these people want to strip the ABC of it's quality and dismantle it or how many would want to actually purchase it for their own control and profit? The ABC has been my preferred news and current affairs (especially 4 Corners, 7.30 report and the nightly news) provider for years. I benefit enormously from listening to the Law Report, the Health Report, the Science Show, the Music Show with Andrew Ford, Religion and ethics. I have been introduced to music and poetry through the ABC which I would otherwise have not experienced. What is the alternative? Sensational rubbish like 60 minutes or A Current Affair? Where would the multicultural and language programs go? How would public emergency communications, such as provided on 774 radio, be co-ordinated without it? It provides an excellent service to Australia and Australians, whether they tune in or not. I don't trust private owners to provide the kind of bold reporting I expect. The ABC is worth every cent of our taxes which are spent on it. It is an enduring institution which should be retained in public hands for an informed and free population.


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VIC 3070 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your grubby hands off the ABC

The ABC is the pillar of national television. It is balanced in its reporting, carries out good investigative journalism and is our most trusted and treasured broadcaster in this age of fake news and spin. It is the only channel I watch alongside SBS as their programmes are interesting and informative and are this way because they do not have to sell out to advertising and rubbish reality TV shows that are so prevalent elsewhere in our media. Having adverts throughout programming is appalling and people rely nationwide on the news, weather and important unbiased updates that the ABC provides. This government has already done more than enough damage in cutting funding to this precious institution. Leave it alone.

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WA 6015 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your grubby hands of the ABC

You don't have the right to sell its not yours in the first place. The only station that give an Honest open opinion with no flowering attached to suit the multi nationals. Keep your hands off..

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QLD 4610



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of the ABC

I have a firm belief that the wellbeing of Australian democratic society is dependent upon access to independent free-to-air media, produced in the name of distributing quality content to all, rather than in the name of commercial imperatives.


The “fair go” mantra certainly plays out on the screen and in the radio waves when we see the breadth of experiences accessible free of charge to consumers through the ABC’s multiple platforms. The high quality educational experiences and informational content are vital ingredients in ensuring that our citizens can be well-informed and ultimately if they wish, this assists in arming them to actively participate in the democratic process, regardless of socioeconomic status.

The breadth of stories and personalities portrayed in this independent medium also ensures that those of all colours and walks of life have exposure, contributing to a more compassionate and cohesive society where every citizen’s narrative is valued.

Certainly the cultural identities of several generations has been shaped by experiences delivered via the ABC, and I hope sincerely that my children, who are already benefiting from wonderful on-demand content appropriate to their ages, will continue to enjoy such experiences well into the future as they grow into worldly compassionate Australians with a strong cultural identity allowing them to celebrate inclusion and difference whilst at the same time feel a strong sense of belonging to a unique and charismatic Australian cultural landscape that is truly theirs. I can’t imagine such a future for them without the ABC as it is today: independent, non-commercial.

Privatisation of the ABC will have long-lasting wide-ranging negative impacts on our social, political and cultural landscape. I hope for my children, and all Australians, that this will never eventuate.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC PRIVATISE? Never Never Never

The ABC journalists are the only ones we trust for the unbiased truth in the News. Everyone absolutely hates adverts interrupting their programs. It's already bad enough with advertising the upcoming programs. Even those are getting annoyingly similar to the shrieking fast pace Harvey Norman type advertising. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE SPARE US from more of the same. ABC have far superior programs to any other channel. The last thing this country needs is privatising our wonderful ABC. All our acquaintances feel exactly the same way.

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NSW 2107 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC strong and in Public Hands

The hard right of the Liberal Party are epitomised by the presence of Tony Abbott. He cannot even keep a publicly spoken promise to gracefully retire to the back bench and support Malcolm Turnbull. Why should anyone want to support and believe in anything he says or does. The ABC is so far ahead of any commercial station. It is a backbone of Democracy in Australia. Quintessentially Australian. No wonder Tony Abbott and his right wing cronies is terrified of it. We all must stand up for the Democratic rights and to prevent any threat to a public forum enabling informed debate such as the ABC.

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VIC 3691 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I love all aspects of the ABC JJJ since it was JJ SBS NITV Viceland the lot DO NOT mess with MY ABC
you will Be voted OUT if you do - just watch

[REDACTED]

QLD 4225




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our abc

As a child I was encouraged by my father to watch and support the abc we did not watch commercial stations due to the brainwashing that promotes mindless viewing !
Still to this day my oppinon has not changed my beliefs:
Respectfully I urge those who would destroy such a wonderful institution that educates and nurtures those of us in the community who are willing to learn and listen to the truth:

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VIC 3717 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

a free press and an independent ABC are bulwarks in our democracy. It is vital that it is not used as a political tool and that it is properly funded so it can be free to entertain, educate, examine fearlessly own own country without commercial interests .

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VIC 3437



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

The ABC and SBS are the only two free to air TV stations that our household watches because we consider the news and current affairs programs to be the most informed and unbiased of all the stations. The quality of programs, particularly the number of repeats has deteriorated which we assume is a result of cost cutting and we fear a cynical way to undermine viewer ratings and therefore justify a potential sale. Commercial stations have vested interests linked to advertisers, their board of directors and need to generate profit which leads to a populist and compromised standard of programming, including the news.

It deeply concerns our household to see both funding cuts and a potential push to sell off the ABC and SBS as they perform a role in informing the community, provide an opportunity to broadcast up and coming programs, artists and performers to develop their careers with a degree of risk that commercial stations would not accept. The ABC and SBS are relevant to a broad range of Australians and despite the political accusations, broadcast the most unbiased and in depth analysis and reporting of any of the commercial stations which are far less willing to cover nuanced and complex topics important to the community.

The ABC and SBS help bind our diverse community by educating, informing and entertaining and I ask that the Australian government respect this important institution that helps underpin our democracy.

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NSW 2450



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please don't consider privatising the ABC. It has programs the like of which no commercial channels broadcast. I regularly watch 4 Corners for it's amazing in depth investigations, Insiders for the political news of the week, that I can trust. And let's be honest here, we can trust the ABC for its impartiality rather than commercial TV stations who often have vested interest in programs far more likely to be pushing right wing agendas. So hands off our ABC. I don't understand the conservatives who say the ABC push a left wing agenda, when Q&A always have commentators from the political spectrum to make their ideas known. If the ABC is privatised we will have a far more biased media than now and it will be an attack on democracy in our country, where the right will push their agenda without any balanced reporting. So please do not leave us without an impartial voice.

sincerely

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VIC 3936




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC was set up many years ago to provide the Australian public in cities, towns and all rural areas information and news from every corner of the world in an unbiased way of reporting the facts as they occur. This is what I consider an essential service these days when so much that is written or broadcast on all other media is tainted by commercial interests. Our ABC gives us news, and current affairs programmes in an honest way that is lacking in all other media outlets.

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NSW 2046 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am an old age-pensioner and I only trust the ABC for the most reliable news reports plus SBS. All the commercial TV channels are cutting corners and are really good only for entertainment and shows. I have no time for their fads and refuse to be dumbed down.
The ABC, also SBS have the best documentaries which I enjoy watching.
I feel very strongly about this.

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VIC 3199 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcasters - A vital choice to be cherished

How has it come to this? An inquiry into public broadcasters as to whether they have an 'undue advantage' over commercial outlets? Should the two be compared - can they be compared? Surely this is a joke. I realise that the Coalition believe strongly in choice and the market. Why do they feel threatened by the ABC who capture a vastly lower audience than the commercial stations? I choose the ABC over all other stations - life would not be worth living without the ABC's balanced news and current affairs reporting and thought-provoking, often original content. The ABC is vital to counter the endless stream of cookie-cutter reality programs that flood the programming on commercial stations. There must be an alternative for those of us who do not wish to watch the myriad of talent/dancing/cooking and competitive island endurance or dating shows. The ABC provides that alternative - it provides real choice and that is fair.

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VIC 3777 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the only channel I trust to bring me quality viewing and proper investigative journalism. To privatise it would be criminal. Privatising the ABC would relegate it to being yet another commercial channel. We don't need more dross and ads. Keep the ABC in public hands!

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NSW 2035



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep The ABC Public


The ABC is integral to Australian culture. From programmes such as Landline, The Mix and The Drum, through to Radio National presenting a variety of interesting shows such as The Health Report, Ockham's Razor and Rear Vision etc. These are not commercial programmes that any commercial station or organisation would or could undertake.

In emergency situations, such as bushfires and floods, who do we turn to? And it is not just rural folk who are impacted by weather extremes and tragedy.

I know how you will privatise the ABC - the same way that many other services have been discarded. You run down the organisation by limiting funding, then argue that it is not doing its job. We've seen it with train services, schools, rural hospitals etc etc.

