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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I can not begin to list all of the reasons as to why our, yes, OUR, ABC must stay in public hands. But I will detail some. Good and very well presented news; excellent forums such as Q&A; PRESS club presentations; superb Australian Story; Four Corners and wonderful country wide. And where would we be without all of our radio stations and their interviews, music, interaction with such a wide and wonderful public. EVERY night I have my radio tuned to the ABC when I go to bed. People from across the country tune in and ring in. And not just those from this country - I am amazed at how many times calls are received from those from different parts of the world. Do not put the ABC at jeopardy by privatising this wonderful institution. Hands off our ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I am deeply distressed to hear that the National Liberal Party Conference even considered a motion to 'sell' the ABC, let alone pass it.

I listen to the radio and watch the tv daily, it has been the source of my education in culture, the arts, the world, health, history and my country. Without the ABC I would be ignorant.

I grew up in a Housing Commission home, we were poor and significantly disadvantaged. Without the ABC in my life I would not have been able to develop my intellect. Throughout my long life, the ABC has fulfilled its charter and enriched my life.


One of the most important aspects of this is I can be free of commercial influence.

The ABC is too important to me to watch it's demise without protest. If it is interfered with any more then people like me won't have the advantage of an entertaining education freely available through the media. Unlike the elites, I pay my taxes and I won't them to support the ABC.

Yours,

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VIC 3207 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC provides essential "Merit Goods".

Without an independent ABC, all of our media will be in the hands of a very few powerful people. Those people will naturally want their new acquisition, I.e. a privatised ABC, to make a profit. Shows that cannot compete commercially, but add needed value to our society, such as ballet and opera (& maybe Peppa Pig?), are under the "Merit Goods" umbrella with education and health care. We would be a very culturally poor nation if we let those Merit Goods disappear because some wealthy entrepreneurs cannot draw a healthy profit from them.

On a less altruistic level, your government will surely lose the next federal election if you go back on your word and privatise the ABC. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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NSW 2580 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the most valuable information and entertainment resource in Australia. I watch no other news channel but the ABC as I feel I get the most balanced reporting on all issues. I watch the ABC news and 7.30 every evening. I wake up to Radio National each morning and keep every Monday evening free so I can enjoy and be enlightened by Four Corners and Q and A. The quality Australian produced dramas and comedies presented by the ABC also entertain me. I find nothing appealing in either commercial television or radio and feel very happy that my taxpayer money is being spent on such a quality service as the ABC. The ABC should be kept in public hand. To privatise this organisation would be a travesty.

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NSW 2452 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell off the ABC

I love the ABC programs, intellectual discourse and faith I have that it tells the truth. Please leave it alone. In fact, please increase its budget to former levels.

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NSW 2192 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia should be proud of its public broadcaster

It's incredibly rare and valuable in a world where the media is controlled by a handful of corporatitons with vested interests, to have a publicly owned broadcaster free to report independently on national and international affairs.


I live in regional WA and also appreciate the news coverage given to my area by the ABC News and 7.30 Report.

The ABC also represents quality. The commercial channels are full of either imported repeats, or embarassingly poor journalism and crass reality tv.

As a mother I trusted only the ABC and SBS as a source of entertainment and education for my child. The more I think about the attempts to dismantle or discredit the ABC the more furiuos I become. This issue will determine who I vote for, as without our trusted ABC hiw will we be able to accurately assess any issue?

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WA 6333 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: do not privitise the ABC

The ABC represents all Australians giving unbiased news and serious current affair reporting. It does not have to panda to any commercial interests. It is concerned with giving factual information so viewers can make their own decisions without influences from large commercial interests.

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SA 5158



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

ABC provides a broad spectrum of programs for people from all age groups, culture, region and professional background. We always listen to ABC radio and TV, and we strongly agree that ABC should continue be in PUBLIC HAND. ABC is the voice of the community and should not be privatised.

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NSW 2211




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:08 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: SAVE OUR ABC!! KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS!!

More and more media outlets are becoming the playthings of various vested interests. We desperately need the independent, unbiased voice of the ABC to give us the truth - undaunted by money, power or influence. PLEASE PLEASE SAVE OUR ABC. Some of the best Australian productions are created by the ABC, some of our kids are already being dubbed the "Netflix Generation" because they sound like American kids. Save our ABC and our Australian accent. PLEASE PLEASE KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS.

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NSW 2780 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

The ABC must not be privatised.
The service is Australia wide and a private company would cast off any unprofitable areas.
The ABC has encouraged many people to make programs that commercial stations would not support. The ABC NEEDS to stay out of commercial hands.

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WA 6157




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is an integral part of my daily life as the provider of diverse, quality and independent news and opinion. The ABC is where I access outstanding program content whether it be drama, comedy or documentary. On radio the ABC provides a reliable companion delivering independent coverage of news and current affairs and hysteria free coverage of sport. In short the ABC is ours, the people's and we are privileged to have it and duty bound to fight for it's protection.

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VIC 3350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!

A publicly funded broadcaster is more important than ever in an era of fake news and a vicious corporate media market; where clickbait helps incubate misinformation, extreme and simplistic view points. Government should be for the people's benefit; and an educated and informed civil society is what will help democracy thrive! Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media! Please keep the ABC for all of us.

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QLD 4017



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to remain in public's hands.

My family and I watch the ABC as it is the most reliable news source available in Australia. With programs such as 4 Corners and 7.30 Report being the most trustworthy news source. Are we to rely on commercial station news programs such as A Current Affair and The Project to deliver serious world news?


The Coalitions campaign to put the ABC in commercial hands will destroy the credibility of the now publicly funded essential ABC.

Coalition HANDS OFF THE ABC!

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NSW 2035 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC presents a whole kaleidoscope of views, stories, news, insights, drama, comedy and reflection for all Australians. I don't love every program on offer (although I enjoy very many of them), sometimes I might be offended or shocked but that is a good thing! At other times I might be challenged to rethink attitudes and assumptions - that too is a good thing! I don't want to be presented with a narrow view of our astonishing, beautiful, troubled world especially if that view is controlled by commercial interest. The ABC (television and radio) is incredibly precious. As a 56 year old I have watched the ABC from playschool days to the present. Radio programs accompany me wherever I travel. The ABC app and iView have only enhanced the experience. Please do not sell our ABC or in any way seek to diminish its vital role in our community.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's My ABC and not the whipping boy for governments who want to avoid proper scrutiny

I love the ABC and am happy for my tax dollars to be utilised on providing an independent public broadcaster. To me a public broadcaster assists our representative democracy working by providing unbiased information so that we citizens can keep governments accountable. There is already insufficient diversity in our newspapers, tv and radio., I want a broadcaster that represents all interest not just a particular ideology. As a person from a minority group I feel the ABC reflects more diversity than any other broadcaster. I hate commercials as well and it is a relief to watch programmes without having some consumerism shoved down my throat. I love the news and 7.30 report and insiders. I love Q and A best when it does not feature any politicians. I love Radio National, Fran Kelly is the best. I love Andrew West on the religion and ethics report. The law and health reports are always informative. I love the rural report and open roads., I've never had children but all my extended family the kids watch ABC. Privatisation would change all these fabulous shows., I love my ABC Apps. That's where I get my news on the go and catch up on shows I want to watch. What a devastating blow privatisation would bring to a fabulous and well worth it institution. Leave the ABC alone! It's my ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

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WA 6050




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is vital to Australia

The Murdoch press apparently controls 70% of Australian media and it is anything but balanced. Andrew Bolt and Alan Jones can hardly be described as impartial. Australia needs a public broadcaster free of interference by vested interests. Various sources claim that the ABC has a left-wing bias but ACMA has investigated investigations of the ABC between 2012 and 2017. It only found one breach of impartiality and none on accuracy. There are many other reasons to keep the ABC too, but fairness and impartiality are the main ones.

I will be furious if the ABC is weakened any further, let alone privatised.

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VIC 3690 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS AND FUNDED APPROPRIATELY

The ABC to our family is for so many reasons the soul of Australia. Entertainment is one thing but the freedom of the ABC to reflect without bias the nature of Australians in the past and into the future. We are disgusted that the push by the Liberal Govt to privatise the ABC will undermine the financial support that this nation willingly provides to keep the ABC strong and stronger into the future. The Liberal party will feel the lash of 70% of Australians if they continue down this path

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NSW 2099



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't support the right wing of the Federal Coalition

Like anyone who reads a real paper or listens to the ABC - I've seen CBA privatised - it needed a Royal Commission, Medibank -- it had more complaints than any other provider soon after privatisation, Building Standards - now they are too hard to access so the home owner/ handyman just does his own thing, Telstra - 8000 sackings at a time when their service is already hopeless and their overseas call centre is useless and oh so frustrating, etc

Except the ABC is more important than any of these - it is the basis of our free press and hence the basis of our democracy - the only thing preventing Trump from happening here.

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VIC 3003



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:07 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am a 70-year old woman who has many memories of the ABC going as far back as the fifties and the Argonauts club; I even remember I was [REDACTED]!
Over the years I have on the ABC for unbiased reporting of news and hope the broadcaster remains in public hands.

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WA 6060




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC.

Australia needs an independant news and current affairs station to be funded by taxpayers, even if they report thing that the government doesn't like. Say no to privatisation of the ABC.

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NSW 2483 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

The ABC must remain independent from corporate interest and interference. This is a public asset and must NEVER be privatized. As a taxpayer, I am delighted to fund the ABC. Do NOT sell off the ABC.

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WA 6230



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

I do not wish to listen to commercial radio or TV giving me their versions of what is happening in the world. I am not interested in cash for comment journalism. Do not contemplate privatising the ABC , I am 85 yearsold but will be prepared to take to the streets if necessary.

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VIC 3166



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC independent

The ABC must remain independent to remain relevant and not sucked into the vortex of mediocrity. I am an avid ABC viewer because of the breadth depth and variety of quality viewing that challenges informs educates and gets the community talking and debating. The investigative reporting and journalism is the jewel in the crown. Please keep the ABC strong vibrant and free

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australia needs the ABC

The ABC provides me with the information that I need to be a proud Australian, informed about the news and entertained. There are so many shows I love on the ABC. Gardening Australia, Country Wide, Mystery Road, Play School and the wonderful comedies and murder mysteries. I expect to have a national broadcaster that I trust and promotes my culture. I expect this to be an election issue as it's been there for my whole life and I don't expect it to be sold off because a few people on the liberal executive wants it. The ABC has a real and tangible benefit to Australia. I don't want to be like America I want to be Australian. The ABC is loved and I love it and will fight for it. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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VIC 3147 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Our family will be devastated if more damage is done to the ABC by this or any Govt. We rely on it for impartial news, education documentaries, Australian comedy and drama. We feel so strongly about it that we would support any politician that shares our views, and would take to the streets to save it from interference. There are some things that need to be in public hands, and this is one of them.
From a concerned viewer and swinging voter

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VIC 3050 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT privatise OUR ABC

It is difficult to comprehend HOW this (once) wonderful country has slid into the hands of extremists and psychopaths.
GOD HELP AUSTRALIA.

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NSW 2508 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

Dear Mr Turnbull, if you privatise the ABC you will go down as one of the greatest saboteurs of a free media in the history of Australia. We have all seen how privatising electricity has worked out. Just don't even think of privatising our ABC.

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SA 5211 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why an independent and publicly owned ABC is Important

The ABC is a vital part of my daily life from news, current affairs, music from classical to pop, plus important investigative reporting that would not be undertaken without fear or favour by any commercial outlet. More recently the ABC digital online services are second to none across many platforms and I use their links for further information as being more credible than those I would have to trawl through using Google. For regional areas their services in covering crisis events plus daily weather updates and local news are vital. It is impossible to imagine that by privatising the ABC that all these important services would be covered by a commercial outlet who at the end of day cannot afford to be 100% independent when they depend on advertising. I challenge the government to put their privatisation agenda to a plebiscite or preferable a referendum - it is this important especially when all traditional media platforms are under siege and struggling to survive. There has been no time in the past when retaining the ABC is now so important. And I would like to know where privatising important public utilities has proved to be either more efficient or provided cost savings. We are in such a mess having privatised e.g. Telstra when we would have had by now a proper NBN - or electricity when we would have by now moved to renewable energy. These failed examples of privatisation alone underline the importance of retaining a publicly owned where at least we can depend on being kept informed.

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NSW 2350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: THE ABC -- OUR PUBLIC BROADCASTER

A broadcaster, independently funded by us, Australian citizens, is a paramount contribution to our democracy.

Commercial channels are subject to the views of their owners [eg Murdoch], and in part the views of the advertisers, and their aim is to make a profit. These factors limit their ability to provide a wide variety of quality programmes.

Many regional areas, in particular, depend on the service provided by the ABC.

The ABC has shown itself to be especially useful in the area of emergency broadcasting. A small personal example -one day while listening to local ABC radio, I contacted my daughter to warn of a bushfire approaching her home .


