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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I live in regional Victoria, and rely on the ABC to unbiased news and current affairs. Quality shows that are not available on other stations and advert free is something I really cherish.

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

I do not support privatization of the ABC and believe Australians need a TV station that is not influenced by advertising and media. The ABC is the only station that truly feels Australian and I feel part of.

I want it to stay in public hands and not be privatized because it would then no longer be the ABC we have grown up with and loved , I want my child and his children to enjoy the ABC in the future as it is today.

sincerely

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VIC 3925



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

We've just seen what happens when SBS funding cuts cause it to sell off World Cup broadcasting rights to commercial broadcasters.

This country needs an independent broadcaster. Independent as it doesn't rely on advertisers for funding. Look at some of the stories that could be silenced if advertising revenue were at stake. The ABC consistently leads with breaking public interest stories.

There are some things this country can be proud of, let's not reduce one of them to commercial TV standards.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC!!!

I strongly object to the privatisation of our beloved ABC! To even think that this is an option is outrageous, no one has the right to do so.
Our ABC is what keeps us informed and entertained.
I know the news I get are facts and not some sensationalism that has very little to do with the truth!
I also know that money has not been paid for interviews.
I wake up to ABC radio in the morning and keep on listening throughout the day.
When we have bush fires
I know the information is factual. In the evening I tune in to the news and the many excellent programs. I no longer have young children but now I watch TV with my grandchildren. 'The little princess', so naughty and so very funny.
My dials are 'glued' to ABC!
I am a swinging voter - I will vote for the party that does the honourable thing to both the ABC and me!!!

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VIC 3931 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Having an independent broadcasting service is critically important.
My family and I love the ABC. We love the excellent, balanced, news and current affairs coverage and interesting drama and comedy.
Our children love ABC kids, and as a parent I know every show they watch is good quality and educational. It's wonderful seeing the joy they get out of watching Playschool, the same joy I remember!
Please do not privatise the ABC, I am very happy for my taxes to fund this important public service.

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VIC 3930



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Our ABC is one of the best non-partisan sources of news and current affairs we have. Bu privatising it, we will immediately lose this source of unbiased commentary on our country. Often the ABC is critical of Government decisions and policy and it is often uncomfortable for politicians having to face the scrutiny which the ABC focuses on them. This is why the Government wants to privatise, and also why they really shouldn't!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC has always represented quality journalism and educational content with an Australian flavor. I listen to abc radio and watch abc tv. It is really important to me that we have an abc that is not run for profit. It is independent and for the common good.

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VIC 3016 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC needs to stay in public hands.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. I am worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC. 4 Corners is one of my most trusted news source.

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NSW 2360



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must remain a public entity

If Australian children have no other option but watching privatised TV our Australian accent will be gone within a decade. There must be a public broadcaster to deliver Australian content.
The ABC needs its funding reinstated.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is not only our local broadcaster where I live in regional Victoria but also allows us to know what is happening in an emergency situation regarding fire and floods. I find the programming on the ABC preferable to the commercial stations as there are quality informative programs with Australian content with a diversity of opinion that cater to many people. I enjoy the programs that relate to the arts, history, Indigenous issues, different places in Australia and lifestyle. The ABC is my cultural lifeline and must not be privatised. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

Please do not do this.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We need to have a public non-commercial broadcaster, unless we want the media to be influenced by money. Not to mention regional areas rely on ABC for local news and current affairs. It's an important cultural contributor, with Australian content - I hate to think of a country without locally produced content. It's value is worth far more than the tax dollars allocated. It's priceless in fact. There is absolutely no reason to put it in private hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't diminish our public and private lives

In the big picture, the ABC provides a public good to citizens, and this is very different from the mission of commercial broadcasters, who necessarily are driven by business concerns to draw an audience and maximise the return to owners and/or shareholders. The programs of the ABC range from generalist to specialist - the latter crossing a wide range of special interests and public debate. Where else do we turn if we want to hear intellectual discussion, a range of perspectives, specialist social and political commentary. As a young mother, I felt my education was enhanced by the ABC radio in myriad ways at a time when it was difficult for me to leave the house. Now as an elderly person, once again restricted in movement, I feel that through a range of ABC programs (my favourites being Conversations, Book programs, Philosophical and religious programs, Big Ideas, Off track, Boyer lectures, Law report, Late night Live, Geraldine Doogue, glorious music programs, Four Corners, Australian story, Q & A, fine drama) I feel I keep senility at bay! For me, the ABC has been life enhancing throughout my adult life. How precious is a broadcaster which takes public intellectual life so seriously. In my mind, the ABC contributes to the quality and vitality of Australian democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in PUBLIC hands

Increasingly Politicians DO NOT prioritise/represent the interests of public who, incidentally provide these coveted employment positions. I and many others are all too aware that politicians lack highly developed intellect, lack honesty lack transparency and have an abundance of self interest It needs to be known that privatising the ABC is in the interests of politicians. They are fearful of the ABC who really is the main source the public learns what the politicians seek to hide from us. Leave the ABC alone and THROW to the ABC ALL the funding it requires to "keep the bastards honest" [REDACTED]

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NSW 2515



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised


The quality of TV depends on at least one source of information in public hands. Commercial TV is driven by commercial interests and produces the lowest levels of quality in entertainment. It also frames the news in ways that clearly promote the interests of corporations. The ABC must remain properly funded in public ownership

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QLD 4074 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please give more public funding to the ABC

The ABC, NITV and SBS are my channels of choice for all my TV viewing. I deplore the amount of advertising viewers are exposed to on commercial channels. I find the ABC's independence from commercial interests supports a broad range of views that are not offered by commercial television and it stimulates me to think more deeply about current issues and social changes keeping me in touch with diverse Australian values. I don't believe that it aligns itself with any political interests so much as questions them and I value this characteristic very much. For me it is integral to a democratic presentation of our society. Also the ABC supports Australian local talent with it's intrinsic flavour and style. I believe that given more public funding the ABC could develop programs that would have international appeal and would be a lucrative investment. To my mind we should be putting more money into our ABC and investing in the talent it supports. It is shortsighted to cripple the ABC for political gain for the hard right of the liberal party.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF OUR ABC!!!!

My wife and I are avid watchers and listeners of the ABC as we believe we get the most trusted and balanced information from that source. It is truly independent. I cannot see that it has an "undue advantage" in broadcasting as its budget is minuscule compared to the media empires it competes against. It competes for the same rights and stories the rest of the media. Many issues raised by the ABC that make politicians and corporate entities uncomfortable would not make a footnote in the Murdoch press as it does not meet their agenda. The Liberal Party may regret considering this action in the future as it may not be able to get it's message out to the public because there is a shift in the agenda of the media magnates. It seems very short sighted to sell off the ABC. You want to sell of the "Crown Jewels" to put money in your own pocket. We think the Liberal Government is no longer acting in the interest of all Australians. We are firmly in the belief that this action has come about as Mr. Turnbull and the Coalition Government get asked the hard questions by the ABC (because it is independent) where as the commercial media are unwilling to ask questions that may offend the view of the media boss (Murdoch?). We are supporters of the ABC - hands off!!!!

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VIC 3810 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

I am shocked to hear that this is being considered. The ABC provide us with very intelligent commentary and discussion of world and local issues. If it is privatised then I fear vested interests will make sure that their opinions only are heard. More worryingly it's likely that we'll be subjected to the mindless dross that the commercial channels broadcast to say nothing of the advertising that we'll be subjected to.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC must NOT be privatised. It is the only tv station without ads and with consistently high quality programs. I always watch Insiders for a good all round coverage of the week's political happenings. There is nothing like the unbiased reporting on the ABC that is on any of the commercial channels. SBS isn't too bad, but even it has a plethora of ads in any broadcast. Keep the ABC in public hands!!!

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NSW 2456 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The public ownership of the ABC is a “Man the Barricades” issue. The charter of the ABC is an integral part of our democracy. People who ignore this have not looked at our history. As a young man it was an awakening for me when Chris Masters exposed the corruption in Queensland. I could see that no one else has the interest or the inclination to do anything about this issue. This was only one of the important issues examined by the ABC and its current affairs programs. On top of this we have all the cultural and arts programs. Who is going to do this when “there is no money to be made” and a profit realised. Australia cannot afford to reduce the ABC anymore. It’s needs to be properly funded and protected from government interference to protect our democracy.

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VIC 3220 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC independent!

The ABC is famed for acting as an independent conscience in matters affecting not just Liberals or Labour, left or right, but the entire nation. It educates. It avoids the lowbrow populist approach our commercial channels are forced to adopt. The measures being taken against it are shoddy in the extreme. Hands off!!!

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WA 6330 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Privatisise the ABC

The ABC is like a library for all tastes. It provides so much more content than just news which enriches the life of any Australian who chooses to take advantage of it.
These programs don't have political agenda but will disappear if the station is privatised.
Please don't proceed with Privatisation.

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NSW 2774



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!! No privatising OUR ABC!!

I was appalled to hear that the so called 'Liberal' Party membership had voted to privatise the ABC. I STRONGLY OBJECT to any suggestion that the ABC be privatised. It currently provides quality independent news, current affairs, drama, comedy and children's content, despite already being subjected to savage funding cuts and slashing of staff. It is public television, for the people, and needs to remain so. It SHOULD NOT be for the government to sell in the hope of saving a few dollars. It is a PUBLIC broadcaster. Keep your hands off OUR ABC!!

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VIC 3029




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

It is obvious that this Turnbull Liberal Government does not like any criticism about its operation, particularly from news organisations that tell the truth. The Government's policy seems to be ; If you don't like it, shut it down. Independent reporting (beyond Government influence) plays an important role in our democracy . It can't be compared to commercial operations that have, nearly always, vested interests in how the news and Government actions are reported. Further, the ABC provides programmes that commercial interests do not and will never provide. With them it is always about money. Of course, this Turnbull Government has already tried to destroy the ABC by cutting funding. This is our taxes. Turnbull Government, you need to go. Obscene Tax cuts for the rich and now this. How stupid do you think we are.

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QLD 4121 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's OUR ABC- Don't Privatisise OUR ABC

I am dismayed and disgusted by the Liberal Party's vote to privatise OUR ABC. I don't watch commercial television. Programs such as Australian Story, Gruen, 4 Corners and Gardening Australia would not be the quality programs they are should they survive privatisation. I depend on ABC television for news and current affairs. I listen to ABC FM for quality classical music. Should this outrageous proposal see daylight I and many other Australians who love OUR ABC will respond at the ballot box in our millions. Suicide for the Liberals.

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NSW 2780 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT PRIVATIZE the ABC

I rely on ABC radio for at least 6-7 hours a day as my key source of news and information. I travel extensively for my work in regional and remote NSW and the station is often the only that can be found in the outback. Shows like Australian Story, Play Schools and ABC comedy have been the fabric of this country's society. I am mortified to think the government would want to dismantle it. I am also concerned that the interests of ATSI people would no longer be met if the ABC was privatised.

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NSW 2026 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not betray us by privatising the ABC. It belongs to the public!

for as many years as I can remember which makes it 74years I have loved the abc and now at the age of 77 I am horrified at the prospect of your proposal to privatise it . It has fulfilled an important and unique space in our lives and has struggled against funding cuts and has still managed to give us a cultural, informative, interesting and non commercially biased connection to each other and the rest of the world. As a Government you should respect the invaluable role the ABC has played for so so long in reaching so widely across the both the rural and urban areas often being the only means of contact to the wider community (for many years as I lived on an isolated farm it brought me music, education , information and connection and it continues to be the only source not ruined by a growing materialism and commercialisation I can draw on. I listen to the ABC everyday and for many hours, for its news , it's interviews , its exploration of so many and varied subjects, its humour, its culture , its classical music and it contemporary music.....I miss dreadfully some of the programs which have been axed. I LOVE OUR ABC. I beg you do Not privatise it.

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VIC 3799



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave the ABC in public hands

As a life long conservative voter and rural resident I am fully against any proposal to privatise the ABC. Commercial media organisations have shown over the years to have a blatant disregard for accurate, truthful and concise media reporting, particularly in regard to television reporting. The ABC is the only media organisation in this country not beholden to commercial interests, we see commercial TV and radio continually compromised by their commercial agreements with sponsors and paid contributors. We are the envy of the world when it comes to having a media organisation that can report and inform without fear or favour, including against politicians when required. And as a rural resident I rely heavily on the ABC for accurate, commercial free information, particularly on radio. Leave the ABC alone, Libs/Nats will lose my vote if they dare to take this any further.