We know how you play it.

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VIC 3001 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise our beloved ABC.


The rich diversity of programs offered by the ABC both historically and at present would be unmatched if the ABC were privatised. Its spread of quality programs would simply not be capable of being offered under private ownership. It is well known that the ABC is one of Australia's most respected institutions - a deserved icon in our country. LEAVE IT AS IT IS!

Some of our viewing and listening incorporates top quality documentaries, news & current affairs, drama, sports, comedy, entertainment, & the arts among others. How devastated we would be if we could not enjoy our trusted ABC.

Any privatisation changes to our ABC will affect our voting at the next election. It would be VANDALISM to privatise the ABC.

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VIC 3084 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as it is

I listen to the ABC every day, both 810 for impartial news and 97.7 for classical music. When I was younger I listened to double J and then Triple J. The ABC is a very important part of my life and if it is privatised it will have advertisements and will no longer be the impartial news source it is today. My grandchildren watch ABC for kids and I definitely don't want them watching advertisements. We need the ABC to remain a public broadcasting station as that is a very important part of having a democratic country. If the Liberal Party privatises the ABC I will never vote for them again and neither will a great number of my friends. Please do not privatise the ABC.

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WA 6012 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC vibrant i.e. In PUBLIC hands!

The ABC is essential to the quality of information, journalism and entertainment in this country. It is the only media source that consistently presents a wide range of interesting programs. We already have a number of privately owned sources of media. These stations, particularly on television, provide very little of interest day in, day out. Surely it is obvious that the quality and range of programming on the ABC is because of its' independent status. It is really quite amazing that this organization has continued operate as effectively as it has considering the ongoing funding cuts. A PUBLIC ABC is essential to the overall health of our society as it challenges, stimulates and informs intelligent discussion in this country.

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VIC 3079 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC must never be privatised. It, along with SBS, are the only two truly trustworthy sources of news and current affairs in Australia. Private media companies (whether of the left or right) are beholden to their owners and shareholders. WE, the Australian people are the owners and shareholders of the ABC. It is OUR ABC, it is not yours. You politicians are only around for three years and then you are out. We trust the ABC, we don't trust you. In regional Victoria, where my family is from, it is the only reliable network, for TV and radio. Whether it is to listen to test match cricket in summer, weather and fire warnings or Playschool, it has provided assistance, information and an unbiased viewpoint for decades. We have three free to air commercial networks and their news and current affairs are interchangeable and equally uninformative and sensationalist. We don't need another commercial network providing the same drivel as 7,9 and 10. We need Australian voices and Australian points of view, particularly with regard to news and current affairs. This is only provided by OUR ABC.

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VIC 3044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is family...hands off!

This family of voters requests that like every good parent you continue to nurture and support our ABC, our public broadcaster that can be relied upon to support all Australians, no matter their locality, demographic, age or bias.

In an era when so many institutions have or are failing our society, our ABC is there steadfastly representing us all...just as our Parliament does! The ABC, like Parliament, may not be perfect but we would be all the poorer without either of them.

The ABC was, is and will always be family. It has been part of our highs and lows for generations from children to adults.

To the few with a very vested interest...be careful what you wish for (or in this case vote for).

May sanity prevail.

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VIC 3185



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is as an Australian Institution and must remain a public asset.

The ABC or Channel 2 as I knew it as a kid, has been a constant through out my entire life! As a kid I remember it's huge content for children mostly Australian produced, like play school and cartoons. In my early teens it was Rage and BBC programming like DrWho, The Goodies, Kenny Everett etc and excellent cooking programs and Behind the News and 4 corners. All ad free too I must say.

Into my adult life with excellent news reporting like 730 report, book reviews, Q&A. As well as fantastic Aussie Drama like Glitch.

When I heard that the latest government which has only been in power for a few years has decided to sell off the ABC. I asked what right do they have to do so. Technically it doesn't belong to them, they are merely caretakers of it for a couple of years.

It does however belong to me and has done for decades and I want it to belong to my kids and their kids respectively. It is an Australian legacy I have grown to be proud of.

As a gay man the ABC has always represented me in its reporting and content over the years, as an aboriginal man it has done the same. In has never turned its back on me, when the governments of the day often did. I thank the ABC for that and will always be great full.

For people listening to the radio or watching in the country regions who often the ABC is their only source of information or entertainment the loss will be huge.

I was furious and disgusted when I heard that the LNP want to privatise the ABC. I see it as an attack on my sovereignty and an attack on my civil rights. The ABC has been one of the largest producers of Australian content, content which reflects the mirriad of diverse cultures in this nation and gives them a voice and challenges any preconceived prejudices or misgivings by looking at both sides of the story.

Australian free public broadcasting is extremely important for a healthy democracy. Yes the ABC does have a history of putting those in power in the hot seat by asking challenging questions and scrutinising policy that may be undermining civil rights or perhaps highlighting government fraud or duplicity. But that is and always has been the role of a free journalism, and I do not want this to change.

By silencing the ABC you are silencing the nation of it's voice and that simply cannot stand.

Governments need to be held accountable in some way ? Or are we headed for a dictatorship?

So as an Australian citizen I am exercising my right to making this government accountable for its bad judgement to sell off MY ABC... This government will never get a vote from me EVER!

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VIC 3013



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not let the Government privatise the ABC


The ABC belongs to Australians. This Government particularly has cut its budget so much, that apart from huge and blatant staffing and program cuts, the quality of research cannot be maintained. Programs like 4 corners, Foreign Correspondent, Australian Story and radio programs, the Science Report, Ockums Razor, the Health Report - too numerous to mention, could not possibly be covered in depth by commercial interests like the ABC does.

Already we have lost the Science Unit, the Arts coverage is abysmal and Everything that gives the ABC such unique Public broadcasting in Australia and the world is being trashed. Stop the interference so that it remains independent and commercial free. All the surveys show that it is trusted and free of bias.

How dare politicians make false claims about bias on the ABB

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VIC 3183 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A fully publically funded ABC is a pillar of civil society

My submission is strongly in favour of a fully funded and independent public broadcaster. I use ABC on multiple platforms __ radio, TV and online. I have lived in Melbourne and regional Victoria for extended periods of time. I have also worked and lived in Papua New Guinea, the United States and Hong Kong for extended periods of time. This combined experience has led me to believe that a strong ABC is a central pillar of a civil society and we Australians are a very lucky to have it. Both my personal experience with friends and family, not all of whom share my political opinions, and the results of regular reputable polls strongly suggest that the overwhelming majority of Australians support my view. An adequately publicly funded ABC is actually an institution which binds our society together. It provides a space, indeed multiple spaces, that allow differing views to be expressed and heard on platforms which are accessible to the entire nation. This is a massive public good when many countries and societies are fracturing into warring tribes. For example, I believe that Paul Hanson should be free to express her views on the ABC which she regularly has. I have seen and heard her many times. It is good that she can express her views. Personally I am confident that an overwhelming majority of my fellow citizens have listened and have rejected them. However all politicians should be subject to fair and reasonable investigation of their behaviour when it impacts on policy and on the use of taxpayers resources. Polls constantly prove that the ABC is trusted by the Australian public in a way that unfortunately the current generation of politicians are not. If your inquiry has any doubt about it, I suggest that a simple plebiscite be conducted at the next election with the question: "Should the ABC be privatised?" I am very confident of what the answer will be. A resounding NO.

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VIC 3123 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC taken over

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing because of all the reports and discussion about privatising the ABC.

I support the present arrangement, where the corporate shareholders have no influence, and pure profit has no place. To allow such motives to intrude into the national broadcaster would, in my view, be a disaster. The cutbacks of funding by our government are bad enough, but for our icon of free speech to be potentially affected by commercial interests and funding would, in my opinion, make a huge and deleterious difference in its content.

I think the investigative journalists do a great job, and I can only see privatising the ABC having a negative effect on their ability to be as unbiased as possible.

The same arguments apply to the SBS, but even more so to allow immigrants access to national news and other information from their previous homelands and families.

I sincerely hope privatisation of the ABC and SBS will not happen.