Part of my life has been spent living abroad, and this has highlighted the importance of the objectivity of independent media [BBC, and CBC for example]; whereas in some other countries it has been hard to find a decent channel. In one US state, I found myself watching the weather channel in desperation.

I believe that the reasons I have given above contribute to the fact that the ABC is so highly trusted by the Australian people.

The Australian Government needs to acknowledge the importance of the National Broadcaster, and fund it properly, not privatise it.

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VIC 3127 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:06 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

To Whom It May Concern


I was very perturbed to hear of a move towards the possible privatisation of the ABC. I am 58 years old and have watched ABC tv and listened to Radio National and ABC FM since I was a child. My parents were 'anti-commercial' and we were not allowed to watch commercial tv. I remember fabulous programs such as Doctor Who, The Aunty Jack Show and more recently Rake and Gardening Australia. I remember enjoying SBS tv as well but knew that it would deteriorate when ads were introduced. And it certainly did mar the experience.

I believe that independent news coverage with no vested interests is of prime importance. A society which is run purely for profit is a sad one. I would be devastated if the ABC become a commercial enterprise. Please maintain the ABC's independence and don't give another thought to commercialisation.

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3199 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: In a post-truth world we need the ABC more than ever

I listen to ABC Classic FM all the time. It not only plays music from all over the world, it broadcasts concerts, many of them live, and it is involved in the International Piano Competition and the Australian Festival of Chamber Music amongst others. It has personalities that become part of your life - like they're personal friends - plus they promote Australian artists. I can't imagine how it would work if it was interrupted by commercial advertising. It's such a privilege and we are so lucky to have the knowledge and the expertise in this area. Why would anyone want to deprive of us of this cultural boon?

I watched the recent drama Mystery Road on iview, which had a distinguished aboriginal cast playing alongside genuine legendary Australian icons like Judy Davis, Colin Friels and John Waters. Truly top shelf Australian drama.

ABC 4 Corners has to be one of the best investigative programmes in the world. Is the ABC too successful? Does it uncover issues that some would prefer to stay hidden? In a post-truth world, the ABC provides a source of information that people trust. When social media has become riddled with bogus news stories, the ABC is more important than ever.

We live in a time when our society seems to be faced by the greatest schisms I've seen since the Vietnam war. I believe the ABC has become a focal point of that schism, because it puts integrity before political pressure to conform to ultra conservative views.

The health of a democracy, no matter where it exists, can be assessed by the freedom of its news media. On this basis, Australia is one of the healthiest democracies in the world. The desire by some people, both inside and outside of politics, to muzzle the ABC is a symptom of the polarisation of the current political climate. Free speech goes both ways. You can't have debate without an opposing viewpoint. You can't argue for free speech if you want to censor everyone who disagrees with you. The attacks against the ABC and SBS is an effort by both politicians and corporate interests to silence voices that they don't agree with. When that happens the principles on which our democracy rests are damaged at best and lost at worst.

We must be a very rare country that allows a tax funded media to keep the government of the day honest, independently of party politics. And that's what some people in politics want to take away from us, the public.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3079 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

It is very important that ABC remains in the hands of the people! Every other thing that has been privatised has gone to the pack!! It becomes commercial, insular, profit driven, corrupted, worthless, annoying.....I could go on. ABC and SBS are the stations that I watch and listen to almost all of the time. I don't want them to be privately owned!!!!!! They belong lovingly by US!

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QLD 4870 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

Dear enquiry members,

I am writing to appeal to you to maintain the public status of the ABC. The ABC is a national treasure, providing the most trusted source of information in the country, along with invaluable forums for discussion, cultural programmes and general entertainment. It is the envy of many countries. Please do not betray the wishes of the Australian population, not least the people who live in provincial cities and towns and in rural and remote Australia. The ABC must never be privatised. You hold it in trust; it is not yours to sell off to the highest bidder.

I appeal to your love of this nation and to your integrity. Hands off the ABC!

Yours sincerely,

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VIC 3052



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatization of the ABC

The ABC must not be privatised because independent media is very important in a Democracy. I know many people think the ABC is biased but I can't see that. I have seen criticism of both or all sides of politics on the ABC. This independence is a service in a sense and so the cost should not be seen as a waste. It's often educational, why would you want to stop that?

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VIC 3450




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Commercial media sucks! Save the ABC!

Hey keep your grubby hands off the ABC, it doesn't matter where in Australia you are the ABC has provided better service and crucial support to a range of age groups across cultural and social spectrums. If governments can't keep biased low brow fear mongering media organisations to account I'm not letting go of the last half decent check on how they are perform. This is critical to the Aussie identity. Triple j, radio national, and the daily news are just about as critical as coffee and breakfast. And there is so much more they do I can't and shouldn't have to list out here.

If you useless politicians performed to a minimum standard it might be up for discussion, but with standard of Australian democracy so low there is no way we can afford to loose this valuable institution. The ABC is Priceless, hands off you pack of snakes,

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NSW 2448 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is not for sale.

My taxes are used for hundreds of kindergartens, schools, universities, child care centers... and I don't have children. I don't mind this at all, I understand it is for the public good. So please do not tell me I cannot pay for a trusted, intelligent, news and current affair station.

If I am forced to watch mind numbing The Batchelor, people crying over cooking results and product placement news, as well as hours of other inane advertisements, things will not go well in voting land.

Trust in politicians and Government is a very nebulous idea at the moment, and destroying the ABC will only reinforce that ideology is ruling over the public good. That fake news will be rampant, and no government can be trusted to do what is in the public's best interests.

Please let me see an example where privatizing of public assets has resulted in a better service 10 years down the track.

The ABC funding levels should be re-instated and it's value kept in the Public hands.

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VIC 3044




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

Whether broadcasting to regional Australia or the city, Wollongong or London, the ABC, our national broadcaster, serves as our country's voice. If it is sold, the integrity of this institution and therefore our country is under severe threat.

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NSW 2095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands.

in a word of fake news, ABC is a trusted source of news in Australia.

It is not only a source of news, it is a trusted source whenever there is an emergency it is the first place that Australian's turn to.

This on it's own is worth the weight in gold. Australian Emergency services can get their message quickly and efficiently to Australians.

In a word of reality TV and where children are constantly bombarded with advertisements and inappropriate content for their ages, the ABC provides an amazing service to Parents.

So lets keep the ABC it's worth every cent!

Warm Regards,

[REDACTED]

NSW 2205



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is our only channel not saturated with advertising. Give us a break!

I am horrified to hear that the government is really considering privatising the one good TV station that Australia has (there were two, and SBS is still good, but now there is so much advertising on it that it's almost as bad as the commercial stations).

Please understand that there is a huge number of people who do not want advertising relentlessly thrust down their throats. Please consider that in countries like the UK there are SEVERAL BBC stations that are not inundated with adverts and that millions of people prefer this.

Please - give Australians the option and don't treat us all as idiots!

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WA 6111 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the A.B.C. in public hands

It belongs to the people and should never be political.
The A.B.C. is not bias, you just do not like hearing what a mess you are doing governing this country.
They would do the same to what ever party is in power.

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VIC 3747



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:05 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO to privatising the ABC

The ABC is central to the fabric of our society and is a stalwart of our heritage as Australians by way of providing all Australians with essential news and media content over generations. Only the ABC continuing in public hands will ensure that this legacy continues, and ensure that the high standard of journalistic integrity continues. Privatisation will ensure that those with the money have the control and this is an anthem to our Australian society.
NO privatisation of the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The abc must not be privatised

The abc is one of the most trusted institutions in Australia; at a time when 'fake news' is rife, surely a body such as this must remain independent of commercial interests.

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ACT 2612 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect Democracy and the ABC.

The ABC must never be privatised. It is a cornerstone of democracy in this country as without it there would be no one to do the important journalism needed to keep us properly informed. Commercial outlets are not interested in these subjects, they are after ratings not exposing the truth. Just because people don't want to see certain stories doesn't mean they don't need to. It is also a reflection of who we are - I can't imagine my kids growing up watching only foreign kids shows, for example. It is incredibly ignorant to evaluate the ABC on mere monetary value. It is so much more than that. There are those who seek to privatise under the guise of economics but who really seek to silence those who ask too many legitimate questions.

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NSW 2050



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands - it must not be sold

We must not 'privatise' the ABC. Nor must we let it suffer 'death by a thousand cuts', which seems to be the current government's aim. The ABC is a vital, Australian institution and it must remain in public hands. Sadly, it is not the institution it once was because it is starved of money. It has been responsible for entertaining, informing and educating the public as well as launching the careers of many talented people who would not have gained the necessary skills and experience had it not been for the ABC. I know many in government hate the ABC because it does not accept the government line uncritically. That is as it should be and, I hope, the way it will continue for a long time to come. I listen to ABC radio, watch ABC television and use its on-line services and have done so for many years. We need more media diversity in this country and one way of ensuring this is by having a properly funded and well-resourced ABC. Any attempts by government to sell the ABC must not occur; it would be nothing short of cultural vandalism.

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VIC 3185




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

The ABC is the only TV channel I watch. Other than the SBS all commercial channels are an insult to my intelligence.

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VIC 3149 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

Through out my life at all stages the ABC has been the go to source for information during natural disasters, weather, warnings, education, entertainment wherever I have travelled, lived and worked with in Australia and Overseas.

It requires increased funding to provide it's valuable essential services which the private sector have never been able to match and never will as that sector is incapable of ever doing so.

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QLD 4179 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Defend the public good from the profiteers


The ABC as a public body independent of vested commercial interests is, I believe, of vital importance in any country claiming to be a healthy democracy, and especially in Australia.

Without the current independent status of the ABC - where this hasn't already been savagely undermined by ill-considered funding cuts - we'd be subject to the unaccountable commercial interests, prejudices, and whims of a small handful of influential owners. Knowing the price of everything and the value of nothing, their display of a lack of understanding of anything outside of their bank-balances. Even their espousal of their rigged "competition" is farcically tragic, a thin veneer behind which they'll limit real choices even further and impoverish the society to which pay lip-service but undermine in practice by their narrow selfish manipulations.

Please stand up for genuine public interest by preventing the mindless 'privatisation' - little more than a code-word for enriching the few at the cost of the many - of the ABC. Australia desperately needs an independent voice in public hands in the interest of all Australians.

Thank you

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QLD 4069 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO PRIVATISATION OF THE ABC

I am utterly opposed to any privatisation of the ABC, either fully or partially. For me the ABC is an essential public service. It provides me with accurate, reliable news reports that give proper weight to the issues of the day. It also provides in-depth, insightful commentary through TV, radio and podcasts. These include programmes that focus on areas of specialist interest such as science and philosophy. The ABC also offers a forum for open, informed discussion of important issues, such as Q and A. I rely on an independent, non-commercial ABC to keep me in touch and well-informed about world, national and local affairs as well as my own areas of interest. There is no way that a commercialised ABC could be relied upon to provide such a service. I have been a Liberal voter for many years but this threat to the ABC DISGUSTS me - I will vote against any party that proposes or supports such a proposal.

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VIC 3187 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:04 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is Australia's greatest

Education, the arts and children's programs are just three reasons to never let the ABC fall into commercial hands, because the other broadcasters are not interested in supplying Australians with anything that helps us learn or understand us or our country better. The ABC have proven over many years that they are the only ones who really care about Australian content and Australian stories. The ABC is the greatest education, entertainment and news body in this country, we must never see it fall into commercial hands. if you value Australia as a country that is inclusive and understanding keep the ABC free from commercial interests.

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Garran, ACT.

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ACT 2605 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear Liberal Party leaders,

This possible enquiry into privatising the ABC misses the point of the reason the ABC exists. The ABC is one of the intellectual, cultural and scientific backbones of the Australian society. Commercial media does not fulfill this space in the Australian society as it is not its purpose. For decades I have listened to the ABC radio stations in the car and at home. Everywhere in Australia I can find the radio stations and keep informed as we did on our grey nomading trips. Receiving regional radio stations was a treat and added to our understanding of our diverse country. The broadcasting of lectures from around the world on a wide range of topics deepens my understanding of the complex world we live in. My daughter is in her early 30s and these younger adults go to performances by former Playschool presenters and other ABC children's performers who present more risqué version of the songs and themes of their childhood shows. The ABC children's programs are part of the cultural landscape in Australia and have become part of the DNA of adults who grew up with the programs.

I am sure that many Liberal and National voters are as attached to the ABC in their daily lives as I am.

regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
West Ryde 2114
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NSW 2114




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC our ABC

My husband and I are firm fans of the ABC as is our 23 year old daughter. We have a lot of common favourites such as the news, Media Watch, QandA, 4 Corners and the satirical shows. Personally, I also enjoy Landline, Compass and Songs of Praise, not to mention series like the Miss Fisher Mysteries. When our children were small, they watched the classic ABC children's programs. However, I am not writing only to defend my viewing pleasure. I am writing defend the role of the ABC in our democracy: I consider it precious and irreplaceable. How many times have vital social and political issues been brought to notice by the ABC? From "The Moonlight State" to the Murray- Darling crisis, the health and integrity of our democracy has been supported by our national broadcaster. Having lived in the U.S. for a decade, I would never take our ABC for granted. Let us not forget the importance of the ABC as our emergency broadcaster - I never do because my brother-in-law is a CFS captain in rural South Australia. Speaking of rural Australia, who represents the stories of our farming and outback communities a fraction as well as the ABC? Last but not least, "Behind the News" is an invaluable teaching tool for my Year 5 students. Keep the ABC our ABC.