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WA 6244




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

The ABC should always remain in public hands. Production of local, creative independent content needs to increase, not decrease. It nurtures talent, and inspires. It costs us very little as individuals in terms of our taxes, incredible value for money, and of great benefit to many.

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WA 6230 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

If the ABC is privatised it will lose its independence and reason for being. There are a number of programs that would disappear as they would never be able to attract sponsors because of what they expose &/or cover. "4 Corners" is one such program, as is "7.30". I suspect "Raising a Child Prodigy" would be another. Having to pander to sponsors to get "zip" into such programs would be the death of them. More importantly, any government with claims to transparency would seriously shoot itself in the foot if such privatisation went ahead.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatised media means democracy for sale

Privatise the ABC; say goodbye to democracy. This is so bad for so many reason - too many to list. PLEASE listen to the public. A non-corporatised media is essential to democracy. It's Politics 101 and I cannot believe the Liberals have dared raise the issue.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]


The concept of a public broadcaster is one which transcends parties and short-term allegiances. To even suggest selling it is risible and one which would only be suggested by vulgarians. More than ever the Liberal Party is coming to resemble the NSW Rum Corps - slick, not very bright shysters on the make.

It is clear that this proposal is being driven by vested interests. The example of Trump's America should resonate with any one who values freedom of speech and what happens when the very fact of information is discredited.

The ABC embodies the most trusted information media in Australia. It is also the guardian of western civilization. To suggest removing diversity, culture and impartiality is to attack the very foundations of western democracy

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VIC 3056 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

A democracy requires an independent public broadcaster to ensure that truthful information is disseminated (look at what happens with private organisations such as those owned by Murdoch). A public broadcaster also provides quality current affairs and entertainment programming without pushing agendas. The public will vote at the next election to ensure the ABC remains as is, with adequate funding.

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NSW 2065




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the People of Australia

This is an outrage! How dare these people who call themselves Australians vote to privatise one of our National institutions. If these people had any common decency or belief in democracy they would put it to a National Referendum and let the people decide, because it is the people of Australia that own the ABC. It is little wonder that the people of Australia have had a gut full of these scumbags. You don't have to be very bright to be a politician and it certainly applies in this case. Shame on the liberal party and the lack of leadership within it, you will all be without a job soon enough. SHAME! SHAME! SHAME!

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WA 6066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

A public broadcaster, not connected to any private, commercial interests, is essential in a democratic society like our own. That the Coalition is seeking to privatise the ABC says more about insecurities and secret agendas within the Coalition than faults within the ABC. It would be a irreversible tragedy of immense proportions were the Coalition to push through a privatisation of the ABC, and it would set Australia on the slide towards a dictatorship.

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NSW 2250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

A tradition within our family which has endured through 3 generations has been to sit together as a family and watch the news, current affairs, Sesame St and many other programs without the wasted time of the interruption of ads.

Please allow the ABC to bring us up to date, current affairs with no interference from outside influences. The ABC is an institution which Australians are proud of, as It represents freedom of speech which is fundamental in this country

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NSW 2095



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is the only trusted news source that I accept. Privatisation will put the ABC into the same temptation levels of running advertorials (news items that are really advertisements) in order to cover costs and provide a return to shareholders. A quality news source and quality Australian drama is the best part of having an ABC. My experience of commercial radio is one of concern because of the rudness and bias of the shock jocks that seem to have so much power. ABC presenters are more considered in their delivery and are certainly more polite.

I urge the inquiry to heed the needs of those in the bush as well as it is the ABC that is the main source of information in emergency situations.

Thankyou

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NSW 2630



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise

It is sad that I even have to write this. It seems pretty logical that the ABC should remain public as it is the only trusted media outlet that is remotely neutral. Do we really need our last bastion of decent programming in the hands of another Murdoch? This is completely unnecessary and frankly quite disgusting. Hopefully common sense and democratic principle prevails

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VIC 3207




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 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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NSW 2070 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must never be privatised.

I'm old enough to have been an Argonaut - [REDACTED] was my number. I find that lots of people of mature years can still remember their numbers. We learnt so much about music, literature and art - The Argonauts gave me a real head start when I went to secondary school. I've never lost the sense that the ABC was MY radio station. We quite liked some of the commercial stations when television started, particularly when some old school friends launched their show business careers, but we knew the ABC was quality. Quality, trustworthy, where you went for the best news and entertainment. The ABC must always remain in public hands. Our hands.

(Signed) [REDACTED] Melbourne

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VIC 3151 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I have been a long time admirer and listener/viewer of the ABC. It is the one place where one can obtain fair and balanced reporting and programs that are more than most commercial garbage dished up on other media platforms.

I have been a life long Liberal voter but if they proceed to privatise the ABC they will lose me and all my family to other parties.

Think long and hard before proceeding down this path. There must be thousands who share my view.

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VIC 3104



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

Privatising the ABC will remove our independent media source that is not currently forced to bow to the desires of a single controlling owner or the whims of advertisers. As has been seen from the out of control sensationalist rubbish produced by mainstream media, we urgently need a well funded and independent public broadcaster.

Drop the tax benefits for large corporations and the cost of fully funding the ABC to the level it should be will be met with money left over.

The Libs are running scared because the ABC is digging up the dirt on them. Don't let them destroy the ABC!

Regards,

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VIC 3130



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

At a personal level there are two main reasons why the ABC is important to me.


First, as a parent of a young child I have found that the ABC is the only broadcaster that provides appropriate, quality material for my child to watch that is not only entertaining but also often educational as well.

Second, I have found myself disturbed by the amount of false and misleading news that is found in various sources. Sometimes it is difficult to discern what is true or accurate, but the ABC is a trusted news source, that due to it's independent nature can be relied upon.

I find it concerning that the ABC so frequently comes under attack in terms of independence, funding and now the consideration of privatisation. Privatisation of the ABC would remove it's independent nature that is so important to have thriving, informed and healthy society.

The current inquiry to determine if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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VIC 3132 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC!

I am 99 years old and living in a comfortable and well-run aged care home but I'm crippled with arthritis and miss my past contacts with the outside world. I look forward to the ABC news every evening because I trust it to keep me impartially in touch with events and every Sunday morning my daughter comes to watch 'Insiders' with me and discuss it. Evenings can be lonely but there is always something to interest me on the ABC. I am most upset to hear there is a move to privatise the ABC because it fills a gap that commercial stations are unable to fill. Its independence means a great deal to people like me.

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NSW 2047 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public Hands.

I don't want the ABC to be privatised. I can understand why a government that participates in questionable practices does not want to be made accountable or responsible for its decisions but surely there are individuals who respect the rights of an independent public media outlet to do the hard work of investigative journalism with the aim of honoring the kinds of values that once made Australia a free and courageous place. Has the liberal party become such a self serving organisation that it would rather stay in power based on deceit and lies rather than accountability? What other media outlet would have exposed the injustice of youth detention in the NT? For the current govt. to limit funding to the ABC and to then attempt its privatisation is to call into question its integrity and mandate as a servant of the people. The sooner they are relieved of power the sooner Australians can get on with the business of making Australia an equitable and just place to live in again.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

The public broadcaster our ABC is a vital element of our democracy. Most corruption has only been called out by the ABC along with Fairfax press. Attempts to destroy the ABC can only be motivated by those who want corruption to flourish. It is vital that the ABC IS NOT ONLY MAINTAINED BUT RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT INCREASES ON FUNDING.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!

To whom it may concern,

An unbiased source of media is essential in any democracy. Media outlets which are private and that take money from private sources will always be bias in some manner or trying to push an agenda. For me the ABC has always represented a trusted source of information and quality television.

The thought of the ABC being privatized is very concerning to me and the fact that the current government feels the need to do this to the ABC, for me further highlights the importance of its existence. The ABC is here to make an impartial and factual reporting of events and politics and to keep our politicians honest.

Please do not privatize our ABC, it's has been an important and beneficial element to of every Australians life for many years.

Kind Regards,

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NSW 2135




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands - no privatisation!!!

The ABC is such an important part of life in Australia and must be allowed to continue its balanced news and current affairs reporting and the stories and productions that make it so unique. We cannot allow it to be privatised and driven by profit.
It makes such an important contribution to life in Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

Fake news is now being used routinely to destabilise our western democratic systems. So why on earth would so-called conservative defenders of this system want to erode the highly regarded independent national broadcaster when we need it more than ever? This is delusional fringe behaviour & should be treated as such. The recent Liberal Party Council vote was an absolute disgrace & a black mark on a party that has had a proud history of espousing & defending western democratic principles.

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NSW 2578 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC -a foundation of Australian Democracy


The ABC is a cornerstone of life wherever I go in Australia. It is a trusted news source because it is not beholden to private interests. How could some of the investigative journalism into the banks and financial services providers ever have happened in commercial hands? It couldn't because the advertising dollars are too important to the financial health of radio, television and the newspapers.

The ABC is an incubator of local talent who train in the ABC and go on to stardom elsewhere. The ABC produces drama which is both of high quality and tells us our own stories. Something that commercial media struggles to do.

There is nothing else like the cricket on the ABC radio which wherever you are in Australia lets you know the score.

It is of real concern that we are constantly being subjected to an unnecessary and distressing debate by so many Like the Institute of Public Affairs who have no respect for a bedrock of democracy and ensures quality of programming, breadth of views, teaching children in many ways about values, explanation of our country to us and telling Australian stories. This is not in competition with commercial channels and stations where the USA influence hides the nature of Australia.to compare commercial media with the ABC is to miss what it is to be an Australian. The ABC helps us know and understand who and what we are and should be properly funded at the national and local level to maintain emergency services and tell our stories.

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SA 5074 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

I would like to register my objection to the privatisation of the ABC in any way shape or form. The ABC is an Australian icon and is a cornerstone of our culture and public information system. ABC programming and news are an essential service which provides a massive benefit to our communities.


A particular importance is the ABC role as a public independent news service provider which can provide fair and unbiased news and current affairs to our community - particularly in rural areas. This is a cornerstone of our democracy and cannot be eroded in any way.

The ABC is a public service and delivers public good. It should not be measured or compared with commercial media as it has a totally different purpose and cannot do this if in private hands.

Keep ABC public.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Lismore, NSW

[REDACTED]
NSW 2320 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ou ABC in public hands

The existence of our ABC contributes to Australia being one of the fairest most balanced and best informed nations on the planet. Without an independent news and current affair provider we risk commercial, corporate, political and lobbying organisations gaining a greater control of influencing what is presented as news worry and factual accurate well reaserached content. Without an independent publicly owned broadcaster that has the luxury of time to dig deeper who will “keep the bastards honest”. We all pay a little towards the ABC and get the benifit of better political and corporate behaviour than we otherwise would have.

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NSW 2620 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the A B C in public hands

This is not and should not become a political issue. No government can change in any way a public utility without a referendum.

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WA 6170 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It's very important that the ABC stays in public hands, because this ensures a level of independence which cannot be reached by privatising and commercializing it.

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NSW 2454



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not. for sale!

The ABC is my university
The ABC is my insomnia companion
The ABC is part of my community

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VIC 3006



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Bad move...

This is a glint of freedom and truth in our ever darkening world of deception and control :(scoundrels.
Hands off! I have lived in 6 different countries and none have this wonderful resource, at all times of the day and night there is something uplifting to time in to.
No ABC means boredom to me.
Make Australia bland and boring!
A cowardly move by a stupid government.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should stay independent of commercial interests

There needs to be an independent broadcaster to ensure balanced journalism and shows without significant commodification can still be made. Suggestions that ABC has an advantage are ridiculous in light of the continuous funding cuts and minus the massive ad revenues. The advantage is to the democratic process in having a broadcaster not owned by one entity and it must stay this way.

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VIC 3337



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise the ABC

The ABC must retain its role as an independent broadcaster.


There have already been reductions in the quality of programs due to cutbacks, numerous repetitions of programs and more promotional material than I am comfortable with. BUT the ABC remains the ONLY television station I watch, and Radio national is the only radio I listen to - and it's a vital part of my daily life (and where I go when I can't sleep at night).

Despite the dumbing down of some programs caused by government criticisms, the ABC remains the only trustworthy broadcaster in Australia. I doubt there is one politician that could boast even 10% of the amount of integrity that I believe the ABC has.