[REDACTED]

WA 6230



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC In Public Hands

Please Keep our ABC In Public Hands!!! I grew up watching the ABC - from Play School to Mr Squiggle to Blinky Bill & Monkey Magic. I loved The Goodies, Inspector Gadget & Danger Mouse. Then there was Grange Hill and who can forget the scary Daleks on Dr Who!! Then as I got older, the intro theme of the News would draw me into the lounge with the family to sit down and catch up on the day's News together. Now my boys are 7 and 11, and just love the ABC shows too, including Behind the News at Primary School. My eldest used to also love the 7:30 Report (from when he was 3!!!) which we'd let him watch when it was about Public Transport, such as the episode about the Sink Holes on the Albury to Melbourne train line - which he's always loved travelling on. He even wrote to Kerry O'Brien when he heard he was leaving the show, and he responded, and we got to meet him when we went to Sydney and Kerry took him around the 7:30 set and we got to watch a filming of 4 Corners. That was an amazing experience for all of us, and we are all devastated at the idea of the ABC getting sold off into private hands. We love and trust Our ABC, and the government has no right to sell off our public broadcasting network. Please, Please don't let this happen. Thank you for consideration of my submission. Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3740



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never privatise the ABC

Our children grew up on Playschool, and I have listened to ABC radio and watched ABC TV and attended ABC symphony concerts all my life.

The great research done by programs such as 4Corners has uncovered many a scandal and enabled concerned Australians and governments to act on matters previously not known about. Think of the best in journalism, media education, the arts, current affairs etc, and you have to think ABC.

For such work to continue it is essential that the ABC be free from the pressures of corporate ownership, where commercial interests can skew objectivity and revelation of truth, and direct what should and what should not be investigated.

We already have commercial media. The whole point of the ABC is to provide something that commercial media cannot provide, to retain certain things for their intrinsic value as against their money making value. That a political party could fail to see this - could consider 'privatising the ABC' - points to underlying, and to most Australians very disquieting, motives to reduce ability for objective public enquiry into issues that help keep governments and organisations honest.

I am deeply, deeply concerned at the growing moves, especially by the present Federal Government, towards stifling opposition, enquiry and complaint against injustice. Privatisation of the ABC would be another step in this retrograde direction.

Public broadcasting cannot be compared to commercial media, and must be retained to preserve fundamental freedoms for Australians.

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VIC 3127




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I only watch ABC and SBS TV, and my constant companion is RN and classic radio. I'd be lost without them. Hands off our ABC.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2040 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in the public hands, NO TO PRIVATISATION

I live in the city and I listen to the ABC more than 2 hours every day & watch the ABC from the News on 24 to many programs that show Australian life from the corners of the country. It is important to me to maintain a public broadcaster as my children grew up entertained and educated on Play school without any advertisements. The lack of advertisements gave me confidence that the children were watching shows that were creative and educational, NOT popular and serving an advertising quota. For current affairs and news I rely on the ABC to check the facts on the explosion of fake news in the attempt to attract viewers. I believe the ABC upholds and fosters a shared sense of national coherence. It also contributes to an important source of technological innovation in both platforms and content, and talent development, which over time benefits both the sector and enriches the lives of citizens. Currently media is concentrated in the hands of powerful small groups that offer their own bias. This is dangerous and threatens democracy. The ABC has been founded and continues to operate for the PUBLIC GOOD, and needs to be able to continue so that Australian citizens can rely on an independent news source.

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VIC 3101



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!


One of the many reasons I both watch and listen to the ABC is the level of trust I feel in their coverage of news items I particularly feel need to be examined and not distorted by bias or the prejudices so often displayed in so many news organisations owned by private interests.

But this is just one of many things - the ABC coverage of the arts, of science, politics, of health, not just glitz and inconsequential and frivolous items. The ABC takes the world seriously!

To place the ABC in private hands Siti take the very thing away from it that matters most - it's fearlessness and independence.

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WA 6158 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Maintain an independent Government owned ABC

I call upon the Australian Government to not privatise the ABC and restore indexed funding. I rely daily on ABC radio national and ABC TV for news and current affairs. Where else on radio or TV can you find independent sources of news ? With media powers increasingly concentrated amongst a few extremely large commercial players we need the ABC more than ever.

[REDACTED]

SA 5086




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC for the public who pay for it!

I recently travelled to New Zealand and was amazed that there appeared to be no equivalent public broadcaster to the ABC. It was awful, with no objective, public interest, non-commercial news source. I rely upon the ABC to keep up to date with news and current affairs, for reasoned discussion and to assist in educating my children about the world they live in. I demand that my taxpayer dollars are invested in this valuable asset and I would happily pay more tax if it was going to improve the services being provided by the ABC. Equally, I will put all my energies into challenging those who would seek to privatise, commercialize and devalue the ABC.

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VIC 3067 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Do NOT privatise the ABC. It gives unbiased information, valuable documentaries and wonderful children's programs. We MUST preserve it without advertisements so people can watch without being bombarded by betting, alcohol, junk food and other advertising. Once it's privatised it's at the mercy of the owners & their biases. Please leave it in public hands for all generations to enjoy.

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VIC 3182 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC BELONGS TO US!!

Australia needs the ABC to remain the essential, impartial and invaluable service it has always been. It's not yours to sell!


And observe how all the previous privatisations have gone (Disastrously).

Finally, what exactly would the Australian people stand to gain from such a blatant act of vandalism?

Please explain....

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VIC 3155 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Importance of public funded ABC

If the ABC was privatised, the existing commercial media would face more competition for the ever decreasing advertising revenue.

I agree with Michelle Guthrie, Managing Director of ABC, I her recent speech to to the Melbourne Press Club that "in all likelihood over a short space of time there may be just a handful of international media giants– yes, I'm including FAANGS (being Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix and Google) in that group – that will be based in the US and will create and distribute the vast majority of the world's content, both news and entertainment.

"What does this mean in Australia? It means original Australian content and Australian voices will be more valuable than ever. It also means that the pressure on our domestic commercial media counterparts is only going to increase."

"Two years ago, Facebook and Google were already collecting 40 per cent of Australian advertising dollars. Those dollars would previously have gone to the traditional television, radio and print media operators. The figure will only have increased since then."

"This and the increasing competition for content from the global players, each with a production budget in the billions, is driving the free-to-air to adopt play-safe strategies – trying to secure big audiences around tentpole events in news, reality and sports."

"Amid all of this upheaval, Australia has a strong, independent public broadcaster driven by women and men who create original, distinctive and high quality Australian content every day, all over the country." I have grown up with the ABC. It has helped form my opinions and I have voted for both sides of politics. One thing I and most Australian know is that we can trust the ABC more than any commercial media or most politicians. In a era of fake news and mass manipulation we need an ABC that is transparent and dig down into the heart of things continuing to shine a light on the issues ignored by commercial media or too hard for them to tackle.

I am really amazed that politicians, who are supposed to represent Australians and to know what they think, are wasting their time on this enquiry and talking about privatising the ABC.

82% of Australians look to the ABC as their trusted source of information; 78% cite the ABC as an important contributor to our national identity; and critically, 77% of Australians think a healthy ABC is essential for Australia's future.

I agree with Michelle Guthrie's comment

"I think the public regards the ABC as a priceless asset, more valuable now than ever in its history. I can appreciate that the ABC would fetch a high price in a commercial market. But does the public want a new media organisation that compromises quality and innovation for profit? Does the commercial sector want a new advertising behemoth in its midst? I think not."


I support restoring every dollar lost under the Abbott and Turnbull Governments.

I recognise the value of an independent, fully funded public broadcaster. Australians have a right to know what the government is doing. Less funding means less news, less critical analysis and education and less uncovering scandals like corruption under B Petersen government and child abuse in institutions.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Maudsland Qld 4210
[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC is dangerous, and we all know it.


Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you about why it would be such a bad decision to privatise the ABC. To be honest I doubt you (the person reading this) really need to be told why it is a dangerous decision. In fact, I think most people understand why a media monopoly is a bad idea, and that the privatisation of our public broadcaster would contribute to further media bias. A free country needs as much independent journalism as possible, and privatisation favours already rich and powerful media giants.

I'll keep this email short and sweet... bring on the next election!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Wollongong NSW.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NSW 2517 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC and SBS well funded and in public ownership.

As a person who works in the television industry, the ABC not only produces the best quality shows in free to air networks, it is also the only Chanel both on radio and TV that is worth watching or listening to. No other station presents in depth analysis to news, has arts programs. Classical music that supports Australian composers along with a youth network that supports up and coming Australian talent.


This is an Australian icon that makes up the very fabric of our society. It benefits everybody- not just those who can afford to pay for services.

It generates as much back into the economy as it costs.

If the government needs to save money, start with the ineffective and expensive school chaplain plan, or cut back on propping up private schools or rethink the \$50 BILLION dollars going towards noisy ineffective submarines. Privatised the ABC and we will forever regret it. Just think of how a private company like Optus has delivered its paid service covering the soccer World Cup.

The ABC and SBS are the very best things our tax dollars go towards.