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NSW 2097 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC has been an icon in broadcasting in Australia since its inception. It needs to be kept in public hands to remain unbiased and serve the whole population of Australia as well as it possibly can.

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QLD 4352




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Fascism is here

Selling the ABC will be the end of any semblance of democracy. What's left of it Murdoch media already own over 70% of media and THEY ARE VERY BIASED to the right. Voters trust the ABC far more than any political party

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VIC 3722 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's everyone's ABC, not someone's.

The ABC has been with me throughout my life - I remember the joy of the imaginative crafts in Playschool, Heartbreak High authentically exploring teen issues, Rage being the soundtrack to house parties during uni, and now shows like Media Watch, Four Corners, Gruen Transfer, and RN Mornings and so many more expanding my knowledge.

The amount of content that the organisation creates - that passionate content makers manage to produce with out-of-date gear, tiny budgets and even smaller teams is incredible.

The ABC is an iconic voice of and for Australia, and has been since the 1932. To see the institution privatised would be stifling the only media voice that represents everyone.

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NSW 2011 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

A publically funded broadcasting company may be strangled by poor government funding but at least it will remain more independent than a commercially funded one. The ABC has had an excellent global reputation for reporting. You (government ministers) should be as proud of it as I am.

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VIC 3101 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never sell the ABC

I watch the ABC to see balanced reporting and informative journalism, and watch high quality television shows.

I will not vote for any party which intends to sell the ABC.

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VIC 3199



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:03 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

Dear Prime Minister,

I write to you in relation to recent Liberal Party Member discussions on the privatisation of the ABC.

I am a mother with two children. The only television channel they watch is ABC Kids. The children's programming is educational and engaging, in addition, I need not worry about the kind of advertising material they may be exposed to as obviously the ABC does not have commercial advertisements.

Further to this, when I am seeking reliable, unbiased and non sensationalised news, I turn to the ABC.

My husband and I also enjoy watching many of the drama and comedy series on the ABC. The support of the local Australian film and television industry by the ABC is yet another crucial part of our public broadcaster.

Please confirm your ongoing and public commitment to keeping the ABC as Australia's public broadcaster.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6014




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Freedom of speech. Australia bought its seat on the Human Rights Council. WTF is this hypocrisy?

UN HRC = freedom of speech. Australia can be a champion.

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VIC 3079 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is a crucial and trusted part of my family's 'everyday'.
ABC for kids is an essential part of my three year old's life. Playschool was enormously important in my own childhood and I'm pleased to say the same for my own children. ABC 3 and the app are a source I trust for content suitable for my older children.
ABC news is my most trusted source for news. I use it daily. I value the balanced coverage and investigative journalism. No commercial source is comparable.
I use Behind the News with my primary class often. It is an essential part of Australian schooling.
The ABC is a national treasure. We can not afford to privatize it. Please keep the ABC in public hands.
Australia relies on it.

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NSW 2133 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To me the ABC is the most trusted source of news, programs for children (my grandchildren), current affairs and many other programs not provided by the commercial outlets. People in the country, my family included, love the ABC radio and TV and are astounded that any government that represents the people could even think of selling the ABC. I, like many of my friends, watch the ABC and listen to the ABC radio in the car as my primary source of information. I find the bias of the "shock jocks" on radio offensive, they are usually pushing the commercial line of their sponsors and presenting this as news. The commercial media in Australia already have a huge influence on the minds of their readers and viewers with their political bias and at times fake news which the government is silent on. Australia without a public broadcaster free from government influence and corporate agendas would be a dangerous situation. Public broadcasting should not be compared to commercial TV and should be properly funded, the ABC has a very different charter to commercial stations and are not beholden to advertising. The "Kill the ABC" strategy by the Liberals with funding cuts and constant bogus complaints makes me feel like I live in a 3rd world country run by a dictatorship.

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NSW 2154 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep private interests out of the ABC

As a loyal listener to ABC Classic FM, I fear the impact of government interference with ABC operations. With cost cutting imposed for years, it must be getting harder for the ABC to provide unique services to small target audiences like me and my fellow listeners. More attacks on the ABC will result in it cutting off the less commercial services like my radio to concentrate on the more popular core. I will become mere collateral damage.

Privatising the ABC would be the ultimate insult to me - not only would my reflective music go, so would a balanced news coverage and my occasional delight in good drama and humour. These have not been and cannot be offered in the same way by "The Market". Market driven managers (and I was one) cannot afford to pander to my tastes, and the ABC would decline to the sad state of today's commercial media.

You cannot sell something and maintain quality: look at Commonwealth Bank, NSW Electricity and other privatisations. They feed short term greed only.

The Liberal Party has let me down many times recently. It would be dreadful to add the ABC to their list of victims, and I pledge to work against them should this happen.

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NSW 2533



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep public the ABC

The coalitions attack on the ABC is ideological and partisan and not based on any economic model or convincing evidence. Rather, this attack is based upon the Coalition's hurt feelings when they hear public criticism of their policies. This attack is a move to bring the Coalition into that secure, sealed space beyond public criticism, the place that the White Queen had in Alice in Wonderland.

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TAS 7215



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the abc in public hands

I implore you all to keep the ABC in public hands forever and always!
We need a National broadcaster without commercial interests in the interest of balanced and fair investigative reporting. It has been a part of my life from earliest memories... market reports for stock and wool prices along ..and Blue Hills to news every day of my life!
No to selling our treasure!!!

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VIC 3340



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:02 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I need the stimulation & critical analysis of political & social topics & classical music which is my life blood. I love my ABC. Please keep in our hands away from the dumbing down commercial stations.

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QLD 4068



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I can't believe that in this day and age of attacks on the media for nothing more than convenience and personal gain, our big "tough" guys in government don't have the wisdom, the character or courage to keep the national broadcaster funded. How ugly, how pathetic.

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WA 6530




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is a treasure that helps to create a rich and healthy Australian identity. Radio national represents a broad cross section of our community. It is informative, intelligent, enriching, vibrant and enlightening - all things that keep our community healthy and strong. Our ABC TV is second to none. It provides a balanced oversight of life in Australia. This can only be achieved as a publically owned, none commercial enterprise. I trust the reporting and appreciate the depth of review, research and analysis that goes into the broad range of programs. It would be a huge mistake to underestimate the importance and value of such an independent none commercially influenced media group. Politians must treasure and protect this ever vulnerable asset we share.

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SA 5067 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public.

ABC is the only channel I trust to offer entertaining me intelligent programs and relatively unbiased news views.

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NSW 2042 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is the only organisation that represents every one no matter what their politics are. It Covers all of Australia where commercial Tv does not. Australia needs an independent government owned broadcaster that covers not only Australia but most of the world. It also asks awkward questions of people who do not respect the general public or small business.

If you think I'm a lefty you're dead wrong I believe in a fair go for everyone who is a dinkum Australian.

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VIC 3875



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABCFree from commercialpressures

If you take away this one body unaffected by commercial pressure, one outcome is that you will lose my vote!!!

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ACT 2611




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC Public!

Keep the ABC in public hands!

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WA 6160 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Hello. My name is [REDACTED] and I am a music teacher in Melbourne. I am increasingly concerned as both an educator and a parent that our communities do not receive quality unbiased journalism from our commercial stations. The ABC is the one news source our family can go to to find out exactly what is going on, not what someone would like us to think is going on. The ABC plays such a pivotal role in our society, whether it be in country Australia, in the arts or our children's education. You only have to look at the state and quality of commercial television in this country to realise how precious a publicly owned broadcaster is. The ABC is an important balance in our society. It provides us with balanced news and current affairs and it provides us with culture. I simply do not trust a commercial media company to do this. You shouldn't either. This is a resource I am more than willing to keep paying for for the rest of my tax paying life.

Regards

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[REDACTED]

VIC 3129



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


I have grown up with the ABC, and it is vital to my understanding of and engagement with the society around me.

My parents would regularly watch ABC programming on TV - news, drama and comedy. The radio was always tuned to ABC Radio National and ABC News Radio. It was through this that I became aware of politics and society. It was always a trusted source of information, that presented informed and detailed analysis.

Now, as a parent with a young family, it still is a trusted media source. From children's programming to the news and political analysis that I still consume.

In entertainment media, I also appreciate the way ABC will invest in diversity, especially in new talent. The ABC will commission new programming that show the Australian society we actually live in - a depiction not readily seen on the commercial networks.

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VIC 3184 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I treasure listening to the ABC for the variety of in depth non partisan journalism. It is precious for our whole country to have this valuable service, spanning all ages & interests. It is educational & informative, not ruled by profit making market forces, the lowest common denominator & advertisements. It is imperative we protect such an institution against ignorance & vested interests, who fear truth brings things to light. Courage to withstand attacks.

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VIC 3193 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:01 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserve the impartiality and the important cultural role of the ABC

The television on the ABC every afternoon after school was a defining feature of my childhood. My parents could trust that I would see educational and Australian programming, and that I would not be bombarded by advertising for toys, foods, theme parks or other flashy things that young minds can fixate on.

As an adult I rely on the Chartered requirement of the ABC to fairly represent topics in the news. I rely on there being a news outlet without a commercial agenda that is beholden only to the Australian people. The ABC is trusted by me and most Australians.

The ABC plays an important part in the Australian media landscape and in holding public figures to account. If networks blame the ABC for flagging ratings they are really pissing in the wind. Cord cutting, changing media landscapes, international competition and frankly, long term demographic shift is doing its part. I would also suggest that commercial networks need to look at their own content. If there is nothing but Master Chef and gossipy reality shows, some of your viewers will just tune out. Diversity, edginess and taking risks has always been a cornerstone of ABC programming which commercial networks would be well served to learn from instead of deriding.

Keep the ABC in public hands, where it belongs.

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QLD 4069 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HERE WE GO AGAIN FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY

government that is out of touch with free speech it doesn't like any criticism this government has decided it can do as it likes there will be an election soon enough people remember watch out a decision on privatizing ABC will cost at the polls

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NSW 2631 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please Don't Privatisise the ABC

I am concerned about the possible privatisation of the ABC and believe it needs to remain in public hands. We need honest reporting unbiased with company affiliations and that is what a public ABC provides.

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WA 6060



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I value my ABC for their service to my community. I live in a bushfire-prone area, and as the mobile phone service is dodgy at the best of times, it is no use in an emergency situation. I need to be able to monitor reports on my radio. I am not living in a remote area - I live approx 40Kms from Melbourne. Also, I value thoughtful and independent reporting and analysis - I don't tombe told what to think, but what to think about

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VIC 3160




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC safe

The recent efforts by the Liberal Party and the IPA are alarming. our forebears understood that a strong public broadcaster was one of the essentials of a democracy as it provided an independent analysis of the workings of our governing institutions it also gave other nations a reliable analysis of our society and its values. its model was the BBC I am sure and it's hard to imagine how different WW II might have been without that company's contribution. the ABC's other great function is to civilize and promote the cultural and intellectual life of the country and unite the various geographic areas. the citizen in a remote area can listen to programs about science, philosophy, literature, law etc as well as a city person and thus can have access to all aspects of our culture and life. this is of enormous benefit to overcome their isolation and to stimulate their well being. Retired people, at home parents, the unwell and others can also have an outlet which can stimulate them and connect them to the world. I personally have used RN's programs to save my sanity at various times of my life when I have been unwell and daily rely on their news, current affairs and wonderful range of enlightening programs to keep me reliably informed and mentally stimulated. The mindless dross of the commercial networks would lead to mental atrophy.

the ABC is an Australian cultural necessity. Increase its funding and allow it to flourish. Protect our culture and our democracy as our forebears understood it should be allowed to do.

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NSW 2229 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Keeping our public broadcaster public is very important. Shame on those who are trying to push their own political agendas.

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NSW 2200




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

Our ABC is vitally important for receiving trusted news, current affairs as well as the best quality children's programs with no advertisements to corrupt young minds. Superb radio - I especially like to listen to Radio National which has the best intelligent programming. My favourites are, Life Matters, Big Ideas, the Health Report and Conversations. No other radio channel comes anywhere near the quality of ABC. The high quality iview, Listen and SBS on Demand apps are wonderful. What a dreadful thing it would be to have ABC privatised and then the content would be whatever the owner decreed. It is crucial for our democracy to have an independent publicly funded Australian Broadcaster. None of the commercial channels have real investigative journalism. Just because the government of the day does not like everything that is reported is not a good reason to get rid of it. Only dictatorship countries silence discerners. I love our ABC and SBS. I will not vote for a party that intends to sell off our trusted ABC

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QLD 4570 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of the ABC: A serious mistake

The ABC is a historical and cultural asset, important to all ages and classes of Australians. It occupies a unique space in our democracy, in a category beyond metrics and commercial considerations. The privatisation of former valuable public assets over time are now being regretted. There is no valid reason to repeat these mistakes with our trusted ABC.