If you privatise the ABC, I guarantee there will be huge increase in emmigrations and even suicides. It's bad enough now living under a government that is so bereft of moral values. Without the ABC able to question and expose the duplicity of politicians and corporations, life will definitely not be worth living.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC provides something no other broadcaster provides

The ABC provides something no other broadcaster provides, certified by multiple government evaluations as unbiased. This is something no other broadcaster or news agency has ever had to achieve. Additionally it provides services and programming unavailable and notionally noncommercial viable. Most importantly it provides creative, breakthrough and out-there Australian programming that needs to be done but would never be produced by commercial organizations.

Other commercial organizations will never pick up the same audience as they only cater to the minority of commercial interests, their programming is banal and generally ignorant and stupid, I haven't watched commercial free to air for over 5 years.

ABC is loved by the vast majority of Australians, it can always be improved but privatization will destroy it. ABC serves a different market to commercial interests, their charter directs ABC to provide a sorely needed service to all Australians, there is no overlap or undue advantage, commercial broadcasters are just loosing to other commercial on-line services.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No privatisation of the ABC ever!

I genuinely feel that if the ABC were privatised commercial interests would take over. If it were bought by an existing media provider, it would be shut down after purchase thereby depriving Australia of an excellent media presenter. Just think, the recent Northern Territory Commission of Enquiry into Child Detention (Don Dale Centre) and the Fitzgerald Enquiry into corruption in the then Queensland Government, would not have happened were it not for the Four Corners program on ABC television. ABC Classic Music is one of my favourites and I have a radio permanently tuned to this. Country people only have the ABC as a reliable source of news, current affairs, and necessary information.

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QLD 4069 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC properly funded, and in public hands.

I strongly believe that the ABC should remain properly funded and in public hands. The countries which have lost their public broadcasters lack a balanced voice where people know that they can trust the news which is being presented. Doing away with public broadcasting means that the space will be filled by those with the deepest pockets and the information which the public receive will be more and more partisan. True there will be partisanship on both sides, but that does not solve the problem. The current right-leaning Australian government has an issue with the ABC. They have continued to let funding slip, despite promises not to. The current government perceives balanced critiques of its policies as a partisan attack because it is used to getting its way with the commercial networks. The ABC charter forbid bias and partisanship. In the small number of cases where it has been challenged, it is usually found to be adhering to its charter. In the even smaller number where it has been found to have deviated, the required corrections issued and apologies issued. That is as it should be. The ABC is one of the most trusted institutions in this country - largely because of it's lack of bias. The rural areas rely heavily on local content which will ONLY be provided if the ABC continues to be funded properly and left in public hands. So many horrific scandals would not have been revealed if it were not for the tireless work of investigative journalists, many from the ABC, who have time to investigate their stories. Journalism is facing an existential threat all over the world. Advertising revenues dry up as Google and Facebook suck up the money. People are getting more and more of their news from these sources. True, good journalism needs to be paid well. A well functioning democracy NEEDS good journalists. We are currently experiencing a plague of obfuscation and cover up in this country. Politicians who represent us and are paid for us refuse to give evidence or honour Freedom of Information requests. This is a crisis. The government may say that it does not have any plan to sell the ABC. Their party platform has officially be changed to support its sale. Not a single speaker spoke against the motion.

The ABC and public broadcasting are DIFFERENT to commercial media and trying to compare them, or judge by exactly the same standards is like comparing apples and oranges.

Please do not defund, sell off, privatise or contract out the ABC.

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QLD 4064




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hands off our ABC! So sick of your government using them for perceived political gain and to keep your right faction compliant and happy. Everything public that works and is good you are trying to destroy. Stop it, the public are seriously sick of it. Concentrate on making good political decisions for the betterment of our country and leave our ABC alone!

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VIC 3204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public!

We need independent media, that is not beholden to corporate sponsorship. It is critical for a functioning democracy.

Regards,

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VIC 3201




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC SHOULD NEVER BE SOLD OFF

I my case, the only television worth watching and the only radio worth listening to are the ABC programs. Much of the rubbish on the other channels, especially so-called reality shows are so much rubbish.

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QLD 4066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

The abc is part of our culture. Political moves to privatise it are driven by the fact they call you and your pro wealth anti environmental policies to account. No other reason. The revenue generated by the abc covers its costs. Keep you hands off our public broadcaster. They are the conscience your immoral government needs. The service they provide can not be replicated by private companies. The far right need to shuffle off we do not want your extreme views and your extreme responses to get your views through unchallenged. Someone needs to keep you bastards honest. Long live the ABC

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NSW 2260




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont sell our ABC

I live in Albury. I listen to Radio National every day. It is not good enough to say you will sell the ABC but keep the rural radio. I love my Radio National and could not cope without it every morning. I love the podcasts on ABC listen. I love iView.
I am a swinging voter with no particular allegiances but if the Liberal party sell the ABC I will never vote for them again. It belongs to the people and must stay.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC & SBS in public hands!

I wish to express my grave concerns regarding the notion of privatising the ABC and SBS. Both provide quality news and current affairs programs that are far superior than any offered by the commercial broadcasters in Australia. The fair and balanced presentation of information, which is standard in their news presentations and investigations, is key to the success of democracy. Privatising our public broadcasters is a very slippery slope!


My family and I trust and rely on the ABC not only for all of its news and current affairs programs, we also enjoy their entertainment offer. The ABC is the most watched free to air station, followed by SBS, in my house. It is important to us that the ABC and SBS remain in public hands because we don't trust that commercial news is fair, balanced or even of a standard that informs. Truly informs.

The notion that the public broadcasters have an advantage over commercial broadcasters is a little bit laughable.

Australians are, and Australia is, richer because of it's publicly funded broadcasters.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

There will no longer be "real" news broadcasted, everything will be censored to the point that it will no longer be worth watching. When you want the truth you watched the ABC. If privatised there will no longer be a ABC , they will have to call it something else. A good suggestion would be " PROPERGANDA TONIGHT SHOW". This business must not be allowed to happen. has to be stopped

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VIC 3165 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in government hands as the government is us!

If you can't see what privatization has done to our media and news you should not be on the review panel, ask anyone if they believe our media has any of the integrity it had 20 years ago and if it is unbiased then you do not reflect our current society as it certainly an on-going joke within our social groups and workplaces. I'm so sorry that I can't believe today's sensationalism and lack of true content regarding politics and policy's, it's quite disgusting really and the only objective reporting comes from our ABC. I've paid taxes for over 40 years and find it appalling that current capitalists just want to grab the money and have no social conscience.

Yours Truly

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QLD 4179




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Please do not privatise the ABC. Australia needs a public broadcaster. I live on the Central Coast in NSW and listen to the local ABC 92.5 everyday. It is my information station. The local broadcasts keep me up to date on local issues and events. I wouldn't know about these issues and events without their broadcasts. They provide in depth information about a wide variety of topics and always have independent, knowledgeable experts to give factual commentary on any topic. Private broadcasters do not have that diversity and views are biased and influenced by big business and the businesses that pay to advertise on their network. News and current affairs programs like Four Corners have made the public aware of so many scandals and rorts that would never have been uncovered on commercial stations. Our democracy in Australia is reinforced by the work of the ABC and its team of investigative and unbiased journalists. This is a democratic country so all the broadcasters can be run by wealthy big business men with their own agendas forced on the public through their biased networks. We need the ABC and SBS to remain as public funded broadcasters to offer some balance to what is broadcast. My vote at the next election will not be for the party who privatises the ABC. Thank you [REDACTED]

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NSW 2260 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC

The ABC provides a huge range of invaluable services to rural and urban demographics, across all age groups. It is the only truly independent news service provider, and as such a vital part of the Fourth Estate, an essential component of a functioning democracy. Hands off our ABC!!

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VIC 3144



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

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


Regional areas and the ABC is our only source of news.

4 Corners is THE most trusted news source.

I completely object as a tax payer to making the ABC privatised.

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NSW 2099 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC must be kept in Public Hands. Without the singularly independent, public ABC then there is no way we, taxpayers, can listen to, watch or read about Australia and the world without the lens of commercial gain. Without the ABC then there is nothing worth watching or listening to. Investigative journalism simply does not exist anywhere else at the quality and unbiased level of our ABC. We have a right to quality TV for example without the intrusion of commercial interests. We can follow dramas without constant intrusion of inane advertising and propaganda from vested interests of media owners and moguls who have, and do, seek to influence the politics of our nation to their benefit through their unique position of owning and controlling media outlets. Our ABC must be retained to counterbalance vested interests. And besides the ABC provides innovative, interesting, even comedic programs that cannot be obtained anywhere else.


The BBC is a role model we should be following. Our ABC is not a cost to taxpayers but a precious resource and benefit to all of us, even those who criticise.

We love our public broadcaster and would feel deprived if commercialisation destroyed an asset of such incredible value.

So, please see the immense value of the publicly owned ABC. Without it we will have nothing to watch or listen to...that cannot be allowed to happen.

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QLD 4510 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

The ABC is our last outlet for honest television and story tellers. In a world where everything and everyone is selling out, the ABC is one of the only things left. Don't privatise our ABC. Keep it public. Look at ETSA/SA Power Networks and how well going private worked for SA... 🐦

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SA 5155 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands

I regard attempts to privatise the ABC as an assault on our civil institutions, even more dangerous than the mounting cuts in funding over recent years. I have nothing but contempt for the news and public information services of commercial media, and believe it is essential for Australian citizens to have ready access to independent professional sources as provided by the ABC, along with competent in-depth analysis. The ABC operates independently of any political party and I applaud this as taxpayer money very well spent. It also tends to offer more high quality documentaries, series and children's programming than other outlets and I almost never rely on other sources because of their generally low quality. Also, the accountability of the ABC is far more rigorous than applies to private commercial operators whose primary aim is their own financial benefit.

I regard the attacks on the ABC's independence as so grave that I would seriously consider leaving the country rather than endure the major damage inevitable to the nation from its loss.

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NSW 2066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

I watch far more ABC than any other station. I value and draw upon the news, local content drama, kids tv & current affairs & documentarys. I live in regional Australia and find the ABC news coverage to be vital to my family.

The question at the centre of the inquiry makes no sense to me. The ABC is publicly funded, it is a cultural resource and is not occupying the same space or role that private tv channels have at all. They are apples & pears and are not competing. The ABC is a treasure. Sell it off at your peril!

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NSW 2479



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I grew up in country Qld. My parents never changed the radio dial from ABC. It has been my source of life long learning. Any accidental change to a commercial station be it radio or TV convinces me just how precious our ABC is. Many of the commercial shows insult ones's intelligence and surely contribute to the 'dumbing down ' of Australians. Much of the wonderful content of ABC radio and TV is the basis of conversations with my children, grandchildren and friends. I would never support moves To privatise the ABC and the recent onslaught of criticisms are not based on fact. I just cannot imagine life without the ABC.

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NSW 2620 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not vote to privatise our abc

This country will be irretrievably damaged if the ABC is sold or privatised, this has been a lynch pin of my life, my source of news and culture. I couldn't imagine having to be forced to listen to commercial radio, or watch commercial TV. My personal identity as an Australian, a proud Australian, is intrinsically linked with the ABC. Please do not sell us out to the Murdock news empire.

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VIC 3666



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a national treasure

Australians need the ABC as a provider of quality investigative reporting, topical humour, excellent drama unbroken by advertisements, fine entertainment, fun children's programs, educational programs for all ages, and independent creativity. It is a vital resource for home-bound people of all ages. Please leave it in the hands of the public.

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SA 5035



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Must Remain Publicly Owned

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is an institution valued highly in Australia, and admired by people overseas.

As an Australian I take pride in how little it costs to have an independent, impartial broadcasting service that can fearlessly question and discuss our democracy, our governments' decisions and keep me well informed.


Would a commercial broadcaster bother to air programs such The War on Waste, and Gruen? I doubt it. My kids watched BTN and have grown into adulthood knowing that a fair and balanced view of any event would be seen and heard on the ABC. I cannot bear to think that their children will be deprived of this.

Of course the LNP Coalition attacks the ABC, as did Labor when they were in government. It is the role of an independent broadcaster to examine what government is doing , it is the essence of independence.

It is nonsense to investigate whether there is some sort of undue advantage to the ABC. Public broadcasting isn't governed by a need to show a profit so the suggestion of undue advantage is a moot point. Commercial broadcasting can and should compete with one another.