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NSW 2062 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must stay in Public Hands

The free and fearless journalism of our public broadcaster has been instrumental in exposing crime and corruption in Australia for decades via such programs as 4 Corners, 7:30 Report, TDT and Lateline. These programs have precipitated prosecutions, royal commissions and legislation that have addressed illegal, systemic failures in a society that would otherwise go unseen and unpunished such as institutional child abuse, police corruption, animal cruelty, political corruption, bank fraud to name a few. Our Australian democracy is dependent on having access to accurate and unbiased information which can only be achieved through having professional, independent and well resourced journalists which can only be achieved through a truly public broadcaster. I gladly pay my tax to maintain the ABC and guarantee a quality source of news especially in this age of digital media flooded with misinformation.

The Coalition has demonstrated its preference to operate covertly, to shun transparency and unduly influence department heads. Including the ABC with personal attacks on the journalists such as Emma Alberici when they raise facts that challenge the Coalition's policies. The attacks by the Coalition and the funding cuts on the ABC are designed to intimidate ABC and render them compliant. These attacks are steps to erode our freedom of the press and destined to lead us towards a police state.

The ABC also fills the void left by commercial media because it will cover stories and produce local Australian content that commercial media cannot afford to provide. A fully public ABC will continue to report fearlessly without undue influence from sponsors unlike the commercial media. So by virtue of its public funding the ABC and SBS provide a vital and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media. The ABC and SBS provide a critical service to our open and accountable democracy and I willingly submit my taxes to maintain this service.

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NSW 2171 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We love our ABC and will defend it!

I am 63 years old and have been listening to or watching the ABC since I was a teenager.

45 years "customer" experience tells me without a shadow of a doubt that the ABC provides intellectual and cultural content that commercial broadcasters will never provide.


I acknowledge that competitive neutrality and efficiency/effectiveness considerations may justify market-based approaches to commissioning some content. But there is a core "public good" that will be lost if the ABC were to be privatised or rendered incapable of nurturing diverse Australian media capabilities and supporting national discourse in ways that commercial broadcasters will never do.

Furthermore, most Australians believe that the ABC provides objective news and opinion services. Notwithstanding shrill conservative attacks to the contrary, the self-imposed disciplines of the ABC in this regard go far beyond those of its commercial competitors.

In an era of increasing polarisation and "echo chamber" discourse, Australia should not put at risk such a unifying medium as the ABC.

The ABC is part of Australia's cultural fabric and, in an era of cynicism, remains a public institution supported and held in high esteem by most Australians. If the chattering hard right classes persist with their agenda to destroy this public institution, I believe they will discover how strongly supported the ABC really is!

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NSW 2203 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Wow! What are you thinking? None of the TV stations have a lot going for them with repeat after repeat, but what we do get from the ABC at least gives me some viewable options as does SBS. Hands off the ABC.

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WA 6014 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I try to like the commercial TV stations, I really do. However my time is precious and if I watch TV, I want to watch something that is not mental chewing gum, stimulating, informative or cleverly funny. I understand the need for advertisements but I have at times counted seven minutes of TV then an equal number of minutes of advertising. I am wary of news sources that are self promoting, lack depth and have the potential to be influenced by their investors or owners. That's why I watch the ABC or SBS.

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QLD 4165 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am a strong supporter for the ABC - both radio and TV staying as they are in public ownership. They have since inception provided an independent perspective in radio and TV presentations without the need to cater for a commercial bottom line.

The code they operate under is admirable. The dramas, comedy, public affairs, news, children's programs they produce are fantastic and I don't want to see that disappear.


I don't have a doubt in my mind that would all be gone in a very short space of time if the ABC was privatised. This must not happen.

Contrary to the direction the coalition government has been taking to cut funding and gut the ABC to make it irrelevant, I want the government to show the fortitude needed to stand up to the factions within and from outside government who are endeavouring to make this change come about.

It is not in the best interests of the people of Australia to privatise yet another government (publicly) owned entity. Too much has been sold off already for short term gain. The governments (Federal & States) have been 'selling the farm' instead of responsibly funding the business operations of public entities. Soon there will be nothing left to sell if this continues.

Do not privatise the ABC.

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NSW 2282 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC needs to be public and not private

The public deserves balanced content beyond that which generates advertising revenues because it is in the public interest. which privatization destroys...accurate cost-benefit analyses of privatization will always have substantial costs and lost benefits beyond compare--priceless and essential to any democracy

[REDACTED]

NSW 1011 

[REDACTED]

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

I grew up in UK with a non commercial BBC and when I arrived in Australia I accepted that a high quality non commercial was the norm. I would willingly pay licence fees as they do in UK to maintain the high standards of the public broadcaster and will vote against any party that plans to privatise and commercialise one of our greatest national treasures.

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WA 6280



[REDACTED]

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

How lucky are we to have a Chanel that speaks freely and isn't controlled by advertising and big money
It's full of intelligent shows that don't regurgitate the same old stuff from other Chanels
This resource is so important and we need to protect it

[REDACTED]

VIC 3162



[REDACTED]

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

It is part of being an Australian to know that our Australian Broadcasting Commission gives me unbiased, factual comment on my world, as well as the rest of the world. There is absolutely no reason why this should change! just to suit identities and policies aiming to impose their personal beliefs or restricting open discussion of political decisions.

In my opinion, at this precise time of worldwide political upheaval, we need the ABC to remain a publicly owned concern to ensure we obtain the best "true" news to help understand our place in the world.

A long time appreciative listener of the ABC, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3184



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Its vitally important for free speech that the ABC is not privatised

It concerns me greatly that there is an effort to advocate for the privatisation of the ABC to save some tax payer dollars. I don't believe we as a society can afford this - the cost is too high.

Its not hard to compare the content between the ABC and commercial media outlets to note that commercial media does not hold up to the editorial standards of factual accuracy that the ABC does - the reasons why are fairly obvious: due to the public funding of the ABC it needs to maintain a very strong commitment to editorial standards in order to avoid the perception that tax payers money is being used to promote ideas against one political interest group or another.

This is why it always comes up. "left bias", "right bias" the tired accusations of those whose political interested of the day don't agree with the latest news articles seeking any hint they can embarrass the ABC - ironically referring to editorial policies much stricter than the private market adheres to.


But this is a GOOD thing: a private commercial operator would have no such requirement, and instead would be under market pressures to substitute high standards of journalism for whatever makes the most sales.

So for any credible belief in freedom of speech it is essential to keep the ABC remaining in public hands - we need that voice.

What we don't need is more commercial advertiser driven media (especially if its just absorbed into the current media oligopoly) what we need is more high quality and diverse media outlets including bolstering the valuable contribution from our publicly owned broadcaster - the ABC.

P.S. In terms of the new internet based media, the ABC does admirably, they make a presence on the web, and Youtube, and Facebook, Twitter and of course iView. No doubt they would do even better if funding wasn't continually being cut.

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TAS 7004 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of the ABC

Dear Government Enquiry,

Having been given the chance to write to you about this - I would just like to say I am opposed to the privatisation of the ABC for the following reasons:

1. From my point of view, we already have a large and healthy privately owned media sector, providing scant services such as essential news services and entertainment in rural areas, such as where my parents live. They would be absolutely horrified.
2. The commercial media sector predominately leans towards the political right. The ABC goes some way to balance this.
3. Given the tabloid-style brainless nonsense and utter crap aired during prime time on mainstream TV, the ABC is a channel that provides informed intellectual content, stimulates debate and encourages reflection about issues that are important to people who do not have their heads in the sand.
4. The ABC asks questions of our elected representatives on both sides of politics and holds them accountable, thus contributing significantly to our democracy, in a way that commercial broadcasters do not.

Privatisation would put the above points in jeopardy, which is something I would be extremely upset about as a voting Australian. I suspect I'm not alone in this - and the majority of Australia would not support privatisation of the ABC.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QLD 4121




[REDACTED]

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

Privatization become about money and power far too quickly and at the expense of quality, balanced content. To privatize the ABC would be a shame especially if politics can dictate what is shown. People of my generation and younger are not stupid and will see the changes for themselves, and will be angered by it, and the eyeballs and money that were hoped to be made, will I predict fail to come through, because viewers will seek their programs elsewhere.

Keep the ABC as descent source of programming don't destroy it.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
WA 6059 

[REDACTED]

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

ABC is essential for democracy-reliable information and public arena for debate on wide range of issues.
Emergency service in time of crisis like bushfire information.

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VIC 3095



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

Our democracy can only survive if we have an independent media that reports the news without commercial interests. If the ABC is sold off Rupert will control it all. We might as well make him prime minister as he will be calling the shots. Our stupid politicians have already given him too much power by weakening the media ownership laws.

Selling the ABC would be the end of any critical analysis of our government, which I'm sure is what Eric Abetz and the other self interested members of the liberal party want.