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NSW 2500 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: All privatised media goes Right-winged

ABC is mandated as not politically biased, and if you privatise it, it will not be able to not be biased, it will be subjective according to the advertisers and private owners. WE HAVE ALREADY TOO MANY RIGHT-WING commercial stations in this country. The Coalition only want to privatise ABC, so it to can be right-wing monopolised. It's shallow and transparent. Keep it public, or we will lose something precious in the media landscape - TRUTH & FACTS!

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NSW 2192 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My ABC. How dare you suggest it could be sold.

I grew up with the ABC. Back in those old days we only had two channels, ABC3 and BTV6, our local independent TV station. How quaint and archaic we all were. I even remember the national anthem, if you sat up late enough.

I don't feel that old, but I must be. These days you can channel surf endlessly, or just stream or download, and guess what I don't even own a television, but if I did I have no doubt it would be stuck on ABC, as I find the commercial channels shrill, cheap, full of faux indignation, and too many wearisome advertisements for stuff I don't want.

The thing I most admire about the ABC was the way it embraced the digital age. The way radio programs can be combined with text and images online, the way iView finally freed everyone from being obliged to stay home or else they'd miss an episode. I have also been impressed by ABC Local and ABC Open, absolutely sensational programs and activities right here in our community and all over Australia, an opportunity to learn and understand about our once great country, and the people we share it with.


There is absolutely NO WAY that you can convince me that if the ABC was privatised, there would be a service like ABC Open. Open has already suffered cuts, to my disappointment; I worked with a number of Open people professionally in our community, and I saw community activity, people learning and developing, ESPECIALLY in this digital age expanding their skills both for pleasure but also in ways that enhanced now-essential life skills.

DO NOT PRIVATISE OUR ABC. We see through this privatisation racket now. Here in Victoria the loss of our SEC was shameful. I have no doubt an SEC R&D section would have us far advanced in renewable technologies, to massive public benefit. I am disgusted by small minded and narrow viewed people who fail to see the importance of an independent public broadcaster. I pay my taxes precisely for public good. I am infuriated that my taxes might go on politicians court fees, useless inquiries into the NAIF, or on material for war.

FUND THE ABC PROPERLY, AND ABOVE ALL DO NOT PRIVATISE IT.

Thanks for reading this, I am pretty mad and am not often moved to writing a submission. But the ABC has been precious to Australia. It is already sadly damaged. Any further damage will be unforgivable.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must never be privatised

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

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect and Maintain the ABC

Democratic societies require a strong media which is broad and diverse. Media needs to hold those in power to account and to expose the light on those dark corners.

Irrespective of an ideological position, no one group individual or entity holds a monopoly on truth and wisdom. A society needs the diversity of views.

Even if the ABC did lean left and I do not accept that's that a bad thing when others hold the right. The almost unanimity of the Murdoch press on some issues is offered a counter point by the ABC and Fairfax.

In terms of bias, I do not accept that it is as evident and prominent as the critics assert. Its shows offer differing perspectives. Q & A by way of example, usually has a member of the Government represented and a member of the Opposition. The IPA has had representatives appear as have the Business Council and Australian Industry Group. Journalists from the News Ltd press are guests as are journalists from groups such as Get Up. Its panels are more diverse than the make up of the Australian Parliament. To illustrate its panellists comprise men and women of different sexual persuasions and gender diversity. There are corporate executives and Judith Sloan is a frequent guest. There are community activists and young people as well as old.

In debates of religion Cardinal George Pell appeared alongside debating Dr Richard Dawkins.

Shows such as Insiders have a broad cross section of journalists. Former Costello staffer and journalist Nikki Savva is a member. David Marr can often be seen sparring with Gerard Henderson who articulately puts the Conservative case.

Lets look at the commercial reality affecting private media groups. They are increasingly using media releases in place of real news. News rooms and the of journalists are shrinking. Privatisation or cuts to the ABC are not going to be immune from this phenomenon. It makes the ABC even more important and integral to our Australian democracy.

Private media by its nature is commercial. Its earns its revenues from advertising sales and sponsorship. Is it likely to hurt its commercial activities and imperil its profits by investigating frauds, environmental vandalism, safety concerns or culture within insurers. Any one who has ever watched morning TV will note the high number of ads for Funeral Insurance and Aged care facilities. Would a commercial broadcaster investigate corruption or unsafe practices in the age care sector as the ABC did?

Private media is pwned by corporations. Is a private entity such as The Australian, The Daily Telegraph or The Herald Sun going to expose corporate governance issues at its parent company. News as part of the Murdoch controlled interests are now a foreign media company. Are they going to allow an investigation into many of the taxation ports utilised by these companies to minimise tax.

This is where a strong and fearless broadcaster comes into its own.

Looking at the quality of programming. Commercial broadcasters bring us a plethora of reality television. We are bombarded with many hours of house makeovers, survivor programmes and cooking shows. Foreign television programmes are favoured by networks as they are cheaper.

Australian culture and values are preserved and protected by the ABC which has this as part of its charter.

The late Hector Crawford the doyen and considered by many as a father of Australian Television fought hard for Australian content as have others in the industry, Minimum content regulations have ensured we have some Australian TV. The ABC has in line with charter obligations provided us with many fine examples. Past shows included Power Without Glory, Seven Little Australians, Patrol Boat and more recently Glitch, the Doctor Blake Mysteries and The Miss Fisher Murder Mysteries.

I will again look at the issue of Impartiality. Senator Hanson doesn't like the ABC as they examined her party and did an investigation. They did also however, do a programme on the dysfunction of the Australian Greens. Both the fringe parties-on the right and left were examined.

John Howard was able to produce his documentary on Menzies. Leadership tensions within the Liberal Party were examined in a series of programmes as were the Leadership ambitions on Hawke -Keating and Rudd Gillard.

The ABC is a fundamental part of our democracy and must be protected.

The coalition may feel that they are targeted at the moment but they are the party in Government. Whoever holds Government will of course get more scrutiny as they make the decisions and sit on the Treasury benches.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC taxpayer funded and free of the bias that plagues Australian media.

I write this without prejudice and with great concern.

The ABC ,apart from SBS, are the only institutions that I can rely on for factual,relevant, detailed and unbiased news and current affairs. The ABC News is my main source of information.

The quality of local and overseas programs screened is unsurpassed. As an example Channel 7 screens repeats of British crime dramas such as Sweeney, Frost and others recycled from the ABC. Mystery Road is such a great programme showcasing so many new young Aboriginal actors and Actresses. Jack Irish is another example and who can forget Rake. I don't believe profit orientated channels would have screened these programs.I rarely watch commercial channels because their programs are cheap and nasty and the ABC exposes them for what they are.

Other media outlets want to destroy the ABC as it exposes their cheap programming,bias and championing of their owners commercial and private agendas. I call on government to keep their hands off this cherished institution.

My country friends and family in the country rely heavily on the information the reach and contribution of the ABC networks.

The ABC is highly respected amongst our neighbours and makes me proud of the great things it transmits. I think a lot of politicians from all sides are uneasy because the ABC keeps them more honest than they would prefer.

As one of five taxpayers and voters in this household we are quite happy that our taxes are used to support this great ,important and much loved part of Australian society. I urge this inquiry to recommend it's continued role as is and recommend increased funding. The ABC and SBS are part of what makes Australian democracy the great country it is today.

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VIC 3039




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:00 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

No reason necessary. Only a self motivated, self interest vessel would be pro sell.

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ACT 2904 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My ABC

My public broadcaster gives me a window into the educated world, with the Science Show, Big Ideas and many vital expert views enlarging layperson's understanding.


Privatisation of a public broadcaster is not, in my view, a legitimate action of an elected government. A democracy benefits from a public broadcaster bringing the wide range of views and analyses to everyone.

In hindsight, was it a good idea to privatise the Commonwealth Bank and Telstra? NO, NO, NO.

Should we privatise government? NO. Please resist, and do represent us, the people of Australia.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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NSW 2110 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No to ABC privatisation

How about we have at least one station which doesn't broadcast for the interests of the investors but does in the interests of the public.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep it public

It's the only truly balanced news in Australia.

It's the only way to get free to air entertainment that isn't full of advertising.

Its ours!

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VIC 3051 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

In an era of rampant commercialism and control of news by vested interests, the ABC remains for me a trusted entity. It lifts the lid on dodgy practises in public and private life (4Corners for eg), it warms the heart with glimpses of people from all walks of life (Australian Story, Landline), it provides great drama and stories (Mystery Road) and best of all - ITS COMMERCIAL FREE. Privatisise our ABC at your peril. Our longstanding democratic right to free and public broadcast is at real risk of being high jacked by narrow sectors of interest in the Liberal party. I want this amazing and valuable ABC to remain free from privatisation and private control.

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NSW 2104 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC belongs to the people and gives quality programs

The ABC and SBS are held in high regard by Australians, they provide quality programs, that satisfy and celebrate the diversity and talent in Australian culture. The ABC and SBS are able to provide such an outstanding quality and diversity of programs due to the fact that they are publicly funded, and are able to attract and support dedicated film and television professionals to provide a feast of interesting and diverse programs.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy.

The Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters was launched as part of a deal between the Turnbull Government and Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party has very questionable motives. It will no doubt assess the cost of everything and the value of nothing.


The ABC and SBS cannot be compared with commercial media for obvious reasons. For instance 4 Corners is considered one of the most trusted news sources. The quality and diversity of the films and mini series available on these stations are miles ahead of commercial television, they are a credit to Australia.

The LNP wants to dumb down Australia and are obviously using this Inquiry to push for the Privatising of the ABC and SBS. This will generate outrage . Like health and Education the ABC is a tax payers right, a democratic right. It seems big corporate businesses who don't pay tax have more rights. I guess thats another indicator on where the governments priorities are

Why are we having this inquiry ? We should be having an inquiry into corporate tax and off shore investment instead.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

We need a public broadcaster that is totally independent so that we can continue to get high quality investigative journalism. In this current era of social media where there are not checks and balances on so called news items it is even more imperative that we have a public broadcaster like the ABC that is governed by ethical standards

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: an independent and non-commercial ABC

It is essential that the ABC remain independent and non-commercial to ensure that this nationally respected icon in the life of the Australian nation remains a reliable and honest broker in Australia. In addition, the ABC provides a breadth and depth of coverage of personal, political, national and international affairs that is not found anywhere else in our media. Defend and extend the ABC!

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NSW 2131



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:59 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is incredibly important to me. As a child I was educated by programmes on the ABC. I watched ABC news with my parents and heard ABC radio from a young age. Even from a young age, the ABC exposed me to Australian culture: comedy, music programmes like Countdown and Sweet and Sour, science programmes and news. The ABC is still incredibly important to me. The ABC Comedy channel is an oasis from the stresses of life, and I feel I am very well informed by the ABC 24 News Channel. The latter provides news that has direct community impact and even has provided me with immediate information on two fires that affected the Sutherland Shire during the last summer. I am an avid watcher of the 7:30 Report and I still continue to enjoy musical output from the ABC by watching Rage and listening to ABC Classic FM and JJJ. The QandA program provides an essential place for the populace to come into contact with politicians and this is a unique service that is not found in the intellectual desert found on commercial media.


The ABC stands above party politics and has ongoing importance to all future generations of Australians. A study by the ABC found that there is about a 1:1 ratio of left wing to right wing political commentators and an independent study has not found any evidence of political bias. I am dismayed by the abysmal attempts to privatise the ABC and to denigrate its services. I am in the target demographic of the Liberal Party but this is the straw that breaks the camel's back and these abysmal measures and fake inquiry make me lose any sympathy for the right wing perspective. Why is the right side of politics so afraid of an independent and non-commercial ABC?

Commercial TV already is biased towards the right wing view. The ABC is the virtual only oasis of independent, objective analysis whose interests are for the populace rather than being a puppet organisation for one side of politics. The ABC must stay independent and non-commercial.

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2232 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC and SBS in Public Hands

I am an Australian citizen and I am concerned about plans by the Federal Government to privatise both the ABC and SBS by stealth. At the 2013 Federal Election, there was a promise that there would be no cuts to the ABC and no cuts to SBS. Since then, we have seen cuts to funding for both the ABC and SBS, with the government want SBS to be more commercial. What we have seen is broken promises.

It is worth noting that 80 percent of Australians trust the ABC and most Australians are opposed to the privatisation of our public broadcasters. It is also worth noting that the ABC and SBS are among the most trusted media outlets in Australia, more trusted than the commercial television and radio stations.

In the 1980s, the French Government privatised TF1, and as a result of this move, the news on TF1 became more sensationalist and tabloid in nature, and its job became helping Coca-Cola sell advertising at the expense of informing the French people. I am concerned that if the ABC and SBS are privatised, then real news and current affairs will be replaced by more sensationalist and tabloid journalism that we currently see on commercial television.