Leave the ABC to do what it does best, providing independent informed content, funded by the Australian people.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

My family and I have relied on our ABC all our lives for non-biased reporting of current affairs, for education, and for quality entertainment so markedly lacking in the privately owned electronic media. The ABC is is the last bastion of balanced media coverage of public issues left in this country. It's proposed privatisation by the Liberal Party will be catastrophic for Australia will provoke a public backlash against the government that manages its selling-off of a proportion never before seen in this country..

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop selling off Australian assets and selling out us Aussies!!!

The private sector ultimately prioritises profit over people and TV is the most influential medium in existence. If the public sector continues to diminish, as it has around the world, and the balancing influence of the ABC is removed, then our children and all future Australians shall be forever banished unrecoverably to a destructive, perpetual perversion of truth and, frankly, idiocy and fruitless hedonism.

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands. Privatization is totally unacceptable. Our national broadcaster is something to be immensely proud of especially in its depth and objectivity in social and political coverage. It is a precious asset. Much loved and appreciated

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NSW 2480




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: An independent ABC is essential to Australia's future

The ABC must remain independent and committed to its charter, providing what no commercial service does or is interested in providing: independence from vested financial interests, the wellbeing of Australian's held foremost, education, current issues explored by experts from around the world, identity and Australian issues focussed on, accessibility across age groups and regardless of income. The ABC must continue to actively reach out to all Australians, it provides outstanding ongoing education on a wide range of topics important to all Australians learning and contributing to our community and a "clever country". Online is essential in providing access to all Australians. There is no comparison with commercial media and the concept of unfair advantage for a public broadcaster is ridiculous. The ABC should be advertising free for a quality unbiased experience. Ads on SBS are a crass distraction from films and their themes. The ABC is by far one of the best cultural aspects of Australia. It should not be decimated by ongoing funding cuts.

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VIC 3782 


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

The ABC is the people's broadcaster and should never be privatized. Some things are just sacred, and should not be touched by corporatisation. I have grown up watching many different programs on the ABC, untainted by advertising and greed. I want my daughter to continue to watch Hey Duggee and Peppa Pig without being bombarded with ads. Please listen to what the people want- don't privatize the ABC.

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VIC 3070 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off 'our' ABC

The ABC is an iconic national institution which should always remain in the public's hands. The reason the government want to sell off the ABC is to censor the one broadcaster who are willing to asks hard questions, and parrot the right-wing propoganda like all other media outlets. \$1.1 billion is a small price to pay for honest radio and TV.

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NSW 2131




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must NOT be privatised

The ABC has passed several reviews and has come out with flying colours with regards to bias. They have fantastic programming with Australian content and are a trusted news source for Australians. Stop the funding cuts and keep the ABC in public hands.

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VIC 3150 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I don't want the ABC privatised as I find it unacceptable to watch commercial channels as there are more ads than actual program. We love the ABC, we love the Drum, 7.30, the ABC news, Q and A, the Tunnel, Home Delivery, Pointless, Doc Martin, Back Roads, Cory Whites a road map to Paradise, Charley Pickering. The list goes on. The ABC is priceless. I am very proud that we have such an institution in Australia. Not everything is about money, the ABC gives an insight into what is happening in the community, a voice for the marginalised.

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VIC 3820 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

Please never privatise the ABC as it is a public institution from its children shows, news broadcasts, documentaries, educational programs, music, add free programs and so much more. I watch ABC or SBS 90% of the time. Commercial stations constantly televise mindless rubbish again and again, with very little intelligent programming. Never, never privatise ABC. It's an Australian Institution.

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QLD 4565



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC - one of Australia's national treasures

The ABC is one of the things that make Australia a great place to live. It is one of our national treasures and is the only service that can be trusted when it comes to news and current affairs, the only service that is not using its audience to make money or attempting to manipulate them in other ways. A public broadcaster has long been recognised as one of the cornerstones of a healthy democracy. Save the ABC!

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QLD 4005 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

I was born in the US and my family all live there, so I spend a fair amount of time exposed to corporate, privatized media. When I visit the US I cannot wait to get home to Australia and be able to watch and listen to the ABC. I feel angry and upset when I hear that some in Federal Government want to privatize it. You only have to look at the number of investigations which the ABC journalists have led to see how it is such an important source for social change. I do not support any moves to change the ABC's status unless it's for increased funding! But that's not likely with the current government.

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NSW 2447




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to us.

The ABC is far too important to not be in public hands. It is a trusted forum on so many levels. Radio National provides education on matters ranging from world affairs to the smallest, yet most vital environmental matters.

As for the need for the ABC local stations, I can only cite my family's experience on Ash Wednesday. The ABC provided the warning that enabled me to take two children to safety- even though I did have to drive under burning trees.

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VIC 3810 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Please do not continue to make the ABC a political football.

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QLD 4518




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Maintain the ABC in public hands

I only listen to the ABC. It's intelligent discussion on a variety of topics. I will be absolutely devastated if it is privatised. I refuse to listen to self serving opinionated shock jocks . Just how dumbed down and commercialised is public forum going to get in Australia ? How contained are we going to allow public debate to be ? What is vital to our democracy ? Profit only ??? I despair...

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NSW 2088 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My ABC

A properly funded public broadcaster is essential to the overall health of Australia's democracy. The ABC is a treasured national asset that should not be diminished and demeaned by those who believe everything must be measured by money and commercialisation. The current attacks on the ABC by Pauline Hanson and the extremists within the Turnbull Government are dangerous to our democracy and stink of Nazi-like oppression that should never stain our country.

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QLD 4069 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I listen to the ABC radio and current affairs on TV.
Why ?. Because the information can be trusted. The ABC serves a much needed public role. We already have more than enough biased information coming from commercial stations with ownership in to few hands. I love listening to the ABC and will be extremely annoyed if this much needed public resource goes commercial. P.s. No commercial station provides rural news nor the type of enlightening programs covered by our ABC. A true democracy needs this diversity. Leave the ABC alone or pay the price. [REDACTED]
Wonthaggi, Vic.

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VIC 3995 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in our public hands!


The move to privatise the ABC is ridiculous. It has been a companion for Ausytalian children and adults for years.

The movement from the far right is politicking for no particular reason. Particularly when independent audits show that if anything ABC has a right bias.

The IPA and in particular Senator Patterson and Senator Fifield can go [REDACTED] themselves.

Love 'Straya

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VIC 3146 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission

I am writing to say that I consider the ABC is neutral in it's broadcast and television programs. It is likely to appear hostile to whatever government is in power. It must not only produce material the government approves of.

It's funding should be increased

I do not think it should ever be sold

It does a very good job, with a huge variety of stations, does not have to accept advertising, and is relied on by far more people than any commercial media The ABC is not biased and must continue.

It upholds it's charter as it always has

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Sent from my iPad

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

4 corners is my trusted news source, keep the channel that has no ads, no 4 corners means no more TV for me, I will unplug it for good.

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VIC 3799



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I love the ABC. It's pretty much the only program I watch. And it's also the only program my kids watch during the day. I love that by watching ABC Kids and ABC Me my children are not exposed to ads. ABC Kids is the only Australian TV channel broadcasting shows that I find appropriate for young children. Other TV channels show kids' shows that I find much too violent for the age group that they are recommended for. I also don't want my children to be exposed to advertisements while they are too little to question them. I believe that enough damage is done by ads showing perfect little girls and boys who always look immaculate and always behave well. This puts too much pressure on our children who might start believing that they also need to be perfect and then despair when they fail in this.

My favourite shows that I watch at night are Mediawatch, Gruen, Mad as Hell and Inside. I love how the ABC can broadcast programs that are different to the main stream same-same idiocy that other channels broadcast. The ABC has to remain independent so that it can continue broadcasting shows that question our values and make us think about important things like the environment and politics. If the ABC would belong to a private investor the great news stories would surely disappear to make space for programs that suit the private investor more.

So please vote against privatisation of the ABC.

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NSW 2034 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

Complete independence in news and current affairs is vital in the current world of the social media circus. I used to follow 1 political party, but no more. I no longer trust politicians. They are only interested in getting re elected than doing anything right by our country. I love watching 4 Corners, and then listening to the ABC news the next morning about the politicians running running for cover over what was aired. I was brought up with the ABC ad free, and hopefully that will continue. We are entitled to in biased reporting on our news service, and the commercial station are purely infotainment.

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WA 6030 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I want to see alternative viewpoints so that I can make educated decisions on important matters. A public platform is essential for an enlightened democracy. Privatisation would cater to the interests of advertisers

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NSW 2540



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is and has been part of family life for us since arriving in Australia in 1952 any political group trying to take away our right to have a free and democratic public broadcaster will never have our vote.

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NSW 2072




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

In this era of “fake news” and the increasing polarisation of commercial news outlets, I believe it is absolutely essential that the ABC remain publicly funded, so that it can remain an unbiased and trusted provider of news and other media content.

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VIC 3280 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

I love the abc, I depend upon it and trust it. In times of emergency I have trusted it with my and my families safety. As the emergency broadcaster alone it is worth the money I as a tax payer contribute to it. I really feel it is my abc. I love that it is impartial and hasn't a commercial objective. I love that my children aren't exposed to advertising when they watch it. I love it. Save our abc. No privatisation. Restore funding. It is the only media holding others and being held to any form of standard. Do not take that away from the people who own it. Thank you for your time. [REDACTED]

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VIC 3691



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep ABC in public hands

Dear inquiry,

It is important to me as an Australian citizen that the ABC is NOT privatised as it is our only source of information free from bias caused by financial pressures of having to please commercial funding bodies. Public broadcasting is very important in the preservation of our democracy, and should not be replaced by commercial media. I depend on the ABC for reliable information on a lot of topics that probably would not be financially viable for a commercial channel. The knowledge I gain especially from numerous shows on Radio National helps me be a more valuable member of our community, as well as live a healthier life.

Thank you for stopping this attempt by commercial media to damage this valuable public asset,

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QLD 4507



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Importance of preserving the ABC as a Public institution

Submission to inquiry into the ABC

I live in the New England area of NSW and the ABC, with TV, Radio National and its regional services, continues to be the most critical and trusted line of communication, news, current affairs and culture that we have. We can rely on it. This is because of its independence and continuity as an Australian institution serving the interests of the nation rather than private or commercial interests.

Just how important this is cannot be overstated: the ABC is the only place a genuine national conversation can take place because the commercial media are following the agendas of their owners. This is even more the case since the weakening of cross media ownership laws by Liberal Governments has allowed a near-monopolisation of major metropolitan newspapers by one media group. It is not too strong to say that this threatens our nation's democratic processes.

For this reason the ABC must be supported by Governments and not used as a 'punching bag'. Government members who do so are not acting in the interests of Australia.

What the ABC does, and how it does it, cannot (and would not) be duplicated in the commercial media. It does not therefore have any undue advantage: it serves the people and nation, not commercial interests, and must never be privatised.

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NSW 2350



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I have been watching the ABC since my earliest years (I am now 54), and it has been a major part of my everyday catch-up on what is happening in Australia and the rest of the world.

It has full coverage of the important issues of the moment, and can be TRUSTED to be FAIR. This CANNOT be said for any other media organisation in this country.

Please do not allow the privatisation of such a wonderful institution. We are fortunate to have it. Privatisation, in general, has had a negative outcome in my experience.

Yours in hope for no change,

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VIC 3131



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC In Public Hands

I am outraged even by the mention of privatising our magnificent, trustworthy, reliable and irreplaceable ABC. It is an Australian icon.

I have been listening to ABC radio EVERY day since the 1970s when Peter Evans was doing the breakfast show when it was 3LO! I am a rusted on listener of ABC radio and viewer of ABC television. I listen to 774 Melbourne EVERY day, ALL day and have done so for 45 years! I don't know what I would do without the ABC. ABC radio is my companion, my friend and educator during the day and ABC TV is my entertainment at night. I couldn't bear it if the ABC was privatised. I DETEST ADVERTISEMENTS, so I would never listen to or watch the ABC again if it were to be commercialised. I would have to resort to reading books only.

My children were brought up discerningly, watching Playschool, Sesame Street and other wonderful children's programmes. My daughter is now a Consultant Paediatrician and Research Fellow at Oxford University, currently working on Meningococcal B and Type 1 Diabetes vaccines for children. I am sure the first-class, educational children's programmes on the ABC which we watched together, contributed to her intellectual development.

I would be lost without such iconic shows such as Australian Story, 4 Corners, (I really miss Lateline), Gruen, Home Delivery, The Drum, Landline, Mad As Hell, The World, Planet America and the brilliant, quality, ABC TV series like Mystery Road, which are screened regularly- just to name a few.