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VIC 3461 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

The ABC has been paid for by taxpayers since 1932 so it belongs to all Australians and is NOT the property of the Liberal Party to sell to its supporters from the business community.


I do not watch commercial television because I resent the intrusion of inane advertisements and American sitcoms. The ABC provides a genuine Australian voice and reflects the diversity that is characteristic of Australia's population.

To be a successful and innovative country, Australia needs an educated and critical population. The ABC provides fair, unbiased and intelligent programs that enhance the intellectual quality of our population.

In these years of cutbacks to services and transfer of costs such as education to ordinary taxpayers, one service that has remained a beacon of hope and inspiration has been the ABC.

It is a national treasure that must be preserved and enhanced for the benefit of future generations.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2223 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC as it is

There has always been honesty, integrity and courage in all of the stories and news broadcasted by ABC. Why change what's Australian? Why dilute and adulterate it.

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VIC 3044




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC IS NOT FOR SALE

As a regular viewer of the ABC TV and RN I was very surprised to watch on the news that the Liberal party at its conference with a large majority voted in favor of selling off the ABC , I was shocked when I saw that, I love my ABC Aunty the ABC is my University and plays a very important part in my life it keeps me well informed on every issue and very good value for my tax dollar , it entertains me informs me and continues to educate me all for very little , So please Mr Turnbull , we are suppose to be the clever country , but privatizing Aunty will cut off our knowledge base especially those of us who are house bound , and could lead to loneliness or mental health issues

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VIC 3171 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the closest resemblance we can get to honest even-handed journalism. It is an institution and not influenced by corporations.
I fear our democracy in Australia will be severely undermined if the ABC is privatised.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2777 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

I have been an avid watcher of ABC for 50 years and I am shocked and flabbergasted at the idea of privatisation of ABC.

I especially like Q and A, four corners, ABC comedy, news 24, and all the fantastic Australian drama it produces, not to mention my favourite children's programs like Playschool and Peppa Pig, which I watch with the children I look after.

I cannot believe it could be the last time I get to watch without ads !!!

I don't like commercial TV and all the drawn out programs to get more ads in during the duration of the shows.

It will be an absolute crime to sell off the ABC.

Public broadcasting plays a very important and crucial, and irreplaceable role in our society, as we live in a democracy we should NOT be comparing the ABC with other commercial media outlets.

It is there for the people, and has played a huge role in my life as I do NOT like or will ever watch commercial TV or radio !!!

I am horrified by the idea of privatisation.

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2088



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public and do not under any circumstance privatise

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WA 6168




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping ABC in public hands!

There is something deep inside me that would grooooooan long and hard if the ABC was privatised! There is wealth of cultural credential that would be gradually whittled away as a private ABC bowed to commercial pressure. Any political party that sells off or weakens the ABC will run the day. Such a decision would come back and bite them hard. Hands off the ABC!!

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VIC 3031 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC has top quality programs and is essential for our current and future Australian culture, which is constantly changing and expanding. We, as Australian citizens, deserve to tune in to in-depth journalism and interviewing that will not only make us critically think, but allow us to critically reflect. We need to be informed by neutral reporting, and the ABC is exactly that. Allow your citizens room to watch worthwhile programs whether serious or comedic with local and international content without intermittent advertising. It's all we have left that doesn't tell us what to do and how to do it. The ABC leaves it up to us to make our own informed decisions. How refreshing!

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NSW 2066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont touch it - its not yours

I don't want my ABC privatised, subject to rubbishy advertising & poorly made, downgraded programs that are just more of the 'race to the bottom' of commercial stations. NO. I don't believe ABC watchers want this. So HANDS OFF.

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NSW 2049 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: People are sick of the ABC being used as a "punching bag" No Privatisation.

Hi, I live in the Hunter Valley regional area and rely heavily on both SBS and the ABC for news and entertainment for my family.
If the ABC or SBS or both are privatized then the content and quality of programming will change to maximize profits. This has been proven with Telstra and most recently, the privatisation of the electricity retail providers. Soon after these companies were privatised, prices went up and the quality of service went down.
This is the concern which would happen with the privatisation of the ABC or SBS, as the new owners would be wanting to turn a free service into a profitable one. The most likely way to do this would be to add commercials and cut staffing, which would result in less variety of entertainment and in lower quality of shows. The ABC has a very good quality and variety of shows and news which entertain all age groups, but if it's sold this would be changed to maximize profits and this would effect all viewers in a negative way. This has been proven time after time as different governments sell public companies even against public outcry and in return the government only gets a short term money windfall, which is then quickly spent without getting the full value back in return.
So in the end selling the ABC, would not benefit the public and would harm the government on the polls.

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NSW 2328 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Appeal for the protection of the ABC

To the Committee,

I am writing to appeal to you to protect the ABC on behalf of myself and my community. We live in times when the Australian press are becoming more and more coerced by their corporate owners to only supply news that is beneficial to the shareholders and this erodes their credibility for those of us who need to be informed of what's happening in our world. The attack on the ABC by the Conservatives and powerful media moguls is an attack on the one institution that remains a credible and respectable source of information and alternative stories of the world at large.

The fact that I live in a rural community is already a substantial reason to appeal for the protection of the ABC but it is even more important to protect it for the unflinching dedication to the pursuit of justice and fairness that is still the hallmark of OUR ABC.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2643



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We need a news channel that is not tainted by vested interest. Private media are indulging in fake news and serious distortions detrimental to the common good. Democracy is dependent on factual information.

[REDACTED]

TAS 7307



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC - privatise?

The ABC must remain as the most trusted source of news, free of bias. If commercial interests take control news will be manipulated to suit those interests.

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NSW 2154



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our ow hands. No privatisation, please.

ABC is my first choice for viewing quality programs.

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VIC 3429 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:17 PM
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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TAS 7320 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is important to me as an informed source of news and information. I consider that the quality of journalism is excellent and streets ahead of the sensationalism and cliched reporting peddled by many commercial broadcasters. I'm appalled at the superficial and oversimplified stories that show political and commercial bias emanating from commercial broadcasters. It makes me fear that Australians are losing the ability to exercise critical thinking and hold informed views about important local, national and international affairs. I fully support the use of my taxes in funding the ABC. There are very few trusted sources of news left in our country. A trusted, independent public broadcaster is vital in our democracy and can never be effectively replaced by commercial media.

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VIC 3451 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC: protects us from biased private media !

Commercial media are funded by attracting more or less well-heeled advertisers and readership subscriptions that are generally in sympathy with the views of those advertisers. Their editorial and content policies inevitably reflect the views of their funders.

Commercial media funding is recouped by its corporate and other funders through increases in the products and services purchases out of the pockets of Australian citizens.

Funding of the ABC out of our taxes provides it a neutral and relatively un-corruptible financial position and it does not need to spoil its content by including advertising breaks.

The ABC editorial, content and reach policies are clearly specified clearly in legislation. The ABC policies sensibly require Australian content, meeting needs of children, other demographics, regional and coverage of emergencies.

The current experiences of commercial media coverage of the previous ABC overseas broadcasts and despite unaccounted funds provided by the government for sports coverage exposes the difficulties of requiring useful and reputable performance by privately owned media.


Adam Smith expounded upon how rational self-interest and competition can lead to economic prosperity.

I look to the ABC for a well thought out selection of content and especially factual Australian news. I believe also that commentary based on Adam Smith's rational (logical and research based) analysis by the ABC assists me in evaluating my self-interest in our competitive world.

These days I do not bother to watch or follow any media other than the ABC, find the SBS advertising painful, twitter and international sources.

I will very strongly object if the funding and support for the ABC (and SBS) are not restored to permit them to increase beyond their previous Australian content, demographic, regional and overseas reach.

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WA 6065 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC FREE AND NOT PRITVATISED

subject KEEP THE ABC FREE AND NOT PRITVATISED.

The ABC has been our (local People) means of having a strong voice for all Australian people, news, landline, and all the local films. What will happen if all that we (the people) know will be controlled by the private sector. Shame on the Turnbull Government, and the hard right, for saying one thing and then doing another. Who can we TRUST? it seems not the current goverement. SHAME SHAME SHAME!