I urge you to keep the ABC and SBS in public hands and not privatise these excellent broadcasters. A strong public broadcasting sector (including a fully-funded ABC and SBS) are important in a democracy, and the best democracies in the world have a strong public broadcasting sector (including fully-funded public broadcasters). In the digital era with more channels to choose from and a more concentrated media landscape, keeping the ABC and SBS in public hands is more important than ever.

Keep ABC and SBS in Public Hands.

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VIC 3037



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Critical that the ABC stays in public hands

To whom this concerns

My wife and I regard it as unthinkable that any government would even consider privatising the ABC. It is an institution that is governed by its obligation to serve the public; to inform it and to entertain it in a way that a commercial enterprise, motivated by profit derived from sensationalism, cannot possibly do. Any government that might dare to do the unthinkable will need to be prepared to be caste into the wilderness for a very long time.

Sincerely,

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NSW 2537




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep out ABC in public hands

Do you live in a regional area and the ABC is your only source of news? Do your kids love Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig? Is 4 Corners your most trusted news source? The more personal you can make it, the better!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Protect and defend our public broadcaster

A well resourced, independent public broadcaster which interrogates our ever more complex world is integral to our Australian democracy. It is what distinguishes us from countries which, whilst they may have democratic systems, do not benefit from deep and fearless analysis because their media is devoid of an independent public voice.

The ABC has been integral to my whole life as an Australian citizen, and though I am a law abiding and reasonably conservative grandmother, I would go to jail to defend our public broadcaster. The ABC will not be privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC and SBS are the only news outlets that people can get the truth instead of dramatized versions that the commercial stations give.

Also the wonderful drama shows that the ABC provide give work for great Australian Actors and having the great British Dramas to watch as well.

The comedy shows are excellent as well as employing great comedians too.

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WA 6053 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: it's OUR abc

obviously those elements wanting to sell off the abc have no idea of what the abc represents to the average australian - it represents the closest we can get to unbiased, honest, and straightforward journalism, and yes, they do make mistakes occasionally but hey, you liberals make mistakes all the time...

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC public property for all Australians!

The ABC must continue to stay 100% in the hands of the public! Privatisation is a fiasco which must be avoided no matter what!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KeepOur ABC in Public Hands

Our ABC is much more than just a reliable news source subject to rigorous checks and balances to achieve evenhandedness. It is a glue that connects our country from coast to coast. I travel regularly to the United States and I have seen what happens when the media becomes polarised and reliable impartial information is hard to find. The nation becomes polarised and misinformed. This would be very bad for our democracy, not to mention our social well being. By all means, continue to ensure that the voices of ALL Australians are heard on the ABC, but our ABC is too precious to allow a minority to sell it off to the highest bidder.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:58 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC Public

Having lived in regional NSW for many years, (Snowy Mountains Hunter Valley, Central West) the ABC was our only reliable source of News, music and children's entertainment on radio. In more recent years, ABC TV has become the ONLY TV worth watching. Commercial TV is nothing short of absolute rubbish. The ABC has been consistently trustworthy for ALL Australians for the past eighty five years. As a avid listener to ABC Classic FM , and a regular traveler in Europe, there is not a radio station that is in any way compatible. The ABC is an Internationally recognised GEM. This LNP Government is intent on DUMBING US DOWN. The ABC should remain PUBLIC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC funded by OUR government

A country without a public broadcaster is not a democratic country. How can it be democratic if the watcher/listener isn't sure about who is paying the speakers. And in recent time there have been quite disgusting incidents where commercial broadcasters are earning enormous sums of money apparently speaking off the cuff, but in reality presenting a paid for opinion. The far right of the Liberal Party are the one who caused us to abuse any number of people by making the disgusting vote on whether GLBTI people were eligible for human rights, like being able to marry. These out of touch far right thinking people still don't see that Australians are entitled to their own opinions and have rights. We rely on our very capable journalists, and we have quite a number working for the ABC, who can follow up the things happening in Australia, and overseas and bring us the "story". There are people I prefer to rely on and others that I don't particularly like, but that is what public broadcasting is about. The far right aren't widely represented because they are a nasty minority. The far right do not represent most educated Australians. How they managed to get the Liberal Party Council to support such an attack on our public broadcaster is interesting. They represent a fairly broad cross section of ordinary Australians. Many who are moderates, not Nazis... But the vote happened and the moderates lost? Very interesting to know how it was orchestrated?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

It's well known that privately owned media organisations are in the business of connecting eyeballs to ads, and the corrosive effect that this can have on how the news is presented due to the threat of lost revenue. I access ABC services daily because I trust that a well funded, public media outlet will provide a balanced view. Losing the ABC to private ownership would be a disaster for our democracy, one that would be long remembered by the electorate.

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WA 6155 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public!!

I love ABC TV and 1233 our local ABC radio channel. Cant live or sleep without them!!

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NSW 2289



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please protect our Australian voices

The ABC and SBS are essential in representing the voices of those not considered valued or "commercially viable" by commercial interests. As public broadcasters, they have the ability to represent the broad spectrum of stories, opinions and experiences of our community, without the need to chase popularity or pander to shareholder interests.

The parts of our population that are not "core demographics", the issues that are not headlines, the children that don't shop are not the audience commercial outlets seek. These are the audience of the ABC. There is no undue advantage because there is no-one else in this market.

Furthermore, the online resources of the ABC are fundamental to my teaching. English, History, Civics - I've used these fabulous resources to teach my class about current events, Australian histories, our rights and responsibilities as citizens, our connections to the wider world. Finding reliable, accurate and age-appropriate tools is an absolute blessing in our busy classroom. Again, there is no advantage, but the educating of our Australian children.

In a knowledge economy, the ability of the community to access fair, unbiased and well-researched information is invaluable. Commercial and public broadcasting do not operate under the same purposes or principles, and as such cannot be compared for any "advantage".

Do not interfere with a service that is able to meet the needs of Australians as is, in the name of commercial interest.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

The ABC can currently report without having to consider the interests of a commercial sponsor. There are numerous incidents of commercial broadcasters providing biased reporting to protect to the interest of their sponsors. Although the public pay for the ABC the public also pay for commercial Stations by buying products advertised.

I live in a regional area and the ABC is part of my everyday life.

I find the programs are presented in a balanced way and I absolutely love the fact that The ABC is free from advertising.

Australia needs to have a public broadcaster that can be free from influence that private stations can't ensure.

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NSW 2454



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Dear Mr Turnbull,

I am definitely against privatising the ABC and am not happy with way your party is making decisions such as this amongst other issues for our country. Take a look at what has happened to a Telstra. But that is not my main reason for concern. The ABC as it is our only independent broadcaster. With commercialisation of the ABC our news and input on public affairs, at home and abroad are at grave risk of commercially driven bias. I urge you not to let any aspect of the ABC to be privatised in any way. Please listen to the voice of the people you govern and not be swayed by solely money making ventures. Has our government lost all principles of integrity?

Yours sincerely

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VIC 3199



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in public hands!

The public broadcaster, the ABC is at risk of being privatised. This would defeat the whole purpose of the ABC which is to present fair and balanced reporting. Most people trust and rely on the ABC for accurate and reliable news and programs like 7.30 report and 4 Corners. Please keep your hands off our ABC!

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SA 5550




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is such a wonderful gift that Australia has. I grew up with it and it is the main TV Chanel I watch. A place for hard hitting programs such as four corners, a place for experimentation, opportunity to connect to deeper learning around issues, and valuing diversity. A wonderful kids program. A public service provides not just what might be economic, but what assists in creating wellbeing, community and understanding. Please keep the ABC in public hands. Australia can afford it! And let's make it even better and restore some of the losses that we have recently experienced.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our public hands care for the ABC

The ABC is iconic and has a fabulous format. The news is well researched and not sensationised. The music programs are simply the best and really understand their audience, whether that be Triple J or Classic FM -I listen to both.

There is chatter and the ABC does advertise its own programs but at least we are spared the snack and cleaning ads!

It would be nice to have all the sport we want but the ABC does not have unlimited funds and must bid for the rights to cover events. So good though to have expert input during the breaks and not ads.

Keep our ABC in our public hands. We love it.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Aunty in Public Hands

The Liberal Party Council is a festering minority of hard right demagogues intent on creating a police state that furthers the interests of Machiavellian corporate high fliers at the expense of the the hard working, under-paid back bone of Australia, the working man. This is just another attempt to further reduce the Australian culture to a country of "the haves and have nots".

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NSW 2321




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public education role of the national broadcaster

As a learning and development specialist It is easy to identify the importance of the ABC in its Public education role. It actually facilitates lifelong learning and development nationally and locally, encouraging national debate, free thinking and intellectual and critical enquiry that may not have occurred in public education at the time many Australians left school, or in their home country! The intellectual debate and polemic of the ABC should not be feared and condemned but encouraged!
Our private broadcaster have proved here and overseas they are unable to fulfill this role. The recent proposals by sections of fixed thinking conservatives Would be detrimental to this country and its people!

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VIC 3011 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

Do NOT privitise our ABC you greedy disgusting humans who have managed to slither your way into politics and consider yourselves leaders. Do NOT privitise our ABC. Do NOT!!

[REDACTED]


NSW 2541 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is important to me and my family as a source of news independent of commercial and government interests. It is the most trusted news service in my family and has been for generations. I remember well the ABC Music that always introduces news time, from the time I saw my grandfather sitting by the radio listening to the news. In a more and more complex world it is the trust we have in the ABC and the quality of the journalism that we rely upon. It needs to continue to be resourced to research news and deliver us analysis that addresses the complex issues with intelligence and evidence rather than opinion always and slogans. My husband and I grew up with ABC radio childrens programs and my children and their children have grown up with their quality children's programs such as Playschool and the Wiggle, not to mention Peppa Pig and Dirt Girl. Dirt Girl were the first words one of my granddaughters. A trusted news source and current affairs delivered in diverse ways provides debating points and common starting for important conversations in our families and communities to support peaceful democratic processes. To even know that a political Party in Australia would destroy this, destroys my confidence in that Party. A publicly funded broadcaster with its history grounded in the BBC model should not be compared with a commercial one, it is not for profit and that is why it is critical it is maintained in public hands. So Please, do not consider this hypothetical question seriously.

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VIC 3182 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only TV station my family watches. This is because we trust the integrity and honesty of their news and current affairs reporting. Our children grew up watching Playschool, and later Dr Who. Fortunately they missed out on all the junk food ads. We as a family are happy to fund the ABC because it promotes and supports and nurtures Australian performing artists, writers, singers and directors. The ABC represents our past, present and future. In the hands of private enterprise it will be corrupted just like the Commonwealth Bank. Surely Australia is a mature country that can support an independent broadcaster. We are suppose to be a wealthy country so let's fund the ABC properly so it can equal the great BBC. Mr Turnbull and liberal colleagues think big, be innovative, leave those small minded doomsayers without vision behind. Please Save our ABC. Australia's most trusted institution, more trusted than Parliament.

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QLD 4870 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC provides a wider variety of programs than the commercial stations. I just don't understand why the coalition have an issue. The Coalition often complain about Q&A which I watch regularly and the ABC always appear to have a balanced panel and audience. Perhaps they just don't want to hear anything negative. The ABC have shows that I enjoy and some that I don't, balance!

[REDACTED]

QLD 4014 

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC's independence more precious than gold

A healthy democracy is stronger when it can openly debate different informed opinions. A democracy that is afraid of internal criticism, different opinions, that attempts to silence opposition to the status quo is heading for dangerous waters. Yes the ABC criticizes government of any colour if criticism is deserved. Or corruption. Or organized dishonesty from powerful players. Dictatorships control media and silence opposition. Democracies thrive on difference.

The independence of the ABC is our lifeline to ideas, events, culture presented without the bias of commercialism is so important. That's why Australians trust the ABC.

If you privatise the ABC you will kill independent thought. And you will expose your lack of confidence in democracy and in your own ideas.

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SA 5082 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I listen to all of the different ABC stations at different times all through the day. I learn about history, music, classical music and science. It's the soundtrack to my days. I've been listening to the ABC all my life from crawling about my house as a baby in the 1940's to now.

I cannot imagine an ABC that has ads and rubbish that makes people turn off the radio.

It's sport station and cricket in summer. It's coverage of parliament keeping me aware of what our government is discussing.

Please don't take away our educative, learned, funny and interesting daily radio.

Our Tv stations that educate our kids and our students.

The ABC lost so much when it stopped broadcasting out to Asia. Really it's a very important ikon of our great country.


Thank you.

Love the ABC business program. Our connection with Europe.

So much.

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VIC 3182 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

ABC, along with SBS is the only trustworthy source of honest television... the rest are either Murdoch owned, which means only right wing agenda is broadcast. It is people that run this country, not corporations or politicians owned by corporations. If the ABC is privatised, those people WILL expel the government that did this and elect a government that will overturn that Nazi move. Be Told!

[REDACTED]

NSW 2480



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Australian Public Hands!