I am now the grandmother of the most gorgeous 11 month old baby boy and I am looking forward to being able to sit down and watch more, well-produced, ABC TV children's shows with him and share his pleasure at watching quality TV. There is NO JUNK FOOD OR GAMBLING ADVERTISING on the ABC which I really appreciate and is a very important consideration for me as a responsible grandmother. I don't trust many media outlets but I trust the ABC.

The ABC also has a very important function as our emergency broadcaster. I live in a bush fire prone area so I rely on the ABC during summer for up-to-date and reliable information. The ABC is essential listening and viewing for regional Australians and those living in remote areas. Regional Australia has already lost short-wave radio which is appalling and senseless.

The Coalition has already slashed funding mercilessly to the ABC which has already impacted on the quality and breadth of programming. We have already lost Lateline, The Glasshouse, Catalyst (as we knew it), and the amount of repeats of QI to fill in the gaps in programming are just ridiculous!

Don't let the likes of Tony Abbott, Eric Abetz, Pauline Hanson, other dinosaurs and the likes of out-of-touch, pseudo intellectuals from the IPA, hijack the ABC. It is essential that the ABC stays in public hands, to be able to contribute balance and integrity to the debate.

Public broadcasting plays an extremely important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Funding for the ABC should be increased, not slashed as the Federal government seems to be hell-bent on doing.

I think the Coalition has severely underestimated ordinary Australians depth of feeling and loyalty to the ABC! She is our well loved Auntie after all! To privatise this iconic institution, in my opinion, would be suicide for the Turnbull government.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3441



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public habds

To the inquiry board,


The ABC is one of the only unbiased and uncorrupted media outlets in Australia. They are there at the frontlines of breaking news in world conflicts and events and as such provide a clear and uncompromised version of the news. I personally rely on their news broadcasts everyday via radio, tv and the mobile app.

The abc provides a host of other services such as children's programming and wide range of regional radio that we would be poorer without.

Many components of Australia's public infrastructure have been privatised and I cannot think of a single case where the public has benefited from the selling off of public resources.

Please help to save the ABC.

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NSW 2049 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia and the ABC are hand in hand with the free world

I am an 80 year old 3rd Gen Australian with a great love for our ABC. I cannot envisage an Australia without their non-controlled news coverage and other vital services. I have run my own business for over 50 years & understand the profit motive.

I have never taken part in a demonstration or a rally but if the ABC is threatened I will be out there in the front line fighting for them. Nothing seems to threaten big business (including the banks) until there is an exposition from 4 Corners of other ABC reporters. The ABC is in touch with the Australian people from all walks of life and does not let them down. When the Australian Newspaper was first published a traveller travelled across the city to gain a first copy. Today Murdoch press is the scourge of the free world. Let Murdoch who has betrayed his Australian heritage stay in America with Trump and his cronies. Leave Australia and the ABC alone

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The abcnews and educational shows are the vanguard of quality tv and the quality of ABC shows has made it the channel of choice for generations of my family. It has proven itself over a long period of time and should not be tampered with by commercialisation. Do not tamper with such a precious public resource.

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NSW 2130 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised!

I feel strongly that the ABC must remain in public, not private hands. It is the only media outlet which, I believe, is not biased and controlled by vested interests attempting to spread their own propaganda, especially when it comes to politics, and promoting their own agendas. The ABC has a long history of exposing crime and corruption with its excellent investigative journalism in programs such as Four Corners. It also promotes Australian drama, rather than the cheap, shallow reality TV shown on commercial TV and thought provoking discussion on programs such as Q&A, and the only non sensational news reports. The ABC must remain in public hands and have its funding increased, rather than slashed by the current government.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is for all Australians. I am deeply disturbed by the systematic attacks on the part of the Coalition to dismantle and privatise this vital publicly funded institution. You have no right to do this. Public broadcasters play a vital role in our democracy and should in no way be compared to commercial media. ABC programmes such as 4 Corners have over a number of years shone a light on subjects governments have either chosen to ignore or are too afraid to deal with. No government has the right to deny Australians access to a publicly funded media outlet which informs and educates.

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SA 5068



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC - part of Australian culture and essential to our democracy

The ABC belongs to the Australian public. I feel a strong connection to this institution as it has been there throughout my life, and for my children, but now in middle age I feel I must defend it and the essential role our main public broadcaster plays in our democracy, society and cultural life. I can see it has already been damaged by budget cuts and attempts to interfere with it. But I still gratefully appreciate the investigative journalism of 4Corners which continues to astound and impress in bringing to light story after story of national and international importance. Other excellent programs in recent memory have included The War on Waste which revealed incredible corruption and unsustainable, even dangerous practices in the waste industry. What reasonable person could object to these stories being brought to light. Commercial media cannot do this as effectively. Not to mention programs that look at health, science, gardening and many others. Mess with the ABC and you will awaken a sleeping giant - the middle aged masses of people who will not be amused.

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QLD 4103



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The status of the ABC

I am writing to make sure that you understand how important the ABC is to me in its current form. I am an expat living in the USA, and the ABC forms a vital link with home for me. Additionally, in this age of news being influenced by commercial and biased interests it forms one of the few reliable sources that I can trust. To put it into the hands of commercial interests seems to me to be inviting an 'Americanisation' of the channel, with the result that you would cut my very strong links where family and everything that I love resides. Please keep the ABC in public hands. Regards, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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NSW 2747 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC public

what is the real reason the coalition is attacking public broadcasting? Not for the money the govt. would save. the Govt. does not fund it, we do!

The reasons that formed the ABC are still in place.

People like me need to hear the news without being pressurised into buying something. It is a place to be entertained and educated without pressure from commercial enterprises

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NSW 2441




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC. It's the only trustworthy media.

I have been watching and listening to the ABC all my life. From my childhood with Playschool, to my student years with JJ and my adult life with the ABC's trustworthy reporting on news and culture, it is a huge and important part of my life. The ABC provides an intelligent, varied, balanced and high quality broadcasting product. Equally important to me is the fact it's transmissions are not marred by advertising. I trust the 7.30 Report and admire the courage of 4 Corners. The arts programmes on Radio National are impossible to find elsewhere and they champion the arts in regional as well as city areas. Just as I turn to the ABS for statistics, the Bureau of Meteorology for a reliable weather forecast, and our public school system for affordable education, the ABC provides a public good. A PUBLIC good. It represents us all - old and young, country and city, scientists and artists, Labour and Liberal. The ABC is the glue that holds us all together. It is the background to all of our lives. Keep it public and keep it appropriately funded. Please.

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NSW 2090 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only media agency in Australia that I trust to have journalistic integrity and a voice that genuinely reflects diversity of interests in our culture. My grandchildren are educated by it, my 3 hour work-commutes are informed by various podcasts, and my husband and I are challenged and entertained by the quality programming and documentaries that are aired. The ABC is an informative, communicative lifeline of public interest in Australia, and should never be undermined by political parties wishing to quell the significant question or well-researched challenge by ABC's qualified and dedicated journalists. It is our family's belief that the autonomy and integrity of the ABC should be cherished and defended by our community; and not financially or politically emaciated into oblivion.

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WA 6084 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC - OR AS I WOULD CALL IT - MY ABC - ALONE

MY ABC. Is just that MINE. Not for politicians. but me and other Australian citizens. The ABC, I believe that it makes the people we elect to represent us in Canberra, be accountable. When a question is asked of either side of the fence, the person can NEVER give a response 'yes' or 'no'. but waffle on evading that question. The ABC reporters keep asking for a true response. If we privatise the ABC, why cannot we do the same for the Commonwealth Parliament. All politicians should be told, in no minced words, like they give, to keep their grubby hands off MY ABC!!! The Liberals do not like the ABC, as their side of politics have been exposed as being dodgy at times. Stupid decisions, wasting the good money of hard working taxpayers. THE ABC MUST NOT BE PRIVATISED

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NSW 2204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Our Hands

I almost exclusively watch ABC and SBS. The ABC supports local content that isn't reality tv. The ABC dramas are world class.


I rely on and trust the news content in Four Corners and ABC News and Q & A is my favourite program. Commercial media is driven by profits so easily led to bias and has recently been shown on several occasions to be delivering 'fake', ie., untrue, news. Commercial channels don't always follow accepted norms of diversity and certainly don't stimulate debate and discussion on important issues that is vital for a healthy democracy.

ABC children's shows are wonderful quality kids tv. Where would we be without Playschool, that is recognised globally as a fantastic children's show.

It's funded by our money and I feel very strongly that it should remain publicly funded and not in the hands of corporate Australia.

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WA 6230 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC hands.....


I have grown up with the ABC as have my children. It's an important part of our lives. For me growing up in the 70's, Skippy the Bush Kangaroo to The Aunty Jack Show and my all time favourite, wouldn't miss it for the world, Countdown with Molly Meldrum were major things that helped shape my future. Today, I watch mainly the ABC with Monday's, where I settle in for, the 7.30 Report, Australian Story, Four Corners, Media Watch (I love Paul Barry) to Q & A. I particularly love the news. It's unbiased and that's the most important thing to me. I used to have a subscription to the Sunday Telegraph for a number of years but finally gave it away altogether as I was sick to death of their biased reporting. The ABC are not like that. My children have grown up watching Bananas in Pyjamas, PlaySchool, George Shrinks, the Saddle Club just to name a few and have very fond memories of these shows. My twins are now 17 and still watch the ABC, particularly the news, among other shows.

There are so many fabulous shows on the ABC. Leave them alone.

I'm very worried that the Liberal Party are going to privatise our ABC. Leave it alone. I don't want to watch the rubbish that the commercial TV stations churn out, nor do I want a Sunday Telegraph mentality rammed down my throat. We need truthful reporting.

I think the Liberal Government will receive a huge political backlash if they dare even try privatisation. You certainly won't get my vote at the next federal election.

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NSW 2318 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The public owns the ABC!

From Playschool, Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men and Mr Squiggle in the 60s till today the ABC means the world to me. Never must it be commercialised! In these very troubled times I am so thankful for the ABC and SBS who provide unbiased and quality news, current affairs and documentaries. I also am a dedicated fan of ABC News radio and Rn and Parliamentary broadcasts! Please please PLEASE DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC!! Australia depends on it!

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TAS 7000



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be given back proper funding and kept in public hands

The ABC is a central and vital key element in our democracy and must stay in public control!!!

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TAS 7015




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not even think of privatising the ABC. Both Radio and television are our greatestvassets

The ABC has been my constant companion over many years and taught me so much about science, music, arts and social issues.

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SA 5016 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need the public ABC... not privatised media: hands off the ABC

I am overseas, travelling, so giving a detailed submission is difficult. But it is too important. It would be catastrophic if the ABC was sold off. Do NOT let this happen. As it is, the Liberals got rid of a valuable foreign affairs support when it got rid of Radio Australia originally, many years ago. The ABC overseas can provide other information to our neighbours, and we and they need to maintain this communication.

The suggestion by the Liberals that the ABC be privatised is grotesque, and MUST be rejected. They have no sense of public policy, public good, and the need for a national broadcaster that provides an alternative to the commercial media. There are multiple reasons why the ABC needs to be held in public hands:

- a) rural news and locations: ABC radio provides crucial bushfire updates, news of weather, market prices and many other things in the public domain. eg. in East Gippsland, local community groups can provide information about meetings and events, and reach an audience they otherwise would have difficulty in reaching;
- b) it provides news of local issues that otherwise would not be covered;
- c) it has multiple specialist programs of high quality, eg. medical ones, and children's TV, the science show on Radio, and ones covering science news. The rural roundup and the previous shows like Catalyst, Four Corners, the gardening show, and they are too many to mention. We need high quality TV and radio.
- d) the view that we do not need a public broadcaster is a narrow interest one and should be rejected. There is a race to the bottom with much of the commercial channels at present: they cover pop stars, reality shows, and much garbage. Fine, the commercials can do this, but the ABC is needed to provide stimulation and ideas, and debate. And to provide a contrast with the commercials.
- e) the notion of any need for balance is repugnant when one is talking about child immunisation, and this eg. shows the craziness of the Liberals in their approach. No one should be giving air time to anti vaxxers, or to racists. And the ABC needs to maintain high standards and lead by example.

I am sorry that I do not have time to do a proper submission, but please realise... lasting damage will be done to public policy and future generations if you get rid of the ABC and privatise it. In any event, as many state government examples have shown, they have sold off our birthright, done it badly, and the commercials have made millions from the former public resources. This should not happen with the ABC.