From an old man, that has been listening to, and watching, for 70 years SHAME SHAME SHAME! has the goverement forgotten, the voters, and suporters! What is Turnbull Governments word worth!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC and privatisation

I was shocked, and I mean it, to see the entire LNP Council voting to privatise the ABC. Surely there were a few who didn't agree with this agenda. After all, a VERY LARGE percentage of LNP voters like the ABC and watch it regularly so polls have proven. But no. Not one person disagreed. Adolf Hitler said "If you tell the population something enough times they will begin to believe it." In this case I hope not. I trust the ABC, appreciate the depth of inquiry into the many serious situations taking place in Australia and abroad. No other news media demonstrates impartiality like the ABC because there is "no fish to fry". The onslaught of mistruth and obfuscation taking place elsewhere is truly sobering. .. and saddening. I suspect those who want it privatised (gagged) have "fish to fry" this at a time when we need to have diverse discussion if we are to in any way embrace democracy. The politics within this nation have become toxic and I can read mistruth on many faces, when what we REALLY REALLY need is to embrace each other whatever the political bent. Nothing Mr Abetz has to say inspires my deeper longing for a sweeter safer world for all, including the LNP. Please leave the ABC alone! Privatisation always causes everything to cost more as well, Why? Because of the personal profit motive.

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QLD 4560 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is world standard, why kill it?

I never watch / listen to anything except the ABC because its programs and broadcasts are of such high quality and I trust it as our only independent source of news. The ABC is an Australian icon that is highly valued the world over for its independence, intellectual honesty, depth of reporting and interesting programs which reflect a specifically Australian perspective. What are intelligent, thinking Australians going to do without the Science Show, Four Corners and other such programs?


The commercial stations, with their sickening advertising, cheap music and mediocre programs, simply cannot compare.

To be healthy, our society needs to be nourished with a platform for airing a wide range of ideas and for rigorous debate. The ABC has a unique role in providing this, and the Coalition's attacks on our ABC will undermine Australian democracy, silence our intellectuals, dumb down our society, and make us vulnerable to manipulation by unprincipled elements.

The ABC absolutely needs to stay in public hands. The very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses the most 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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VIC 3078 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Only Decent programs.

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VIC 3033



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public Hands

We have sold off just about everything in Australia. What will we have left for the generations to come? Nothing! This has to stop now. Telstra went private now 8 thousand employees will lose their jobs. This is what happens when you sell off everything. Think before you sell our assets. Soon we will have nothing to sell. It is the people's asset not the governments to sell.

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NSW 2785




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

I believe that a broadcaster driven by charter and ringfenced from commercial interests is an essential dimension of national/international media.

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WA 6162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must be kept in public hands.

This enquiry causes great concern. It is inconceivable to us that it could lead to privatisation of the ABC. We are fearful that this enquiry will lead to further funding reductions, the breaking up and selling off of services and the lack of objectivity and intelligent viewing. Public broadcasting plays an irreplaceable and important role in our democracy. It should not be compared with commercial media. We only watch the ABC and SBS and like the current affairs programs such as 4 Corners, Media Watch, Q&A and 7.30 which do not have an equivalent on commercial TV. We have no interest whatsoever in commercial media. There is quite sufficient commercial media on television to satisfy those who like to watch it. More of it is neither necessary nor required.

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VIC 3004 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I wish to echo the sentiment expressed by ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie who delivered a blistering speech in defence of our national broadcaster yesterday. She told the nation that people are sick of the ABC being used as a "punching bag" and reminded the crowd the ABC is "more popular than the two major parties combined".

The ABC is all that stands between us & a country full of mediocrity. Please keep the ABC free!

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VIC 3057



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC!

Public broadcasting is crucial to our democracy. The ABC is the most trusted news source for anyone who is concerned about good journalism. In the era of fake news it is crucial that we hang on to a high standard of news reporting. Those in government who oppose the transparent journalism of the ABC should have nothing to fear unless of course they are needing to hide from such transparency. Political suicide awaits any government stupid enough to mess with Aunty. Advertising should also never be considered. We have a right to the best news that Australia can offer - and no one does this better than the ABC.

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NSW 2482




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need a public broadcaster

ABC produces the most reliable news, and the best TV in Australia. News driven by the public right to know, and TV for Australians and by Australians!
I can't understand why the Coalition continues to strip funding from the ABC, unless it's that you are scared of public scrutiny. And, yes, that's a key reason the ABC needs to stay in public hands.
What's the point of an inquiry into whether the ABC (and SBS) have an "advantage" over commercial outlets? They are different from commercial outlets. And they are meant to be. Public broadcasting is an important part of our democracy. Comparing them with commercial media doesn't make sense.
We need the ABC and SBS in public hands.

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QLD 4101 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be supported, and never be privatised

Society is not an economy. The ABC is such a valuable part of Australian society, playing a very different role to commercial media. Privatisation has been a disaster in so many other fields, if the ABC was privatised it would be destroyed. News and current affairs is not handled well by commercial concerns. The ABC is very important to rural areas, as a city person I love to watch Landline, it gives me an insight into farming life I otherwise would never have any contact with.

Australia would not be the same without the ABC, I wonder if any of the delegates who voted to privatise the ABC ever climb out of their holes.

Save the ABC

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VIC 3186 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS!

The ABC is the only TV station I tune into. The quality and depth of content in ABC's programs are far superior to anything the commercial stations offer or can possibly match. Privatisation of the ABC is an affront to the public nous. It signals the LNP is on a mission to control and at worst suppress information that is balanced and well-researched and in the public interest to be aired and broadcast. Such a step would not bode well for democracy in Australia, for fair representation of various communities, cross-sections of society and the diverse political views held. Tax-payers who fund the ABC have spoken strongly against the LNP's decision to move the ABC to private hands and should the voice of many people be ignored on this issue, the LNP does not deserve to govern this country. Keep the ABC in public hands!

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NSW 2033



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: LEAVE THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

HANDS OFF OUR ABC -- DON'T PRIVATISE OUR ABC

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NSW 2153



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC MUST NOT BE PRIVATISED

the ABC performs a vital task in the Australian culture that cannot be filled by other broadcasters. It has played a vital role in our film and production industry as well as providing an alternative source of news. Usually a liberal voter, I will not vote for a government who privatizes or otherwise damages the ABC.

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NSW 2022 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the only media you can truly trust to deliver facts and true journalists. Just because they call politicians to account is not a justifiable reason to privatise them. Leave the publics ABC alone!

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WA 6023



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands !

It is meant to be for the people ! Leave it alone you greedy bastards !!

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NSW 2540




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC through 4corners has exposed corruption, mismanagement and negligence of individuals and organisations in the public and private sectors. The Australian public relies on this kind of fearless investigative journalism. 7.30 The Drum and Q&A provide a forum for the issues of the day to be examined and debated. Through the ABC we get the Australian perspective on world affairs. Their Australian children's programs like Round The Twist were different and clever. Playschool is legendary. It has to be free to air, and well funded.
I LOVE the ABC, keep your grubby commercial hands off it.

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NSW 2536 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I greatly enjoy the ABC content of shows like Four Corners, Q&A, Foreign Correspondent, Media Watch, Australian Story, and feel that under a privatised ABC, we would lose these excellent shows that give great perspectives of Australia and its people, without as much political or financial agenda as other broadcasters.

I support keeping the ABC in public hands.

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NSW 2479 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do not privatise our ABC it is able to deliver the quality it does without mindless adverts every 10 minutes which is unbiased and if high quality because it is independent of the market and that's how it should remain. Please keep the ABC out of corporate hands

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WA 6530 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC as it is without extreme negative minded politicians tiresome meddling and suppression free speech

I am sick and tired of this liberal government selling off state assets. God forbid it should ever be Murdoch owned.

[REDACTED]

NSW 2134 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not yours to sell off

I am concerned about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and how their claims of bias is not founded in any factual data. In fact data shows the ABC if anything lean too far to the right, giving more airtime to Coalition MPs and their agenda, and associated organizations like the IPA.

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.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. Time and again Australian federal and state governments have claimed incorrectly that privatization will result in better service and fairer costs.

Corporations who gain contracts for public services are only looking to cut corners and maximize profit, at the cost of better service. Fairer prices? One look at electricity rates tells you exactly how well privatization worked out. And another two words: Commonwealth bank. I rest my case.

The ABC is important to so many Australians. Privatizing the ABC is political death and you know it.

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NSW 2500




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!

I have lived in regional Australia during the last 20 years. My family & I trust the ABC with everything; news, sport, weather, kids programs, current affairs, radio, internet, public debate, arts & culture, etc.... This is primarily due to its independent, non bias & not captured by the vested interest. I witness accountable ABC broadcasting, as I am very well versed in triangulating media coverage & rely on consistent and dependable information services. I am extremely concerned about the ongoing attacks, the unjust criticisms and the continued destabilisation of the public broadcaster. Now more than ever I believe the ABC to be the most important and dependable democratic institution in Australia. I have continued frustration that the political class is not being held to account & are manipulating public discourse. Genuine independent media is absolute, the hard questions to be asked, ideas, beliefs & hypocrisy's must be challenged, long form journalism to be encouraged and crime & corruption confronted wherever possible! I consider commercial tabloid commentary shallow & irrelevant, whilst associated revenue raising sideshow dramas continue to ignore, distract & demean important publicly informed debate & inquiry.