I will not stand for the thought of our ABC falling into private hands, so I demand it remain in the Australian publics' hands.

I count on the ABC to put more balance into the Australian media.

Too many of the commercial TV networks (both pay and free to air) are too far right leaning.

The ABC helps me make a more well informed decision when it is time to vote at our elections, so I would not appreciate privatising the ABC.

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QLD 4074 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I grew up watching play school, it was so familiar and comforting to kids I remember we watched it on the first day of School. My children are now growing up watching play school, which highlights fun, creativity, diversity in our lounge room. A commercial network could not deliver this tied to shareholders. I am confident when my children watch ABC kids, on iview, on demand at my convenience, that the content is age appropriate and with out ADVERTISING I am not bombarded by pester power. I love the ABC it is a part of our make up as a country our ethos. When I want to know what's going on in the world I look to the ABC, when I want a deeper understanding of something I go to Q&A. For entertainment Australian story, what I have learned. I go to the ABC for knowledge. Not a commercial network full of fluff and biased information. HANDS OFF OUR ABC!

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VIC 3131



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I don't want the ABC to be privatised hands off

[REDACTED]

NSW 2146




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands and increase the funding to it!!!

I live in rural Australia, the ABC radio, tv has been a lifeline to the world. It is crucial for emergency reporting and many a time I have been reliant on their 24 hour coverage during bushfires to stay safe. Their programs are world class, and I do not listen to commercial media.

The ABC is one of the most respected institutions in Australia. Millions of us, especially in the country, rely on the ABC for quality news, information and entertainment that other sources don't provide. We can't afford to see the ABC declining in standards, falling service. the ABC is always voted the most trusted media outlet, indeed one of the most trusted organisations in Australia. Reviews have found the ABC to be fair, unbiased and to be adhering to the ABC code. Australia has an extraordinarily concentrated media sector, all the commercial media you can be sure they are pushing their special interests and not impartially covering what is happening in the Australia and the world. The ABC and SBS cover stories that are deliberately ignored by commercial media. Where was the commercial media coverage of the huge marches that took place protesting against Tony Abbot in every capital city in March and then August 2014. I view the attacks on the ABC as one of the most insidious attacks on our democratic rights to free independent programming. I urge the Government of Australia to remember its moral charter to serve the Australian people and not the undue influence of the self serving interests of the IPA, the corporate interests and the other lobby groups whose focus is on dismantling the values of public democracy in this country.


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VIC 3749 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

The ABC is the most trusted news source in Australia.
We are so fortunate to have the ABC particularly in this era of "fake news" and quick news via social media and other sources that are plagued with advertising and bias.
Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy.
It is the only channel I allow my children to watch.
I will not stand by and allow the ABC to be privatised.


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VIC 3194 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your dirty Liberal hands off our ABC!!!

I have grown up viewing the ABC & have been educated, amused & most importantly informed. ABC (channel 2) is the most relevant true Australian broadcaster & the only one that can be trusted & not swayed by advertising dollars. Long live the ABC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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QLD 4215 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:56 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop privatisation of the ABC

I have relied on the ABC's world leading journalism and documentaries for information on local and world events for 2 decades since arriving in Australia from the UK. Similar to the BBC, the ABC has reliably given me an informed, thought-provoking and unbiased view of national and globally important events. It is essential that it remains independent and free from political interference. Please keep our ABC in public hands!

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NSW 2044 

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC for a Fair Democracy

Name calling attacks from the Right which dislikes criticisms from programs and believes new ideas are part of a Left conspiracy. So, public broadcasting is seen as an enemy and a waste of money especially investigative programme such as 'Four Corners'.

We desperately need and ABC and Radio National to maintain their roles as the trusted news source for the nation. However, Liberals seem to be afraid of the ABC and its truth seeking.

The public broadcaster is "universalist" under its Charter. It costs money which is necessary in the public interest for: emergency programming, foreign correspondents, Australian drama and comedy etc.

The British public broadcaster, the BBC, costs the British tax payer about 6x the ABC.

"Surveys show that the ABC is a "trusted brand" for 80% of Australians, "way above any other brand".

The Australia Institute, a day after the recent ABC budget cut, reported:

- 58% of Australians disagreed with a cut
- 60% agreed with a boost to the ABC's long-term funding and
- 70% agreed "a strong, independent ABC is critical to a healthy democracy".

Unprecedented harassment and attempts to castrate the ABC:


- The independent of the Board has been compromised by the Prime Minister
- Harassment of ABC's senior managers over programming and journalists (eg Emma Alberici)
- Attempts to control the News budget
- Funding cut of \$84 million dollars (twice the size of Tony Abbott's in 2014-5)
- Enormous job cuts.
- Withdrawal of \$43 million: a previous targeted grant "to support news-gathering"
- Indexation freeze for three years
- Another "efficiency review"

- \$254 million in cuts implemented by Liberal governments since 2014.

These are sustained, direct attacks on the ABC's survival. Australian democracy is upheld by the ABC public broadcaster which disseminates unbiased, well investigated journalism.

"In an era of "fake news", Facebook spying, failing traditional commercial media and an explosion of digital sites claiming authenticity, the ABC (and SBS) is the best port in this storm of information overload. Australians trust the ABC. They do not trust their politicians." (Dr Peter Manning was Executive Producer of Four Corners in the 1980s, head of ABC TV News and Current Affairs, GM of Radio National and head of Current Affairs at Seven Network in the 1990s.)

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NSW 2023 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only news source that I can trust to give me both sides of the story - and that's because legislation forces it to give equal time to both sides of politics - unlike private newspaper and tv outlets. Why does the right side of politics fear such balance? Are they afraid of free speech?

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NSW 2576 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: AUSTRALIA NEEDS THE ABC

Independent journalism is one of the cornerstones of democracy.

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TAS 7258 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please maintain the ABC as a public broadcaster

It is time to stop privatisation of our public assets...I cannot believe that anyone with any social conscience, education and wisdom from living could think that privatising our only public media institution was a sensible thing to do. We need a well funded public news, documentary, investigative, entertainment supplier...take responsibility for the future good of our country and don't be beholden to those who are only interested in profit and their own view of the world.

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NSW 2533



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

Please don't privatise our ABC. It is the only independent news outlet and it needs to be preserved for all our sakes

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[REDACTED]

WA 6050



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Our Hands!

Keep our (only) national broadcaster free of commercially driven bias. Stop the privatisation drive!

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WA 6054




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC Public

We need a media free from commercial interests to truly educate the public.
A privatised TV station will not analyze important difficult issues, it will be dumbed down and sanitised
liked the current commercial stations and beholden to the highest bidder and biased by the need to make
income from the highest bidder.
The free to air commercial stations are now barely economical so who would buy an ABC.

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VIC 3749 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public.

ABC should be kept in public hands to allow it to be fair and impartial, otherwise it'll turn into yet another Fox News.

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WA 6210



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:55 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

I am writing to express my outrage at the suggestion that the ABC should be sold off to commercial interests.

The ABC is very important to me because I TRUST it.

I TRUST it to give me a balanced account of world and local issues and I TRUST the professionalism of its journalists.

I do NOT TRUST commercial channels/ radio stations.

I listen to ABC radio in the mornings and watch the ABC news at night. I rarely bother with the commercial channels/stations because the quality of the content is so poor.

My children grew up on shows such as Playschool and Bananas in Pyjamas. AS a teacher I could see how educationally valuable they were for young children.

I cannot understand how some members of the coalition feel that this gem should be sold off.

It is vital for the health of our democratic society that we have a strong, independent public broadcaster not beholden to commercial or other interests .

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NSW 2134




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please stop attacking the ABC

In my opinion privatisation of the ABC would be the next step on the path leading to the death of democracy in Australia. If there was no ABC then Australia would become an even more blatant kleptocracy than it is now.

Please stop attacking the ABC.

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TAS 7004 


[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please Keep our ABC in public hands

I am 82 year old and the ABC has been the one impartial honest broadcaster that I turn to. The right wing talk of bias is soo much nonsense . Once things become privatised they lose there integrity in favour of profit. Looook what happened to our Commonwealth bank. My late Mother was one of the banks early numbers a five digit one starting from when she was a child. The ABC presents all kinds of material not shown on the commercial stations. Please don't destroy this Australian Icon just for political point scoring.

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WA 6210 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop the privatisation of the ABC


The ABC and SBS are essential sources of reasonably independent news and analysis. Commercial stations just keep getting worse, and dwell on inane and populist issues, which have an insidious dumbing down affect on people.

Commercial news and current affairs appeal to emotion and prejudice, drawing people into a descending spiral of losing their capacity for critical thinking and analysis, resulting in the erosion of democracy, and the endless concentration of wealth and power.

The ABC is Australia, and our culture depends on it.

Privatisation of our principle national broadcaster will do great harm to Australia. The ABC must be protected, and have its funding restored.

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VIC 3084 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission to Keep the ABC in Public Hands

My submission is as follows:

I am taken aback about the Liberal Government's proposal to privatise the ABC. I ask what exactly is the reason for this? Public Broadcasters in other countries form the fabric of what the public need to hear in a trusted and generally non biased way. I believe the ABC delivers the same. As a preference I will always defer to the ABC as I know and trust their journalistic integrity which I do not most of the time with commercial broadcasters. I believe this is a government ploy to manage media coverage of their political agendas.

As a freelance producer have been honoured to work on first class documentary series which were screened on the ABC ("Changing Minds" around de-stigmatising mental health for eg) and would not have made it to commercial channels with the same authenticity as they were broadcast on the ABC.

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.

Regards

[REDACTED]

NSW 2041




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Support the ABC

I have huge respect for the ABC. As a taxpayer, I am happy to fund it. Please do not starve it of adequate funds, or privatise it.
Either of these will make me very angry.

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[REDACTED]


NSW 2159 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

In this troubled time the ABC is the only true source of reliable information. This may not suit politicians as they a temp to put there own slant on the truth. Australia is seen by other countries as a safe way of getting the true story by listening to the ABC. [REDACTED]

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VIC 3809 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:54 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The Importance of the ABC to me

Good morning,

ABC RN and FM 105.5 are an important part of my life. Living on the land and away from major cities it allows me to hear the programs that allow me to keep in touch with what is happening in Australia and around the world. I feel that news bulletins, am, pm and the World Today are trusted information and interesting listening.

ABC FM 105.5 I really could not be without. It is a lifeline to enable one to feel sane. I have been listening to the ABC daily since the early 1950's and will continue to.

Best

[REDACTED]

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VIC 3461



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC news

Every individual has an ethical birth right of being of receiving truthful information.

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VIC 3199



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We need the ABC to continue on as is. It's the only source I really trust!! I loved that my kids could watch good children's educational shows without ads coming on relentlessly! Playschool, good comedy, News and current affairs etc. we need the ABC to stay as it is AND get more funding, not less!!

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIC 3922




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

My husband and I grew up on the ABC, my child watches ABC, and ABC 4 Kids - and I've never known such a wonderful, diverse range of programs, except ON the ABC. If it gets privatised, will we end up with yet another channel that shows nothing but reality TV, and endless 'make me a star' shows, along with hours of advertising - rather than have the educational, broadly entertaining and well rounded ABC that we have ALL grown up to love and should continue to grow and love moving forward.

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QLD 4300 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands!

I am 52yo and have watched the ABC my whole life. The standards and quality of broadcasting of the ABC is way above that of the commercial networks. I have many concerns about our public broadcaster being privatised but I will just make two main points here. 1) The ABC can be trusted to offer the most unbiased content available on television.


2) Their bottom line is not profit so are able to provide less popularity-driven content and cater for some minority, marginalised and regional groups.

It would be an absolute travesty if we sold off our public broadcaster.

Thank you

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[REDACTED]

WA 6025 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC should stay in the public hands in it's current format with no ads! I am both horrified and disgusted by the idea commercial ads could be put on the ABC. Four Corners, 7.30 report ABC news are trusted institutions, the only ones I trust for news and information. A huge reason as to why they are trusted by myself is that I know the ABC is balanced and impartial and is not indebted to any commercial supporters which can only cause a disgraceful conflict of interest. The ABC is very popular in my household and treasured. Every time funding is taken away from the ABC causes me to distrust this govt and feel like they are completely out of touch with real Australians sentiments and thoughts. The value of a public broadcaster is priceless and the govt should support it more and stop attacking it. Enough is enough, hands off the ABC. Most Australians love the ABC.... can't say I or my family feel the same way about political parties whose main objective is to fulfill their own petty or monetary self interests!

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NSW 2024



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC!

I have listened to the ABC on an almost daily basis since I was a child listening to the Argonauts. I rely on it for the news, for quality discussions on current events and for my entertainment. The ABC provides quality entertainment of a standard and at a cost that is the envy of most other western countries despite the continual cuts to the budget. I cannot imagine that any private company could maintain this standard even if they wished to do so and that is highly unlikely. The ABC cares for people whose tastes are not in the mainstream, private broadcasting companies will need to make a profit, those of us who prefer intelligent broadcasting would certainly be the losers. In addition, despite the cries to of bias, the ABC continues to provide a trustworthy coverage of the news and events without the use of the emotive language of the private news providers. As a rural dweller I implore you to leave the ABC in the hands of the government and allow it to continue to provide its excellent services. To suggest that a reduced ABC could cover regional Australia whilst the cities rely on a privatised service is a pipe dream, on our experience of other services we can predict that the ABC offerings would be cut to an absolute minimum. We are disadvantaged enough in so many other government services, please leave our ABC alone.