And can you imagine the commercial stations doing the sterling job of covering national disasters, giving updates on fires and floods, as happened with the Victorian bushfires. Get real!!! Keep the ABC in public hands

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NSW 2257




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The Advantage the ABC has, is Quality

I listen between Radio National and Classic FM (with occasional forays into 3MBS). The times I hear other channels , there seems to be little attempt to construct a civil dialogue as usually happens on ABC. Occasionally I watch TV but the radio provides most of my nurture.

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VIC 3122 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Privatising the ABC will turn it into just another commercial station with crap American style reality shows. If the ABC is privatised, it will lose most of its viewers & its reputation for innovative programmes which are creative, thought provoking & challenging. DON'T PRIVATISE THE ABC!!!

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NSW 2042 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC as a way of keeping all sectors honest.

we live in a country where one magnate has enormous power over the whole country via his media empire, even though he is now a citizen of USA. we also have big power brokers resenting honest reporting because it brings to public attention serious actions which are against the common good of the country. as a public broadcaster the ABC is one of the few sources one can trust. selling it to the highest bidder would be an act of treachery to the Australian people, as well as unwise and probably another way of handing control to foreign ownership. don't do it!!

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NSW 2061



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as our public broadcaster

I want the ABC kept in public hands as it is the best source of information across Australia. It is a counter to lies and half-truths put out by private interests. The science and current affairs information on ABC can often not be found anywhere else. Ditto the arts and culture programs. If anything the ABC needs more independence from government, as the ABC is at times timid in criticising government actions e.g. the illegal invasion of Iraq, the Victorian governments planned burning practices. and etc.

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VIC 3161




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off our ABC

ABC is an independent organisation with trusted unbiased news reporting, good Australian content, great kids content without advertisements and so much more. I am concerned at the Coalition's continued attacks on the ABC through significant financial cuts, constant verbal attacks and now the plan to privatise it. The ABC is for everyone. It does not have the vested interests of commercial organisations owned by large media mogals. By remaining publicly funded means that we can have news and a current affairs that are independent and are essential for maintaining a democratic society. By wanting to privatise the ABC and SBS it looks like the Government has something to hide! Our media and news must be broad and open and accountable as must our Governments. Private, vested interests does not provide this to the Australian people who the Government serves. I have a deep concern for this ongoing attack and push from the Coalition to silence such an important voice. What do you have to hide?

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TAS 7250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: our ABC must not be privatised

As an expectant parent about to bring my first child into the world, it's more important to me than ever that I have the opportunity to share with my child the same wonderful ABC that I grew up with. Our ABC is an integral part of my everyday life, whether it's TV, radio, or social media. Please don't let the ABC be privatised! It's far too important and valuable, and we need to keep it as the vibrant national public institution Australians love.

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NSW 2203 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

Democracy depends on public response to public issues to be independent ..devils advocate at times .The French revolution amplified this.The ABC is my voice and solice with music without ads and hype.

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VIC 3446




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the abc in the public's hands

The abc should never be privatised. A public funded independent broadcaster is critical to our democracy.

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WA 6005 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I write to voice my absolute objection to the ABC being privatised and the cuts to its budget. The ABC is one of only a few media organisations I trust to provide me with unbiased and accurate information. I don't trust the commercial media as they have shown time and again to be biased to their bosses who have agendas not

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is our say, not few right wing wealthy liberals foot ball!

ABC is the only unbiased channel we can trust on as it is not owned by a group of wealthy investors. Now if Liberals want to buy that too ordinary people will loose their say except at the ballot box where we will decide of right wing liberals fate!

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NSW 2151 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't you dare sell off the ABC

I only watch two channels. ABC and SBS. Everything else is crap. And now you're thinking of privatising the ABC. What planet do you live on. The ABC has provided a fantastic public service that is well received by just about everyone in Australia. Voters will desert the LNP by the droves if you even attempt to privatise the ABC (or SBS for that matter).

Please have some sense and leave the ABC alone. Let it do what it was setup to do and that's to provide a public broadcast service to the public (me - the taxpayer!)

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

Whatever flaws the ABC has it's miles ahead of commercial broadcasters for balance and general interest.

We're all much better off without the bias that comes with selling content. Big business has its own interests and they're not in line with society as a whole.

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

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Margaret River WA 6285

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in public hands!

I grew up listening to the ABC. In the caravan at night on long trips to different parts of Australia every school holiday, as my immigrant parents did their level best to take their three daughters to every possible corner of this wonderful country, we listened to the news, to the Argonauts and to the (to me) incomprehensible Goon Show. We three children were all part of the Argonauts Club and sent in poems and stories that were read on the air to our immense pride and joy. I still have my badge. I was [REDACTED]. Fancy remembering that more than 50 years later. The ABC made me feel a sense of belonging and pride here in Australia. I still write stories.

My mother listened to classical music on the radio...music we were unable to escape either in the caravan or in the house as she cleaned and cooked on Saturday morning while we tried to stay asleep. My sister made a career as a harpist with a variety of symphony orchestras around the world and it is probable that the ABC can claim part of her success as its own.

I cannot imagine Australia without unsponsored programmes like 4 Corners holding a light to so many issues that might otherwise never have been aired or rectified. I worry about our democracy. I worry that without an independent, unbuyable voice my students and my children's children will grow up not hearing the calm, intelligent but firm voice of reason that the ABC has always provided. I do not watch commercial news or current affairs programmes because I am not interested in the sensationalism that sells advertising. I have no wish to hear the opinions of the people who are supposed to be delivering the news. I have no wish to be beguiled. I simply wish to be kept informed.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands to ensure that we the public, we who pay our taxes and live lives of active citizenship, have the chance to think critically about issues that affect us all, rather than being fed whatever information suits the purveyors of whatever needs to be sold to the public by whichever commercial interest can pay for the privilege.


The ABC is one of the few institutions that Australians are happy to pay taxes to support. It is an important part of our cultural heritage and of our ability to move forward with informed, active, intelligent citizenship into what could be a wonderful, open-minded, unbiased future.

Please stop this short-sighted sell off. It would be a regrettable error of judgement with far-reaching impacts on the Australia we value.

Yours sincerely

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SA 5152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC! No to commercialisation of our ABC!

I am astonished at the push to privatise the ABC. The ABC is the only mainstream media I use. It's probably my favourite tax spend. I don't want my money spent on armies, I want it spent on peace. The ABC supports peace as it informs, educates and listens. It's part of the fabric of Australian community. I used to work for the ABC in Hobart when it still had a TV unit. Many talented people worked hard to put out Gardening Australia every week, and produce other documentaries. They've all lost their jobs. Now the only TV here is news. I have watched the ABC in Hobart be downsized, downgraded and practically disappear. The beautiful building is mostly rented out, the car park got sold off to fund digitisation. How ridiculous. Death by a thousand cuts has gone far enough. The ABC needs re-funding, not de-funding. You'll have civil war on your hands if you try privatising or commercialising Aunty. I listen to 4 ABC radio channels everyday. Radio National is peerless for stimulating intellectual content. We need this! I've been sorry to see some dumbing down in recent years which I believe is due to some misguided ideas that it should appeal to a broader, younger audience. There are tons of dumb radio stations and heaps of for young people. RN is special, no more dumbing down, and no ads for goodness sake. Classic FM is a lifesaver - there is no other classical music station. All other music on the radio is modern and mostly ghastly. Local ABC radio is the lifeblood of communities all over Australia. Country hour helps balance the Australian obsession with urban life. New Radio keeps us up to date. What private owner would ever broadcast parliament? Great way to lose money... Please please give the ABC more money, build it back up, give it breath and let it support Australia's better side, our cultural side, our democratic instincts. 4 Corners is unsurpassed as television investigative journalism - why? Because it's independent. If the ABC is commercialised, it will lose its independence, its edge and its audience. Keep the ABC in public hands, give it more of our taxes, not less, and tell the government to get on with more important things and leave the ABC alone to do what it does so well - independent, balanced, interesting, cultural broadcasting. Australia won't be worth living in if the ABC gets commercialised.

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TAS 7004 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A private broadcaster is a biased broadcaster

Should one compare the quality of content from a private channel to that of a public one, the difference is clear.

A private channel will broadcast monetized mass produced garbage, a public channel will broadcast material that is in the public interest, be it international sport, educational content or even high quality cooking shows.

The same can be said about the news.

The power of a media monopoly is clear to be seen in our recent history, with a blanket campaign resulting in the election of one of the worst prime ministers in Australian History.


Only an unbiased source of information can stand as a bulwark against vested interests, to keep the voting public aware.

At present, the ABC is that bulwark, and it is not enough. These vested interests will continue to attack the ABC, with the aim of privatizing the ABC.

Because a privatized ABC is beholden to its owners.

A public ABC answers only to the Australian people.

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WA 6162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be kept in public hands

To those involved in this inquiry:

I vote according to issues these days, not parties.

This is an issue on which I will not waver.

No strongly supported public broadcaster, no vote.

I'm 63 years old, and have relied on the ABC for entertainment, information, education and straight-forward commonsense opinion and commentary for most of those years.

I'm wise enough to see when the ABC (rarely) gets things wrong or loses perspective.

I'm hoping you are wise enough to see the great, essential service the ABC provides to all Australians, and not get hung up on the occasional report with which you may disagree

On balance, the ABC provides great a social service to all Australians. Please don't corrupt it by selling it, and me, out.

Very sincerely,

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NSW 2777




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC as it is!

I am a dedicated ABC Radio listener and TV watcher and I deplore the thought of privatization of the entity as it is! Those who object to the transparent and accountable nature of my ABC are in my opinion, narrow minded and following their hidden agendas to the detriment of my country , Australia.

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WA 6051 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

I and my husband mostly listen to the ABC and watch its shows on TV. the only quality programmes around on documentaries, stories, films and many other information and childrens programmes. Along with SBS these channels are the only ones we watch and enjoy.

Who is going to provide good programming and unbiased information and investigative journalism like 4 corners, australian story and many many more. The Science show on Radio National, Michael Mosley on health and medical issues just a few to mention

Keep your hands off the ABC now and forever. Enough of funding cuts and robbing the ABC of independence

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NSW 2065 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

How dare you think you have the right to nobble our national broadcaster? you will rue the day.

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VIC 3075 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC and SBS must stay in public hands - FOREVER

The ABC for me is the most important plank in our increasingly shaky democracy. As our democratic rights are eroded at an increasingly scary rate the ABC is the one organisation that can publicly hold our elected members to account. It is an open secret that our elected members only look after themselves along with the people who look after them following their life in politics. However, there are 24 million other people they are supposed to put before themselves.

I watch, listen and read the ABC's content as it is the only news and information source I trust. There is no way I can ever believe one syllable uttered or written by the commercial media. There is always an agenda and it is always driven by money. In addition I actually enjoy not having my viewing, listening or reading being interrupted by ads every other minute.

I have been a life long watcher of the ABC and SBS and the thought of them being sold to the highest bidder simply defies belief. While I do not always agree with some of the balance the ABC brings to its reporting and content, it is critical both sides of a story are presented in as neutral a manner as possible. In saying that it is important to note at times there are some sides to a debate or story that should never be presented or given oxygen. In this increasingly polarised world many of the racist and hateful views being expressed should never see the light of day on the ABC or SBS.

If members of parliament and on the right side of politics think that getting rid of the ABC and SBS will lead to a better society they only need take a look at the US and the open hatred, violence, corruption, poverty, crime, etc. to see what a market without any form of regulation and public voice looks like. It is not pretty nor is it a road I wish to see Australia travel down.

The premise of the inquiry is fanciful. The ABC and SBS have such an important job to do and to somehow compare them to the commercial media completely misses the point of the reason why they exist. I totally disagree with the inquiry and it should be stopped. If it can't then it must return a finding with a unequivocal message that the ABC and SBS are critical to Australia and there is no conflict by the manner in which they are funded.

In addition I would go one step further in the need to retain public ownership and separate out the politics; by implementing the TV and radio licensing system that exists in the UK to fund the BBC. This would mean both the ABC and SBS had a public statutory right to raise their own revenue and were not subject to the whims of a minister or government who does not like what they are publishing. This should ideally be protected in the constitution so that no government can ever interfere with the public interest of telling the truth regardless of its implications.

By the way the SBS should be properly funded so that the ads can be removed. They drive me up the wall.

Regards and thank you for considering my submission.