I tell you....this issue has got my goat! Be forewarned! The ABC is for All Australiansnot a play thing for the ideologues!

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WA 6361 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands!

The ABC must stay Publicly owned. The agenda of big business owned media is demonstrably profit and profit based political agenda. Now more than ever we need a media that has an independent voice without fear or favour. For myself I turn to the ABC for political and social comment as Private media tends towards emotive content without any apparent consideration of diverse or deeper understandings.

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VIC 3199




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have been an ABC listener and viewer for more than 40 years and I don't believe that there was any more vital time than right now that we need our public broadcaster. We need good investigative journalism, which only the ABC currently provides, to be able to sort through and highlight the issues of the day. Living in a bushfire district, we need good coverage of bush fires and other emergencies. It also provides quality programs for children to watch without the scourge of advertisements for fast food or other products that young people should not be subject to. But most of all, I believe that there should be a public broadcaster and I believe that it should not be subject to the pressures and whims of the government of the day. The public broadcaster should be well-funded and left alone to provide quality radio, TV and on-line content. It has often been the leader in its field. Public media plays an important role in our democracy and should not be interfered with by any government - whether by board appointments or by trying to put pressure on the day to day content. Leave our ABC alone and for heavens sake, stop draining it of funds. We NEED our public broadcaster.

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VIC 3249 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a national treasure

I regularly tune to ABC TV and radio for quality investigative journalism, music and Australian drama (of which I would like more, but needs better funding). I have always found political comment to be fair and balanced. I think the ABC needs politicians to desist from what seems to be ideologically based harassment and allow it to get on with providing the quality content which is irreplaceable by commercial providers.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC - our best news resource.

With the decline in the number of good journalists due to the dwindling jobs and less finance coming into the Newspaper and other news media organisations. Do the idea that the government will shut down one of our best sources of undiluted news is a very worrying policy decision.

The ABC does of course hold both the government and opposition to account for the things they do and the promises they make. My feeling is that the government wish to get rid of the ABC in order that they can prevent them inquiring into the operations and policies of the government.

So what are they afraid of, if everything that is happening is above board. The service the ABC gives Australian citizens is second to none and should be protected by the government not hung out to dry.

Hands off the ABC at your peril. The citizens of Australia are right behind their work.

Regards

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NSW 2106




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC has been named "the Most Trusted News Source in the World", and you want to put the Daily Telegraph in charge? The DT said that privatising the Land Registry would be beneficial, with government getting out of the way of the market. Now prices have tripled. The same happened with Court Transcripts, in Queensland, where prices went from \$100, to more than ten times that. How much will every government act cost, with no fear of even passing scrutiny?

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QLD 4509 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC will not be privatised

I am all for balanced, fair and truthful media. I value the contribution the ABC makes to the national discussion (with the exception of several right wing commentators (IPA guest, Leigh Sales as examples). A properly funded ABC, free from political interference is an essential service that I value as a tax payer. Keep the unbalanced IPA, and right wing commentators away from the ABC.

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VIC 3044 

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

A basic tenant of a healthy and robust democracy is a vibrant and healthy fourth estate.
An essential part of the fourth estate is a well funded public broadcaster, erg the Australian Broadcasting Commission and SBS.
A publicly funded broadcaster is not influenced by commercial interests and thus is able to provide fair and balanced content unfettered by commercial interest and their self interest.
Lets be frank. This enquiry is doing the bidding of Newscorp and the IPA,. Both these bodies seek to further the interests of the better off in society. They are threatened by the ABC and are frustrated that they insist on factual journalism rather than pushing the doctrine of Conservatives.
The elephant in the room is the Murdoch press and they will stop at nothing in their aim to re engineer this society to suit their own ends.
Bravo to the ABC for providing excellent commentary and especially investigative journalism.
Let us not forget the myriad of investigations and Royal commissions that have been seeded by the ABC flagship of Four Corners. Politicians across the political spectrum would love to see it's wings clipped or in the Conservatives case, stopped altogether.
How quickly we forget the NT Royal Commission into detention, Fitzgerald enquiry, Banking Royal commission, Inquiry into Institutional child abuse. All these investigations would not have happened without a courageous and robust national broadcaster.
Make no mistake, the political class are uncomfortable with having a light shone into dark areas , the ABC is precious as it is able to assist in this role. I'm sorry but dodgy trade stories on Today Tonight just don't cut it.
The ABC is an essential element of a democracy.

Privatise it at your peril. Look East across the Pacific and you will see the results of a neutered public broadcaster. It's a no brainer,that is of course if you respect this country and wish it to prosper into the future.
Regards

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC AS A PUBLIC TREASURE

My wife and I have just returned from a 7,500 klm drive from Melbourne to Katherine and back, staying in Motels and B&Bs
Everywhere we went we always watched the ABC and listened to the ABC on AM radio
Talking to locals opened my eyes to what a treasure the ABC really is.
It doesn't matter where you are in Australia you have equal access to the national news , national conversations, in depth analysis and you are part of the National conversation.
I am 68 years old I remember as a child listening to the news in the 1950s and my grandfather telling us to be quiet when the news music came on. I still chuckle at the memory every time I hear the traditional ABC news soundtrack on the radio.
My 2 grandchildren (8 & 10) love listening to the news on the radio every morning. They both love to discuss current affairs and argue about world events
I am witness to 5 generations listening to and watching the ABC: my grandparents, my parents, my now grown up children and my grand children. The ABC has been a golden thread running through all our lives. I watched play-school with my children then years later enjoyed it with my grandchildren. The ABC is too precious too valuable and too important to let privatisation and bottom line considerations decide what to make or show.
As a consultant I have worked in over 25 countries around the world
I have worked in China, Malaysia, Japan, the Philippines and India
I saw 1st hand how the ABCs overseas service was esteemed and watched by so many across Asia.It was the cheapest soft power influencer costing virtually nothing and having an amazing impact
What a stupid idea that was to close that down.
My wife and I have just binge watched Mystery road: such brilliant actors and production values: no one else but the ABC would make such a show

I say HANDS OFF THE ABC As Joni Mitchel expressed it in song ": You dont know what you've got till its gone.
Please leave the ABC alone

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need our public broadcaster - the ABC

One of the first signs of Totalitarianism is getting rid of the free press. Brave investigative journalism is absolutely necessary in this time of political turmoil.
Mr Arbetz and co, you misjudge the Australian people if you think we will stand for the privatisation of the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain a public broadcaster

As I get older I rely more and more on the ABC to keep me informed. As a 76 year old the ABC has always been an integral part of not only my life but also of my family and friends.
I am both saddened and outraged that the independence of the ABC is being threatened.

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

The ABC has a long tradition of providing service and entertainment to the whole country- and beyond, especially now with online services. The range of programs is very wide on both radio and TV. I grew up in the country, where the ABC is so important in keeping people informed about weather, stock sales, crop prospects, bushfire warnings and local activities as well as about events in the wider world. Even though I have lived in the city for many years now, I still enjoy programs like Landline and Back Roads on TV and Australia All Over on the radio.

I also used to enjoy the original plays that were often on the radio on weekends - original in that they were commissioned by the ABC and performed by local actors. It was sad that they were axed years ago, but the ABC still has an important role in commissioning new works for both radio and TV. The latest example, Mystery Road, is a magnificent series in my view.

Current affairs programs and specialist programs like the Science Show are equally important to me and my family and friends in keeping us informed. I don't believe that the reporting is biased, as some would have us believe; in fact, presenters seem to work hard to maintain balance, whether on 7.30, Q &A, AM, PM or the daily shows on local radio (702 in my case).

Then there are the arts-type programs like the Book Club and classical music on Radio National and FM, not to mention the gardening shows, comedy shows, and shows like Gruen and the War on Waste that present serious messages in a relatable way. I really like the wide variety of these and other programs on the ABC, appealing to a very broad range of Australians.

The thought of the ABC being privatised is anathema to me. There is no way a privatised ABC could provide this variety we currently enjoy, particularly those shows that appeal to niche markets. One only has to look at the often mindless but high-rating offerings on commercial radio and TV stations to realise how our lives would be impoverished by privatising the ABC. I commend the members of parliament who are saying that the ABC will never suffer that fate at their hands.