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SA 5412



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands


I spend several hours a day, one way or another, with the ABC. I spend zero hours a day with commercial broadcast media although I do read online some commercial media, some of it foreign-based. I do not trust Australian commercial media, by and large. The Australian and News Ltd, the largest player, has broad coverage but ruins it through its patent self-interest: what will be good for Murdoch's wealth, or political influence. Opinion is presented as news. His tabloids ditto but worse. Fairfax is OK but lacks the depth of the ABC.

And of course, the ABC covers much more than news. Its Act says it must have a view to what is provided by the commercial media so it provides content that they find unprofitable. Will they become more profitable just because the ABC isn't there? More likely, the things that interest me simply won't be there at all.

My family feel the same.

I cannot imagine what improvements the Liberal Party believes will be provided by a commercial operator. So the apparent motivation is to remove a source of criticism. Well, if this move is characteristic, there is good reason for criticism. The Liberal Party believes fervently in free speech - for everyone who agrees with it.

[REDACTED]


NSW 2000 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:53 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must be kept in Public Hands

There is only one broadcaster that I can trust to provide the truth and that is the ABC. Politicians, particularly Liberal ones don't like criticism that are at odds with their self interested, Big Business views. The Commercial channels in this Country are very weak on investigative journalism and certainly don't air views that are anything but in line with the Right Wing. Without the ABC we are left with nothing worthwhile to listen to and watch. Politicians can not be trusted and the only way to keep them honest is to have an active National Broadcaster that will provide all the facts.

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WA 6160 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF THE ABC


I listen to the ABC everyday and so much enjoy the various programs and news items unadulterated by commercial business interests.

This is Australians most important source of news and intelligent researched programmms.

The adverse publicity given to the ABC by the government and its friends is ridiculous. Surely a government should expect rigerous analysis of its program. This is an essential part of the ABC . We MUST keep this network in public hands.

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WA 6010 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC needs to remain publicly funded in order to maintain its independence as a credible source of news and current affairs. It needs to be adequately funded to regain its place as the top producer of quality Australian drama. Never mind the citizenship test, the ABC is the foundation of Australian citizenship, it is out there every day building the nations consciousness. Get your head out of your pocket and get real you Liberal Whackos and get yourhands off OUR ABC!!!!!!!

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[REDACTED]

ACT 2604



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain a public broadcaster

The ABC is the most important media we have in Australia . It is vital that we keep adequately funding it and supporting its independence. As a source of intelligent analysis, quality sporting coverage, interesting drama and cutting-edge comedy the ABC is priceless as is and would immediately be corrupted and diminished if privatized. I would forever hold it against the Liberal party if the ABC is sold off.

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VIC 3078



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC


I am appalled at any suggestion to privatise the ABC!

Apart from the disasters of previous privatisations eg electricity, commonwealth bank to mention just 2, it is the best TV station by far. I appreciate its balanced news, its intelligent critiques of events, its marvellous shows like 4 corners and until they were axed it's wonderful science shows like catalyst.

As far as my vote goes, PRIVATISE THE ABC AT YOUR PERIL. Is there no end to your pandering to the big end of town??

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NSW 2070 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:52 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC needs to stay public

There is very few places where you can get well rounded investigative reports, comedy and content for all age ranges other than the ABC

Try as they might commercial channels serve a large sector of the community - the ABC meets the needs of a smaller amount of the population.

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NSW 2111 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

We do not want the ABC to be privatised .Keep one channel free of rubbish and adverts also seeing ABC Has to broadcast question time when Parliament are sitting at least the politicians could behave them selves and ask real questions.

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QLD 4870 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't even consider selling the ABC

The ABC for all the dislike it gets from the main stream media and the far right of Australian politics p[rovides a balance that would not be afforded under a privatized company. Private companies exist for one thing which is profit and will only produce shows in their financial interests. which by todays lowering standards is low brow garbage. A private company would never invest in shows like 7:30, Insiders, Gruen, Q&A or any other show that may make people think

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VIC 3058 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC must never be privatised. It's part of our democracy and it's independence of politicians is critical. Country people also rely on its services. Culturally we also see much that is Australian promoted here and overseas. I will march o. The streets for the ABC if I have to.

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VIC 3054 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: PUBLIC BROADCASTER

It is not possible to have only private broadcasters within a country. Private = profit motiv = takeover of country. Great if an Aussie as crook as Abetz but are you happy with Trump or the Chinese in control of our country..

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Not another public mindless tv station of our ABC!

Commercial television is 90% mindless reruns with very little intellect programming. We do not want this for the ABC and resent the governments push to privatise it. A stands for Australian. It is our station and we do not want it only running programs for profit NO NO NO

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VIC 3442



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public broadcasting and the need for independence

The ABC is annoying, often informative, and always worth checking. It already suffers from efforts to starve it and dumb it down. The very idea of privatization is an unnecessary encouragement to go down the path of political correctness ie conformity to the preferences and pressures of its sponsors (in this case the government party). Keeping ownership in the hands of the taxpayer, whoever that is, helps to ensure that the diversity of the community is reflected through a broadcaster which is primarily dependent upon public funding. I suggest the enquiry look at a minimum amount of public funding which is protected by statute and placed beyond the uncertainties of budget decisions. Private donations can be provided for arts and entertainment, but news, current affairs and emergency broadcasts are essential and should always be assured. Quality debate should be encouraged and placed beyond the preferences of political groups and parties. While those preferences should be expressed through ABC programs, it is important to keep a balance. It is also important to present various opinions and test them against the facts.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep out ABC public

The ABC & SBS reflect our culture, are a trusted source of news, are a lifeline in country areas & broadcast an incredible range of educational programs. If privatised these services would be subject to editorial influence by whoever has control, leading to loss of free speech. The commercial media is not disadvantaged by the government's funding of our national broadcasters as their massive advertising revenue not only pays huge salaries to their on air staff but also a healthy return to their shareholders. We are the shareholders of the ABC & we will not see it's national role compromised by privatisation on the whim of some hard right liberals.

Thank you,

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NSW 2022



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I read in horror the news your Liberal Party wants to privatise ABC. How could you? The only place to get unbiased information is the ABC. The privatisation of this cherished, trusted broadcaster means Australia is on the slippery slope towards a right wing dictatorship. When control of information is in the hands of the few it leads to a diminished society both ethically and morally. We know the history of societies where there is no freedom of information. Be careful what you -the Liberal Party-wish for. I will certainly not vote for your ideology.

Respectfully,

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VIC 3429



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC MUST NOT be privatized.

There is a very strong case for maintaining an independent public broadcaster.


We need:

1. An independent disseminator of essential information for public safety at times of natural and other disasters in a coherent and co-ordinated way. Experience has shown how woeful the private radio and television channels are at this kind of process.
2. We need an independent disseminator of political news and argument to keep the populace up to date with what's going on in the country. To those who try to argue the ABC is biased, I say just watch or listen to ANY of the commercial media outlets for a classic example of unmitigated bias.

Privatization of essential services has been a disaster fo the country. Why would any sensible Australian contemplate pushing the ABC down the same path?

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VIC 3078 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is our ABC

The ABC is for all Australians. It should never be subject to the whims of a commercial owner or their political interests, and its reporters and content producers should be free to deliver on its charter (as behoves a democracy). I don't necessarily agree with all content, but I respect their right to provide it and that their choice of information is not driven by commercial or other interests. Increasingly important in an area of fake news. Hands off our ABC.

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VIC 3070 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands!

I live in the UK and one of our jewels is the BBC. I would fight tooth and nail to keep our BBC out of private hands. Like the ABC, and I lived and worked in Australia for twelve years, it provides impartial news and programmes to balance the huge preponderance of private/commercial interests. It is imperative in our world today to have free voices to ensure a free world and a questioning viewpoint. I urge you to not privatise the ABC - please keep it free to be the voice of most Australians



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands!

The ABC is the only worthwhile media outlet in Australia and it's independence makes it so. It is not beholden to foreign media moguls as is the privately owned media that we must endure as an alternative. Electoral suicide will be the result of any privatisation moves. Hands off the ABC and stop reducing it's funding!!!

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VIC 3910



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please leave the ABC alone!

I still recall being amazed when I was in the UK discovering that the BBC actually ran ads. It just never occurred to me that the public broadcaster could be so compromised.

I recall too when the Internet was a wonderful global village of like minded people.

I know I'm a dinosaur - I'm 76 - but I treasure the one thing in my life that is still "pure". I live alone and my days are filled with the music of Classic FM and my nights thrive on ABC TV.

Please, please, leave us with one oasis in these commercialised days.

Sincerely ... [REDACTED]

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QLD 4568 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:51 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't even consider privatising the ABC

The ABC is a valuable part of our heritage and make an important contribution to Australian life today. Just because a very SMALL minority of right-wing Liberals think it is not supportive of their exclusivist agenda it should not EVER be put anywhere near private hands. The ABC belongs to the whole nation not just those that don't agree with the Corporation's efforts to reveal bias and lack of fairness in our society.

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VIC 3058




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is good - if you live in the NT

I have lived in the Northern Territory since 1966, both in the bush - the desert - and in Alice Springs and Darwin. I have also lived in East Timor and West Timor. In all these places I have relied on the ABC for news and commentary. Radio National in the mountains of Timor was a godsend and so it was when I worked at Yuendumu, on the edge of the Tanami desert. Thank goodness for Foreign Correspondent and Four Corners. I am too a lover of classical music, so the all-day uninterrupted music of ABC Classic FM brings me great pleasure. ABC's presenters and comperes are first class. I believe the excellence of the ABC is unsurpassed in Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

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

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NSW 2777 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising ABC is undemocratic, ABC belongs in public hands.

4 Corners, Landline have been my trusted news sources for many years. It seems certain politicians are scared of the public hearing details about corruption and environmental damage, they want to keep the public uninformed, public funding, NOT corporate or commercial influenced funding is essential in OUR Democratic society!!

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WA 6154



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must not ever be privatised.

The ABC is the only channel with ethics. It produces wonderful documentaries which is balanced and researched, all on a show string. Often governments of all persuasions do not like what goes to air because their journalists expose things the government does not want publicised. We respect the ABC. It is almost the only channel we watch daily, and especially for news. They have a history of fantastic documentaries highlighting terrible injustices and unfairness.

It must remain in public hands to do its job, as it does now, without bias. Governments may not always like it, but the public do.

The ABC is nearly always beyond reproach.

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WA 6302 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC public

I am a long term viewer of the ABC and look to it to give unbiased report on the events in Australia and abroad. It is clear from the attack on the press and some stations in the USA that the independence of the press and tv is vital to the dissemination of information to the publ. It's clear from the power of Murdock and others like him that they have no interest in providing unbiased information to the community (as clearly. Demonstrated by Fox in USA, and that if the ABC no longer exists then our information will be determined by the highest bidder. No everything has to be privatised we have lost may public owned institutions with no improvement ie Telstra to the public good ands the politicians grab for money has lead to very bad outcomes for the public. I strongly support the ABC staying in the hands of the public and the independence and support of local creativity it supports. I would vote against any effort to sell it off now and in the future

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep theABC in public hands

I am very concerned at the suggestion the ABC would be better privatised. This is an organisation that gives radio and TV time for the discussion of extremely important matters concerning the well-being of Australia and Australians. The journalists can be trusted to give unbiased news. They investigate things that are happening that need to be revealed to us all, they investigate issues that need to be exposed if things are going wrong. Where else do we find wonderful programmes like Four Corners? Interest in the lives of those in the country? Please give this organisation proper funding and ensure that it continues into the future.

Thank you.

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NSW 2071 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I wish to register my grave concerns that there is any consideration for selling the ABC. The ABC is my husband and my preferred channel as it provides objective, balanced investigative news and current affairs presented by serious, articulate journalists. In an age of reality TV, fake and entertainment as news, the ABC cannot be bettered.

As a tax payer I am pleased to support our ABC and I implore the Government to do the same.

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WA 6008 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:50 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public! No to privatising it!

Free speech and independence in broadcasting is essential in a democracy. Our public broadcaster not only reflects Australia - our values, lives and issues that matter; it provides excellent programs both in news, documentaries and entertainment. It is unacceptable that your ideologically driven opposition to the ABC leads you to consider selling it. You are in government to represent the broad Australian public in ALL its diversity not the narrow interests of your party. LEAVE THE ABC ALONE!