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VIC 3875



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is not for sale

We love our ABC, the kids grew up on clunky home-made playschool craft and became creative adults, and our Aussie drama reflects our lives and experiences. No tedious mind-warping ads but instead Gruen and Media Watch to hold the media to account. Real trained thoughtful intelligent piercing journalism that is not accountable to private shareholders or to big business advertisers but instead is there for us, the people of Australia.

Don't privatise the ABC!

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NSW 2650 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the abc independent

I depend on the abc to be informed about world news and issues. I can expect a high standard and informed and unbiased coverage as it is independent. This would not be the case if the abc was privatised

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VIC 3065




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands !

I have grown up with the ABC. I feel more strongly about keeping the ABC in public hands than just about any other issue I can think of ! I listen to and LOVE ABC Radio- it is the only broadcaster I would ever listen to due to its balance, it's fabulous range of topics it's daily coverage of the news and current affairs and it's wonderful and super talented broadcasters. I am aware of other companies that have been privatised and have seen how this has impacted negatively on the quality of their services. I rarely watch anything other than ABC TV/ iview. I am simply not interested in watching commercial stations with their rubbishy (often American) shows and endless advertising. I fully object to my children having any exposure to advertising whilst they are viewing television. This is one way I can have some parental control- something I feel passionately about. I am also aware that the high quality Australian content would be inevitably eroded, undervalued and eventually be lost. I would be outraged if the ABC was in any way commercialised. I would protest to the end to save the ABC and to keep in in the public domain as I believe it is our democratic right to have free access to his wonderful asset.

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VIC 3072 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

How can Get Up wake up Tasmanians to the real Abetz?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't destroy the ABC!

Public broadcasting is a vital tool of democracy. It needs to stay public - and publicly funded- if it is to operate with the fairmindness of independence. The ABC is one of Australia's most valuable, and valued, institutions and any political party that attempts to nobble it will suffer the electoral punishment it deserves.j

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VIC 3079




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is widely respected as the highest quality broadcaster in Australia with genuine unbiased journalism. It would be a tragedy to lose its integrity, which is what would happen if it was commercialised, as we can see from the other privatised broadcasters, they are shackled by the corporate interests of their sponsors, which is the sickening irony to the pathetic accusations of "bias" by those who want it to be privatised, which is because they don't want anyone left to keep the bastards honest,
sincerely
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NSW 2541 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must NOT be privatised!

The government knew what they were doing when they set up the ABC! It was vital then, and it is vital now to have an independent national broadcaster, not one that is beholden to commercially motivated owners. The Government must realise that this is vital for democracy to survive in this country. We have an ABC to be proud of. Abetz and co should go and live on an island with the IPA and manage their own lives, but leave ours alone. I LOVE the ABC!

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VIC 3996




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in our public hands

Myself and my family have grown up on the ABC - Playschool, bananas in Pajamas. We need a public broadcaster to be there with us when there are natural disasters across all of Australia. We need all the fabulous stories that are told by "Australian Stories". We can't trust a company to cover all the special stories of Aussies. And rural and remote Australia needs a voice that isn't dependent on whether a story makes money!!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I'm deeply disturbed by the Liberal party's move to privatise the ABC. As a media studies teacher I see my students draw on the ABC as a trustworthy source of independent reportage. Indeed, among my students one of the most popular programs, and one that will clearly be under threat should privatisation proceed, is Media Watch; a program that calls Australia's media to account and ensures that fact checking remains a fundamental part of responsible news services. In tutorials my students express their deep concern (and even disgust) at this government's campaign to silence independent reporting in Australia, and they are not alone. I support so much that the Liberal party is doing, but to sell off a crucial public asset like the ABC is bad policy that has myself and many people I know concerned about free speech. I foresee that, should this go ahead, Australians will punish the Liberal party at the polls.

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VIC 3101 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC provides Australians with unbiased news coverage, great children's and educational programmes, fantastic drama and current affairs and no advertising

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VIC 3085 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC provides Food for Thought ...Don't force feed us junk!!
Society needs nurturing

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VIC 3141 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

There is a lack of quality media outlets not currently owned or influenced by commercial interests of one form or another. A centrally funded ABC is vital to ensure non corporate media outlets exist in Australia that can provide interesting programming that adds value to the community rather than reality shows or those designed to sell something to the public. If the ABC is privatised the quality of shows and news reporting will drop and the broadcasting and political agendas of the broadcaster will be dictated by their owners rather offering factual reporting.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is an Australian icon

The ABC is one of Australia's great wonders. A public broadcaster that entertains, informs and presents the best of what Australia is and does.

Having lived in several other countries at times during my career I really get to see the value of a public broadcaster. TV is virtually unwatchable in the US for instance where there is no public broadcaster. The ABC is one of Australia's very best assets, looked up to around the world. It must remain in public hands.

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NSW 2775 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

Dear inquiry members, I submit to you that an essential element in a genuine democracy is the presence of at least one independent media outlet. There is no such thing as a wholly independent media outlet, but publicly funded media is the closest thing we have. Your deliberations should not be about commercial and public funding of the media. A bigger and more important question concerns the independence of Australia's media. You should also consider the diversity of funding models. A mixed economy in the media sector is the most healthy and sustainable. It is essential that public broadcasters continue to be funded to maintain a healthy diversity of media. Moving to a purely commercial media sector would severely curtail Australia's public debate as no media outlet would be free of editorial interference from commercial interests.

Yours,

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VIC 3191




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands and adequately funded.

I think it is essential that the ABC is retained as a properly funded public broadcaster. Every democratic country needs unbiased media to present news and clear headed scrutiny of contentious issues in society. If the ABC had not been part of the team that pursued the banks and financial services industry, there would have been no Royal Commission and no opportunity to curtail the corrupt practices that were occurring. Please commit to funding the ABC to a level where it can be an effective alternative to commercial media.

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NSW 2135 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as an autonomous public body

I have only ever trusted the ABC for news and comment, I strongly believe that chequebook journalism in the private media means that the voices with the money get to speak loudest on issues, and that many, many issues of great importance would never be aired on private media simply because they must consider their shareholders, boards, owners and their advertisers first.

Time and again the ABC has been proven to be unbiased, the same will never be said of the rest of Australia's media landscape.

In times when our politicians are constantly spreading fear mongering, we need the ABC.

Although I do not participate or watch any sport, I am very aware that it was the ABC who led the field in making sure that the 2000 Paralympics were televised, when mainstream commercial media had already moved on. The same can be said for women's sport in general, and netball in particular, as well as other sports with many players but less dollars, such as lawn bowls, and snooker.

The ABC has an excellent history in making quality programs for the arts, history, and children, areas which seem to be of no interest to commercial media. Also they give a platform to Indigenous voices.

All of these voices will be silent if the ABC is privatised, perhaps that is why the Liberal party is so keen to see them quieted, shame on any government that goes down this path.

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VIC 3192



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to all Australians.

Growing up, I was exposed to strong Australian role models through shows like Seachange and The Wayne Manifesto. Our kids need these kind of shows. We need a public broadcaster who can continue to promote Australian stories and characters without a purely commercial interest. Our kids deserve better than just advertising-driven Neighbours re-writes. We all deserve a broadcaster that offers an alternative viewpoint. I now work in film & television. I am indebted to the ABC for introducing me to real characters. Real Australian characters. And I am indebted to an industry that includes a genuine public broadcaster with a genuine voice. I don't want to work in a television landscape that doesn't have this.

Sincerely,

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VIC 3195 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands AND provide it with adequate funding

This move is so shamelessly self-seeking and lacking in regard for the national populace and its well-being that it will ensure you lose the next election. We will then all begin to rebuild a more sustainable, egalitarian and caring community of Australian's. The commercial media is owned or panders to the minority rich and powerful as they press you pawns to serve their greed and you opt to race us all to the bottom. The ABC has long been the lynch pin of Australia's free speech. It provides the people with real opportunities to hear truth spoken to power, and discuss and debate key issues and concerns. Only the most unconscionably obsequious sycophants who fear exposure would work to destroy it. We can see through you - there is nothing of value there!

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NSW 2800 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep ABC news alive

Dear friends and Shaun

Have YOU ever seen funny videos on Youtube and noticed something strange? Have you ever felt like you have too many apps on your phone that replaced society so much that you literally sink your motivations in to it? Then you should read this. Live news broadcast creates a 'theatre' of events happening in the world. Whereas news apps only show mainly pictures and paragraphs. Please protect our news companies and future proof them! Thank you.

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NSW 2007



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: If it's war you want this means war

I think that the government should be privatized before they get to the ABC

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SA 5606



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC PUBLIC

What another sell off to the capitalists! Turnbull may as well just give it all away to the money makers! We lost 8000 jobs today from Telstra! That was public once too remember! Selling off the ABC is like selling off your children's education no but wait a lot of education is also private! Bet Mr Turnbull's children went to private schools, childcare & after school activities! Yes that all costs money & some of our children spent hours, unfortunately, in front of the tv watching children's shows whilst we single mums worked from home on our days off!! Sell off another thing & Ill be paying for my post to get delivered by each letter & I'll be emptying my own bin as that will be the next to be privatised!

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NSW 2287



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please Keep the ABC In Public Hands

Dear Sir/Madam


I have grown up with the ABC and always greatly appreciated it's uniquely Australian content and the absence of loud irritating commercials pushing mindless consumerism.

Play School was the very first TV show I allowed my children to watch. TV shows such as Gruen, The Weekly, Australian Story, Four Corners, Q & A and Media Watch are firm favorites of my husband and mine. The ABC also supports the production of many really fantastic Australian drama's, such as Jack Irish and quirky, clever Australian comedies, such as Utopia and The Katering Show. My husband and his construction crew really like listening to ABC Radio while they work.

My family and I really love and enjoy the ABC. Please continue to fund the ABC and allow it to remain Public, so that my family and I and many, many others can continue to enjoy it for many years to come.

Thank you.

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SA 5251 

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

The ABC is an important independent institution that is crucial to the foundation of modern Australian society.

87% of Australians trust the ABC above any other media.

Probably the most well recognised and respected brand / product within Australia, and would rate highly globally compared to other similar organisations.

Large sections of Australian communities are well aware that the criticism and ridicule of the ABC is politically and commercially motivated by the wealthy corporate liberal interests.

The high level of trust our communities have in the ABC presents a real threat to the wealthy corporate interests who fund and support the liberal agenda. This corporate wealth driven liberal machine relies on the ability to mislead and misinform the community with misinformation that validates their agenda, while silencing and undermining alternative views and perspectives.

Look at how Trump treats the free press in America and we have an insight into why the ABC frustrates the liberals so much here in Australia.

An ABC which is dedicated to providing news and content that properly informs and benefits communities, with honesty and integrity legislated into its corporate guidelines and imbedded into its culture, which is held to account like no other media outlet in Australia if it steps outside these guidelines, is clearly at odds and inconsistent with this corporate liberal elite agenda.

All Australians should fight to save the ABC.

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NSW 2550



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

The ABC hasa been, traditionally, the voice of reason and of social justice. It is a valuable asset to our nation. Commercializing it would corrupt its true value. Please guard this precious thing we have.

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NSW 2251



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: PRIVATISING THE ABC

The ABC provides a valuable service for all Australians. The depth of programming, quality and wide ranging topics is beyond what is available in the commercial media.

The Liberal Party will be voted out of office if this insane proposal is pushed on the public.

The commercial stations provide "dumbed down" news and media driven by the advertising dollar.

DON'T PRIVATISE THE ABC!

I am not normally politically active, however this is the last straw in the dismal Turnbull government performance.

I have been a Liberal voter all my life. But no longer!

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

NSW 2074



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public ownership

The ABC belongs to the Australian people - all of us - not to profit-seeking commercial interests. I rely on the ABC for independent, trustworthy news and thought-provoking entertainment. What commercial operation would be interested in running a national classical music network or providing regional services? I am concerned about the relentless attacks by greedy private interests because they seek to strip away something that is crucial to our identity. What the ABC does and stands for is the protection of the value we put on independent, impartial broadcasting, free of paid advertising. If the ABC continues to be attacked, broken up or even sold off, it will seriously damage our democracy. It must not happen.