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

ABC TV has always shown quality programs and caters for all ages and genders. Broadcasting educational, thought provoking, controversial and entertaining viewing that has helped raise all Australians. I believe privatising the ABC will change the unique format of the peoples ABC "AUNTY" and leave a void in our essential piece of our culture.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain a public entity

the ABC is part of the Australian Story. What this government are doing demonstrates that it's funding needs to be taken out of the hands of government and given to Ann dependent body to ensure it cannot be used as a political football.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

In my 80s I rely very much on the ABC for my news and current affairs. I look forward to these programs as a connection to the outside world.

I rarely watch the commercial channels. The ABC and SBS are the only channels that's viewed here. I'm very concerned that the Coalition is attacking the ABC and end up selling it to Murdoch. It is very important that ABC ALWAYS REMAIN IN PUBLIC HANDS. The very premise of the inquiry to see if the ABC and SBS have advantage over commercial commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A Vibrant Public Broadcaster is a Lynch Pin of a Strong Democracy

I believe I speak for many Australians, and particularly for older Australians, when I say that we rely on the ABC to keep us updated with news and current events both in Australia and overseas. Commercial broadcasters with their constant advertising interruptions are nowhere near as effective in doing this. The ABC also supports quality local programming catering to a diverse range of Australian public interests which I strongly believe needs to be maintained in order to continue to retain and build a vibrant and distinctive Australian culture.

Please do not privatise the ABC. It is one of our national icons.

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


The ABC has offered me the most reliable source of balanced opinions, and discussion panels, and I still rely on those programs to reflect on Australian issues. The 4Corners and Q&A shows are my favorite shows on TV and they would be impossible on a commercial channel. And I don't get me started on the Radio Programs, with RN, or JJJ, or even JJJ unearthed, without which I couldn't have survived long distance trips in rural Australia!

Even programs such as The Weekly (Charlie Pickering) offer a contrasted yet funny and thought-challenging view on the current affairs.

Not allowing the ABC to remain public founded would mean an invasion of ads in our programs, a reduced number of quality thought-provoking programs, a tragic show of how scared right-wing politicians are of the ABC to try to shut it up like this.

We need a balanced of commercial and public founded channels i Australia. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. DON'T sell our ABC!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands!

The ABC is my daily friend and informer. It makes me laugh and informs me about what's happening in our world. It keeps me in touch with a huge range of topics and opinions about what's important to people. I love that they are not allowed to advertise so the content doesn't push commercial or political agendas. I love the FREE podcasts of fantastic conversations recorded by Richard Fidler and others. If the ABC is privatised the content will be influenced by the "owners", and funded by advertisers pushing their products and political agendas. Some of the most valuable informative content of the ABC will become "user pays"
Please don't privatise the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must remain publicly funded with its own charter to retain its independence. It is a vital and unique institution in Australia. Privatisation would be a disaster. We do not need just another private broadcaster. We need our national public broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC and SBS

We need more media diversity in Australia, not less as will occur if the ABC and SBS are privatised. The commercial TV stations are essentially clones of each other with no one prepared to deviate from their current dreary path in case advertisers are offended. For a decade more and more people are moving to other media platforms and away from commercial TV in droves, the fact that the public broadcasters are holding their audience shows that they are truly appreciated and needed by their audience.

I strongly object to the current policy of slowly bleeding to death public broadcasting and the idea of selling it all off to Murdoch or his cronies to please the political far right is short sighted in the extreme.

Australia would be left with the same depressing depressing garbage that passes for television in the US and probably goes some way to explain how they reached their current political situation.

We need the ABC and SBS as the currently and re funded to 80s levels so they can continue to provide quality local drama objective journalism that they have become famous for around the world.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont toxify the abc.

Please dont take aesy leigh sales by destroying 730. I couldnt bare to see a channel i have watched all my life, to see tv like "the voice" appearing on abc. Even Michelle Guthrie, im sure has a conscious??

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VIC 3066



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Sell the ABC? No way!

It's critical that the ABC's quality, balanced reporting is not corrupted by commercial influence. I can trust the ABC to not be pushing some commercial operator's private agenda - and frankly, the quality of these commercial offerings is often mediocre at best. From news to entertainment - don't you dare touch "my ABC"!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC Should not be Privatised, or have its Funding Cut Any Further

I can't believe that the Liberal Party would stoop so low as to trying to build a case to privatise and get rid of the ABC. I would have thought that a key plank in any democracy is to have a media organisation free of commercial and political bias, such has been the role of the ABC for many decades

If not for the efforts of an unbiased ABC through say 4 Corners, 7.30 Report, Australian Story, John Fayne etc how would the general public have an educated idea as to what is going on behind the corridors of power/ the captains of industry (for example, the Govt of the day, the innocent banks, etc)

If the people don't get proper unbiased information, it will start to make the stories up and take action without a good factual basis - I think that Governments think the population is stupid and will believe anything they are told, however people know intuitively when they are being deceived

The Liberals seem to think it is only Labour people (lefties) who support the ABC, but this is far from the truth. I have been mainly a Liberal voter over my 45 year working life, and have always been a strong supporter of the ABC - I probably only watch the cricket on the commercial stations, and find the other content on commercial stations utter drivell, with shallow focus and promotion of those who are paying for the advertisements

Following this model would quickly render the ABC impotent, and this would definitely not be in the national interest

I will strongly vote against any party (left or right, and particularly the hard right in the Liberal party who for some misguided reason is given oxygen these days

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the people of Australia

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this submission late on a Wednesday night when I should be sleeping as I care deeply for this topic. I have been a consumer of the public and private media since I've been a young person, growing up with the educationally superior programmes brought to the air by the ABC. As time went on the programmes I was exposed to remained entertaining and informative, I fondly remember watching Behind the News in primary school. As an adult I have found triplej to be a radio station which really connects with young adults of Australia and one which offers brilliant and entertaining content which is NOT tainted by commercial interests. Few people talking about the topic of privatisation of the ABC have actually touched on what I think is the most important thing. If we were to privatise the ABC, what motivation would there be for a radio station to talk freely about REAL issues political or social, what motivation would there be to play new Australian music (not going to make money from endorsements), what motivation would there be to NOT bend to temptation and bias the commentary for a fat commercial payoff. I see public broadcasting as being an extension of the democratic voice of Australians, and something that we as the tax-payers, the shareholders, have an absolute right to retain. I'd happily take a tax cut to increase the value of the ABC, because I'm well aware that everyone pays for their content somehow and I'd prefer it NOT to come from manipulative private enterprises.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

This is a very emotive issue with Australians whose IQ is well above their shoe size. You would be complicit in the dumbing down of our children. It is the only bastion of good taste and informed viewing that we have. I also believe it would be at your political peril to go ahead with this ratbag idea.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must not be privatised.

I live in the North Shore Area, my husband and I relied on ABC to give us non biased view of world news especially Australian news. They always produce factual documentaries such as 4 Corners. We love their investigative journalism, exposing what governments, criminal or legitimate organisations do not want the public to find out.

My grandchildren love Bananas in Pyjamas and Pegga Pig. We make this into family time when we look after our grandchildren while their parents go to work.

ABC belongs to the Australian public and it should always remain so.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC broadcaster in the public domain. NO privatising.

I live in regional NSW and rely on the ABC as an unbiased and accurate news and information source. Thanks to such quality programmes as Q&A and 4 Corners I am able to keep up with local and global issues that are important to me and my family. These programmes give me a perspective I couldn't get with commercial stations

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

The ABC, as the Australian broadcaster, has brought my family for generations current affairs, news, entertainment and kids shows both on the television and radio. It should remain in public hands and not be privatised. Everyone, especially children should be able to watch commercial free television that is of a world class standard. I am proud of the exceptional journalistic standards of the news and current affairs department. The high Australian content of the ABC's entertainment and drama should be maintained. This will not happen if this organisation is privatised no matter what 'rules' the government puts in place. Australia wants and needs an objective broadcaster that is publicly funded to ensure a strong media industry in the future. Thank you, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise the ABC. It is the only outlet for fair and well researched news. Unlike the Commercial stations especially the Murdock press the ABC is not biased.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 11:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC belongs to the Australian people and should never be privatised. I grew up in regional Australia where the ABC was one of only two channels available to us. I have so many memories of watching ABC Play School as a young child. My stuffed toys were often given names from the Play School toys. To this day, I still have a teddy bear called Big Ted, who used to join my brothers and I as we watched the show. As we grew older, other ABC programs took its place, such as Skippy, Adventure Island and on through to Countdown and Doctor Who. Every night my parents watched the ABC news and I still count on the ABC to deliver the most unbiased reporting of all free to air TV channels. My own children also grew up watching "ABC For Kids", including Play School and Bear in the Big Blue House. In short, the ABC has played a huge part in our lives. It is truly OUR ABC, an Australian icon, very much loved, and payed for by our taxes. Keep it where it belongs - in the hands of the Australian people.

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