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NSW 2204 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do NOT privatise our ABC

I'm horrified to hear that the Coalition is proposing to privatise the ABC.
With the influx of pay TV stations like Foxtel, Netflix and Stan and the content of free to air TV being abissmal. I depend on the ABC for both news and entertainment.
I enjoy the Australian content of the drama series shown plus the English drama and comedy series. Their children's programs are also loved by my grand children, aged 7 & 9.
Please keep the ABC for the Australian people.

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VIC 3152 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

The ABC is an invaluable institution with smart investigations that expose the truth of matters that concern us. There is no cash for stories, no manipulation to protect the rich or powerful, no sensationalism, only clear investigations. WE NEED THIS STYLE OF JOURNALISM. Hands off Australia's trusted icon, the ABC

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SA 5062



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell off OUR ABC

The ABC must not be privatized and it needs more funding. An independent public broadcaster is essential to the cultural well being of this country. I am horrified that it is even being discussed.

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NSW 2043




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC from being privatised!

The ABC provides invaluable services to Australia and Australians. Having a public broadcaster with a commitment to high standards and servicing all Australians ensures the more marginalised members of our community do not miss out, whether they be rural farmers, remote Aboriginal communities, or those overseas. Commercial institutions have no incentive to avoid lies or propaganda and cannot be held accountable by the public; the ABC is directly answerable to the public. Western democracies around the world are fracturing into bubbles of groupthink and shared demography - a public broadcaster such as the ABC, when adequately funded by government, represents one of the most effective methods of countering this cultural and political polarisation.

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NSW 2340 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise ABC!!!!

I am deeply concerned that your party is even considering privitising the ABC given it is one of only 2 channels that provide good, strong, Independent journalism.

Public broadcasting plays an important role in our democracy that is not replaceable by commercial TV (not should it be compared to commercial media).

We need independent critical thinking news programs that inform the community and encourage crittical thinking in today's age of social media, fake news and poor shallow journalism.

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VIC 3056 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS.

The government should not decide on something that the public pays for. We the people should decide and I say ABC should stay in our hands, it is the best channel the way it is.

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QLD 4519




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Just as Democracy has been fought for , so must the ABC, it reflects the image of the nature and character of the people, independently, adhering to its Charter of objectivity. We must preserve our respected and loved Aunty.

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VIC 3342 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain an independent PUBLIC broadcaster

I have been an avid consumer of ABC programs since my childhood in the 1960s, at which time I was living in the same farming community in Western Australia that is still my home. I have a deep and abiding affection for and appreciation of the national broadcaster and the many invaluable services it continues to provide to a broad cross-section of the Australian community. As far as I'm concerned, Australian taxpayers receive marvellous value for money in funding our ABC to the tune of \$1.1 billion per annum.

As a former Media Studies teacher in the Catholic school system, I am deeply concerned by talk of privatising, dismembering or financially strangulating the ABC. I believe this is a purely ideological agenda pursued by a fringe group of hard-Right politicians. By contrast, one opinion poll after another reveals the high level of trust Australians repose in the ABC. In addition to this, recently published findings of the Digital News Report, Australia 2018, tell us that Aunty's TV news audience attracts viewers evenly across the political spectrum, from One Nation voters to rusted-on Greens. This would all be placed in jeopardy if the far-Right succeed in emasculating the ABC. This would be an absolute tragedy. Australia cannot afford to weaken its national broadcaster at this time in world affairs, given the threat posed by sinister anti-democratic players who are seeking to undermine our institutions and polity by ramping up divisive political rhetoric. Fake news, click bait, social media platforms creating political echo chambers, trivialisation of news and current affairs - these phenomena pose a real and present danger. The ABC is an indispensable bulwark against such undermining and divisive influences. Those who would destroy Aunty as a public broadcaster have forgotten the age-old conservative truism: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" - that, or they don't care!

I urge the Australian Parliament to re-affirm the inestimable value of public broadcasting and to ensure both the ABC and SBS are very well-funded. We owe our democracy nothing less.

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WA 6304 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: You are merely the custodian of the ABC

Senator Fifield

I have written to you on a number of occasions to question the validity of the many changes and programme retirements on Radio National. You have always assured me that you, as the minister, have nothing to do with the day to day running of the ABC. A churlish response as the running of the ABC depends on the funds that your government provide which are not sufficient to maintain the high standards set over the years by this diverse and essential broadcaster. I may have expressed to you also that the appointments that you make to the ABC board are crucial to the health of the corporation. Whilst the management skills of Joseph Gersh may be of great interest to a rationalist, appointments of this kind do nothing for innovation and creativity in the organisation. It is clear that the ABC is suffering under the cosh of too many managers trying to ultimately meet the government's agenda by crushing the creative resources of the content producers. They have been leaving or taking the (forced) redundancies in their droves and here we are at a pivotal point where the ABC is struggling to produce enough original content to justify its existence. Evidence? Endless repeats on TV and on Radio National the fine analysis and documentary programmes have been reduced to a fraction of the previous volume. There is no new content on RN between 1pm and 5pm weekdays. Programmes are repeated up to 5 times in a week. What's the point of this large corporation in this case? And so this rhetorical question brings me to the Liberal Party Council resolution on the weekend. Be honest Minister, this is surely your party's end game. Starve the org of funds so its enemies can justify their push for its destruction. Since you took government the ABC has been attacked and stripped of resources and of a balanced board membership. "The government has no plans to privatise the ABC" will be your answer. Listening to Eric Abetts dodging legitimate questions and being unable to justify his position this morning and remembering Tony Abbotts bare-faced lies about his election agenda shows us that the Liberal party does not want a commercial free broadcaster. I also believe that your government would rather not have the objective and fine journalism that the ABC is proud to display as its central function. I will be actively opposing your agenda in every way I can. I will vote Labor for the first time just to save the ABC's funding. I will do anything to prevent you changing the sonic landscape of my culture. Prepare for battle.

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NSW 2041 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I grew up watching the abc. The first 10 years of my life I had the majority of my TV content being voiced by Australian people in my native accent. I was protected from harmful advertising such as sugary drinks and fatty foods as a matter of course. Our children need a safe place to learn and grow with Australian content that explores the depth and breadth of people who call Australia home. We need a non commercial space that is required to show and create new Australian content. Including having a dedicated kids channel.

Even though as an adult I've branched out and now watch a lot of American and British shows, the ABC is still my primary source for Australian made, Australian voiced content. It's content they are world renowned for like the Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries. Much like the public BBC, the ABC is producing content which promotes some of the Australian best talent we have in all levels of radio and tv content production.

As a person living in rural Victoria I rely on ABC local radio to ensure I stay safe in the event of a natural disaster. Working in rural community health, visiting clients in their homes, ABC radio national keeps me safe throughout Fire season. I am seriously concerned that we would lose a central source of vital safety information if we privatised the AbC because while that information saves lives, it can't and shouldn't be sponsored by anyone. Ads have no place in safety messaging.


As a health worker who works closely with aged people in rural areas, the only radio stations they listen to are ABC channels. I know all the frequencies now because that's all anyone ever wants my help finding. It is their primary source of news, discussion and provides vital access to new ideas which can help reduce the likelihood of developing dementia. The abc radio stations also all provide vital information every hour: the time, date, day of the week. If you have memory loss and can't remember the day or date, this is vital to keeping you able to function at home. Many people use it to help them figure out when they should have breakfast, lunch and dinner. Routine and reassurance and repetition are essential to keeping people at living well at home as they age. If you wake up, think it's morning and put on your radio then you'll be reorientated within an hour and be able to go back to bed if it's actually still only 3am. Also, people with dementia are more susceptible to advertising and often have a reduced ability to differentiate between an optional product and one they must buy. Reducing their exposure to advertisements reduces the stress of having to discern what IS ADVERTISING and what is general programming. We have an aging population. Dementia is on the rise. Current national policy promotes people living at home as long as possible with increased services and supports. One of those vital supports is ABC radio.

The abc is my main source of local and national political content as it is the only station which broadcasts state and federal parliament live. Access to that footage and the corresponding radio broadcasts is fundamental to our democracy.

Privatising the ABC will reduce the amount of Australian content. It will impair access to vital safety information for rural people. It will remove the option for vulnerable old and young people to watch and listen to ad free content. It will reduce jobs for Australians who are involved in the huge breadth of current services which are based on community need not just financial gain.

Our community needs an independent, government funded broadcasting company. Dedicated to Australian news, current affairs, content and represents Australian people.

Don't short change rural Australians by privatising another service which just ends up reducing our access.

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VIC 3127 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public handss

I am a senior citizen and I rely on the ABC for independent news and opinion on a range of issues. The ABC needs a community based board of governors to keep it honest and accountable to the public. The ABC is ours and is not for politicians to destroy or reduce its services. We have an emotional attachment to the ABC it is like family, so HANDS OFF.

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SA 5169



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in our hands

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia. It is not an asset to be sold by a pack of grubs with less credibility than used camel salesmen.

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NSW 2282




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:49 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC the people's station.

As a child growing up in a rural community we only had one commercial station and the ABC. This is where my love of the ABC started. They gave me great Australian series, Doctor Who, The Bill, Rage, Sweet and Sour and too many great iconic Australian comedies to list. The ABC has given us many great shows over the years, much to the envy of the commercial stations. The ABC has always been prepared to take a risk on Australian productions and the unknown. They have always been willing to tell the truth, covering news that the commercial stations would not. Living in a rural town this made me feel connected to the outside world. As I got older and moved to the city I stuck with the ABC, in fact so much that I only watch the ABC or SBS. I enjoy the fact that they aren't lazy in their programming, they have shows with substance and integrity. The ABC needs to remain in the hands of the public. We have enough channels that dumb us down, run cheap brain dead so called reality shows, have too many adds, ignore the truth and reflect narrow agendas. The ABC must remain for the people and stay in the hand of the people.

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QLD 4034 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

I live in regional Western Australia - the ABC provides me not only with the opportunity to keep up with news in the local area - but also nationally and internationally. I'm a regular ABC Classic FM listener - not only is ABC Classic FM the source of much joy from the music offered; there is also a feast of information about the composers, players, conductors etc. Classic FM is balm for a busy life.

The idea that the Coalition has come forward with a proposal to privatise the ABC is of great concern to me as I believe the quality of news, current affairs, and classical music would be overtaken by vested interests and the opportunity to have balanced reporting will cease to exist should the ABC be privatised. If I have an issue with the public broadcaster, I know that the ABC charter affords me the opportunity to express my views, and there is a responsibility on the ABC to listen and respond. That is something which, were the ABC to be privatised, would cease to happen - and news and current affairs reporting; backgrounding programmes and Classic FM would no longer be able to provide fair and accountable programmes. Thank you for your time.

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WA 6280 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

I urge you to not privatise the ABC. As it is, the ABC fulfills a critical role in the media landscape that commercial interests will never play. The diversity of content that the ABC offers is an invaluable part of Australian news, current affairs and entertainment. It is a part of our culture that would be lost in the hands of private enterprise. A government that privatises the ABC will not get my vote at the next election. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell the ABC

The ABC must not ever be privatised. It is an independent organisation that upsets both sides of politics because it asks the hard questions that neither side likes, particularly the party leading the country. if it is privatised it will be electoral suicide for the party that does it and they deserve every backlash they receive. My children grew up on the programs for kids through their school years. Country people rely on it. Leave it alone and properly fund it also.

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Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The Liberal Council is attempting to silence free speech and independent journalism, and the media share of that to all Australians. The purported business argument that the 'returns' for 'investment' are not enough is morally bankrupt. This is an attack on unbiased and free public discussion and I am concerned by fascist tone of this proposal. None of the commercial media broadcast organisations will take any government to task because all they are interested in is profit and they are many. Hands off our ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
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Subject: do no privatise the ABC

The ABC is an important part of the culture of Australia. I rely upon the ABC for both radio and television news. I do not want to watch television which features advertisements and am very willing for a substantial proportion of my taxes to be spent on support for the ABC. I will never vote for a government which seeks to privatise the ABC. I will protest strongly against any move to do so.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC as a public broadcaster

I am writing to express the strongest possible support for maintaining the ABC as a public broadcaster. I have lived in Australia for over 20 years, having migrated from England where I grew up with the BBC. Since moving here, I have lived in country NSW; in floods or fires, the ABC is the default and essential source of information for the community.

I believe the ABC provides a critical (in all senses of the word) service through its news provision, whether on TV, radio or by podcast. The Australian public have the right to question the politicians and Governments that represent them; the ABC provides this service. The attacks on the ABC by the Coalition suggest strongly that they, the Coalition, are afraid of being asked legitimate questions and therefore must have something to hide. A privatised ABC would be more likely to provide "biddable" news, as the Murdoch press does - is this what the Coalition hopes for? The commercial media exist to provide a return to owners in the form of financial or propaganda benefit - every question asked comes with an asterisk to indicate there is an agenda at play, rather than asking a question to elicit an honest and informative answer. Australia would be a much poorer informed nation if these cuts and attempts to demoralise and destroy the ABC continue.

I remind members of the Coalition Government that they are supposed to represent ALL Australians and the nation of Australia and should therefore think of the impoverishment of our society they seem so keen to create.

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