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ACT 2614 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

Eric Abetz on RN breakfast, taking a leaf from the Trump playbook and lying about the ABC's response to and reporting of events. Thanks goodness Hamish Mc Donald called him out. Reynolds on Q and A. And now Tim Wilson pushing ABC criticism on Hard Chat tonight. Against the background of Abbott's 'no more cuts to the ABC' lies. Michelle Guthrie is right - out here in voter land we're sick of attacks on the ABC. It's the only news service we can trust these days to report important developments with anything like accuracy. So restore its funding, we don't mind paying and just leave it alone.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public ownership

Australia needs our very own public broadcaster as part of understanding and exploring our national identity. It is very important for us to have a trusted media institution that doesn't rely on advertising revenue so that it can present high quality news, Australian stories, and encourage local comedy and drama, without being driven by a 'for profit motive'.

I grew up with the ABC as the only broadcaster in a country town, and my children have grown up with iconic shows that help my family feel part of a bigger Australian community.

It is deeply shocking that the Australian Government might seek to commercialise the ABC. Some institutions have greater value than just a monetary value, and the ABC is one of them.

Sincerely

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SA 5068



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why I love the ABC as it is

I am shocked at the suggestion that the ABC could be privatised and deeply opposed. I have been listening to Radio National since I was a child and value so much the stories I hear that relate to things I would never normally hear about. There is no way a privatised ABC would offer the depth and quality that we have now. It's outrageous. My life would not be the same without AM and PM, Fran in the morning, The Spirit if Things and many others. My life would change a lot, in a bad way, if you were to privatise the ABC. Seriously, stop the discussion now. It's just not right.

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VIC 3113




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

I read with horror the liberal party council voting to privatise the ABC. I read the news from the ABC twice a day. I watch every 4 corners. I listen to ABC podcasts whenever I travel for more than 3 hours. The breadth and depth of information is exceptional. I don't trust other many other news sources other. I don't like to be marketed to. In a democracy the public funded news service is the only one which is not pushing the agenda of a business or a political lobby. I am very disappointed by funding cuts to the ABC. I am angered by plans to privatise the ABC. I want my taxes to fund the ABC. I will campaign against any party who tries to change the ABC from its current position as a publically well funded independent broadcasting service.

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NSW 2500 

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

The ABC is loved and trusted by almost every person in Australia. I was brought up on the amazing children shows on the ABC which no other station would bother to show. I trust the news because I know that there is no commercial interest behind it.


I love the Aussie made TV drama, comedy and news that comes from the ABC, as well as being able to watch without ads.

The programs being made by the ABC are truly outstanding. It is heartening to see my own country, familiar cities, places and people represented on tv, telling stories which resonate with australians. This would be lost with a privatised service!

I grew up in the country so sometimes ABC radio was the only service we had, especially in times of crisis such as bush fire.

The ABC is important to all Australians from all walks of life. Funding should be increased and it should always and forever be a public broadcaster.

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

Private Interests control the rest of the media in Australia. The claim that the ABC is biased is merely based on the fact that certain people do not like media that (to a greater extent) tells the truth. In fact, private media is highly biased, full of out and out lies, and is wholly in the hands of those who own and control it. Not only that, private media, forever driven by the profit motive, constantly panders to the lowest level of entertainment and information. The proliferation of horrible mindless drivel in the form of reality TV alone is proof of this. It seems as if all the right-wing political forces in Australia wish to be more and more like the USA. The president of the USA is a reality show host, a moron who is in power because of private media. Why would anyone wish to emulate conditions in a country which is on the brink of social and economic ruin?

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NSW 2480 

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

Well you liberal right [REDACTED] will cop it in the neck from the voting public with the biggest backlash in history if u touch the ABC

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VIC 3977




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NEVER PRIVATISE THE ABC

The ABC is the only independent broadcaster in Australia which broadcasts to all corners of the nation, giving honest and up to date news and weather. It also gives the nation's residents a voice without compromise

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WA 6239 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't Destroy Democracy- Keep the ABC Independent!!

Destroying the last precious source of independent public information services (the ABC) would be the final straw in the fight against the reactionary forces who are sending the world spiraling into a frenzy that would take us back to the Dark Ages. The ABC has been a beacon of independence for the country and the city, reporting and critiquing, without fear or favour for many years. The quality of its wide ranging programs have been well respected and trusted. Please don't privatise the ABC, and lose forever that quality. God forbid that we should only rely on the Herald-Sun, commercial television and Facebook/Twitter as our only supplier of news and opinion!!

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

Dear Inquiry

I have watched TV and listened to radio in many different countries and I am so grateful we have our public funded ABC radio and TV. No commercially run TV or radio stations in Australia or overseas offer the sheer quality and genuine independence of our own ABC network. I have no doubt that if we cut its budget any further or started to privatise sections of the network or sold the whole thing, Australian public life would be irreparably damaged. I trust the ABC's news and current affairs (and I cannot trust the news of commercial networks in Australia), I am entertained by its quality drama and comedy. I love the way the ABC constantly finds ways to show us aspects of Australian life we never see anywhere else.


The ABC is worth every cent of public funding it receives: it's extraordinarily cost effective. It keeps the politicians honest in a way no other media ever can manage.

I am deeply concerned by the ongoing aggressive attacks on the ABC by a small number of very loud so-called 'conservatives' who seem to be doing the bidding of the Murdoch empire. But they do not represent mainstream Australia. Their claims of bias are vastly exaggerated: if they want find bias, they can pick up a Murdoch newspaper.

We must not let any part of our precious ABC be privatised!

Yours sincerely

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NSW 2042 

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

Intelligent, well researched, unbiased and not under the control of commercial entities. Supporting Australian film and television production. Enough good reasons to leave ABC in public hands. Commercial television is full to choking with USA imports of questionable standard and current affairs overly fixated on the dramatic at the expense of accuracy. MY taxes pay for the ABC. Leave it alone.

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VIC 3550 

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

The ABC in Public hands is important to Australia and me personally as I know definitely that it is an impartial referee to events in Australia and the world and it provides entertainment that is not provided by any private media organization.

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NSW 2500 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters

Hello,

Any programs I watch on ABC or SBS platforms do not take market share away from the commercial broadcasters. If ABC or SBS were not producing these programs, I would still not be watching their commercial counterparts. If ABC or SBS were privatised, I believe this would so “commercialise” the content they produced as to result in me not watching them any more either. This is evidenced to the extent that the my preference shifted towards the ABC over SBS when the latter included commercials in their programming.

The ABC and SBS are two of the most important media institutions available to Australians citizens by virtue of the fact they are collectively owned and funded by Australian citizens, and are bound and made independent by their charters. This provides them with an editorial freedom and a level of ethical responsibility that will never be attainable by media organisations beholden to advertising revenue.

These two great public broadcasters need to be protected and strengthened and I call on the government to do so by increasing funding to both, and defending their independence by all possible means.

Kind regards,

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Woonona NSW 2518

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

The ABC is part of the fabric of the nation. It is the only broadcaster in Australia that people consider to have integrity and not to be motivated by commercial drivers and the advertising dollar. It is able to create content that no commercial body would do, which is valued throughout the community. From its children's programs to its current affairs programs, to the humorous Australian content that it generates (the Chaser, a Moody Christmas, the Let Down, the list is endless really) its contribution to Australian society reaches all people of all ages. Privatising the ABC is unforgivable.

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ACT 2611




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

* The ABC is Australia's only independent news media agency and not tied to big business, politicians, or people feathering their nest
* The ABC generally has intelligent programming that informs the mass population without fear or favour
* All issues are discussed including environmental, animal cruelty, politicians behaving badly or with their snouts in the public purse or favouring their big business mates
The ABC is the watch dog of government and big business.
Please keep you hand off.

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VIC 3551 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

I value the ABC so much it's an issue I'd take to the streets to fight for. I will not support any candidate or party who wants to privatise the ABC.

I refute the argument that private is always more efficient and better than public. Private ownership may claim to be more efficient but only because they don't have to adhere to any ethical standards. The 'value' and the moral judgement of private ownership is well illustrated by the the current state of CBA. I watch ABC TV and listen to ABC radio. I do not listen or watch commercial stations. Why do commercial stations feel so threatened by the ABC? If the ABC didn't exist, I wouldn't tune in to commercial stations...I'd go online for my news and entertainment. If ABC was privatised, they would have to compete for the same advertising dollars as the commercial stations, so the advertising pie would be smaller. The people who most want to silence the ABC are those who can't be bare to hear dissenting voices, or to have their views challenged!

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

To Whom It May Concern, The ABC is the most reliable source of rural and regional information in my area. Also, regarding the comments by prime minister Turnbull that public broadcasters have an "undue advantage" over commercial outlets, it is my opinion that public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. There are myriad other reasons I could go into that we should keep the ABC public. I hope you realise what is good for Australia.

kind regards,
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WA 6162 


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

To Whom It May Concern, The ABC is the most reliable source of rural and regional information in my area. Also, regarding the comments by prime minister Turnbull that public broadcasters have an "undue advantage" over commercial outlets, it is my opinion that public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. There are myriad other reasons I could go into that we should keep the ABC public. I hope you realise what is good for Australia.

kind regards,
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WA 6162 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC for all Australian. No privitization.

Without the ABC bring me wonderful insight into the world in which I live I would feel very lost. They enliven my daily existence with continual stimulation, thought provoking commentary. I may not always agree but at least I get the balance to allow me to make up my own mind. I LOVE THE ABC.

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VIC 3205



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

Our ABC is precious. It must not be privatised!

It is our trusted news source that let us know what is happening. It tells the truth. It is not trying to see us something.

We have culture, the arts, science, discussions. We have a voice.

It stops us from feeling alone and gives solace to so many people. It is our Aunty, our Friend. Our children grow up watching Playschool and Bananas in Pyjamas. It must be kept in public hands. It belongs to us, the Australian people

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WA 6008 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

He ABC is a neutral body. All legitimate reviews have agreed.

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SA 5051 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is a jewel in our society

The ABC is a National Treasure, unpolluted by advertising, and belongs to us taxpayers, the ordinary people of Australia

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VIC 3941



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC is un-democratic.

A public broadcaster and independent fourth estate are core principles of democracy. No country can call itself a democracy without these. This move by the hard right to call for the ABC to be privatised is dangerous and intensely un-democratic - and frighteningly close to neo-fascism. No reasonable free thinking and freedom loving citizen - regardless of their political leanings - can fail to see this. This call needs to be treated with the contempt it deserves. Australian democracy is not for sale.

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NSW 2034




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect our democracy... keep the ABC public

1. We rely on the ABC for unbiased information, this is needed for us to make decisions about our country's future. This can not be left to organizations that have a commercial interest in the information they provide.
2. We need diversity in content so we can avoid the choose what we watch... the ABC (and SBS) provide this choice.

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WA 6014 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC

I cannot believe anyone would imagine an Australia without an independent voice and the closest thing we have to it in our media platforms is the ABC. Without a public voice we run the risk of turning into a nation bereft of any understanding of the closest link we have to real news, to engaging programs not based on what sells a product and not necessarily what appeals to popular contemporary notions. The ABC currently has the autonomy to push boundaries in thought and perception though tackling topics head on.

I cannot imagine my day without the ABC in its many forms, most particularly news programs which take me more directly to the truth than can be found in any commercial platform. Further, the ABC is the place where many new notions, new programs and new technology are designed and tested. Please ensure that we retain the access to reality which the ABC provides and do not privatise our ABC

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VIC 3222 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in OUR hands

We watch the ABC almost exclusively. We enjoy and relish the fact that it is as unbiased as possible. We cannot support any party that wants to hand it over to some media baron. Fox news e.g. is the most biased organisation owned by the Murdoch family. They already have too much influence in the world. This is the most important issue for me as a voter. I will fight, donate or volunteer to make my contribution to making sure that grubby politicians keep their hands off MY ABC.

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WA 6028 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:09 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

As an Australian Tax Payer I am proud of the ABC and do not feel that it should be changed. We need a public broadcaster to cover things that the private broadcasters will never touch. Leave the ABC alone.

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Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No to privatisation of the ABC!

Does any government really want to give away the only independent media outlet and jump to the tune of media moguls and their own personal politics. 'Market forces' let me laugh which I would do if it wasn't such a serious issue. Do we really want to go the way of the Americans? A resounding NO! ABC is the only television, apart from some of SBS that's worth watching for entertainment and more importantly for well balanced news and documentaries. No to privatisation.

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To whom it may concern,

Any suggestion that the ABC is too competitive with commercial TV networks is ridiculous. Viewers are free to watch whichever station they choose. If commercial stations are losing viewers to the ABC, this is a symptom of the free market - the same free market they are promoting through the idea of privatising the ABC.

I suggest the commercial TV stations reinvent their flaccid content and stop complaining that the ABC is Australia's only interesting mainstream TV station.

Sincerely,

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