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

I grew up with the ABC. It is part of my DNA, and I believe it is a part of Australia's DNA. The Argonauts Club when I was a child and I wanted my imagination and creativity challenged. Radio station 2NR on the northern rivers when I wanted to hear local quality news and radio journalism, and once TV arrived it was the nightly ABC TV News. 4 Corners from the time it first broadcast in 1961 when I wanted a reliable and in-depth weekly source of current affairs, and This Day Tonight from 1967 when I wanted reliable nightly analysis of current affairs. And of course I went to the ABC for quality drama with a genuine Australian touch - Bellbird, I Can Jump Puddles, and many others. I went too to the ABC for the best of overseas comedy and drama, and as I grew up I listened through the static to Sydney radio stations 2FC and 2BL for jazz and classical music. And I and many others still turn to the ABC for all of these things. It's Play School rather than The Argonaut's Club, and it's ABC Classic FM with no static. But 4 Corners is still there, This Day Tonight is there in spirit as the 7.30 Report, and both these programmes still have an impact none of the commercially owner current affairs have been able to manage. Think live sheep exports as just the latest of many, many examples. And instead of I Can Jump Puddles it is now the excellence of Rake or Mystery Road. I have known the ABC in the country, in Grafton, and I now know it right next to our national capital, in Queanbeyan. I relied on ABC Radio 666 during the Canberra bushfires as I feared for friends caught up in this disaster. I genuinely believe that without the ABC as an independent quality public broadcaster Australia would be a very different place, and a poorer place. And I'm reassured by the fact that polls consistently show that my belief is shared by the overwhelming majority of Australians.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No Privatisation of the ABC

The ABC is important broadcaster
of childrens tv without commercial
advertising, this must remain the hands of the Ausralian public to ensure quality content.

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VIC 3962




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC

The ABC is important from RN news and information, including advice on important health care matters, to wonderful Classical music. My life will not be the same because the private outlets do not present with objectivity plus all those ads. DONOT sell the National Broadcaster.

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

We will not exactly how important our public broadcaster is until it is gone. I worked at the ABC for six years and never felt any influence or pressure to be biased in any way. I was employed as a producer to help my local community come together and share stories. It is a small community of people (the NT Rex fishing community) that would never attract the attention of a commercial network. But because of the public broadcaster, this group of people were able to have their own place in the media to share their stories. Of which is important for any community. Please leave the ABC as a public broadcaster. It is our only objective source of information and stories.

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NT 0830 

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

The ABC is far more than news broadcasts. Take time to listen to what we listen to - Health report, law report, music, gardening, religion, current affairs, history, science..so much. Would you get this on commercial channels - you know you would not.
An attack on the ABC is an attack on an informed public.

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SA 5118




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of the hands of corporations!

ABC is the only remaining unbiased impartial quality free TV channel. We all have memories of the great programmes from bananas in pyjamas and playschool as little kids, to rage growing up, and now four corners, gruen, QandA and all the other quality AD FREE not for sale to the highest bidder shows. It would be a crime against Australia to privatise the ABC.

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WA 6050 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:48 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the abc

I don't trust any other news outlet than the abc. Privatised media is biased to what they report on. It is a ridiculous idea to do this, it's a threat to the democracy in this country.

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NSW 2529 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A trusted Public Broadcasting Service vital to our democracy

For the sake of protecting our democratic institutions I implore you NOT to privatise the ABC. It is a trusted news service, I watch the morning & evening ABC News and the 7:30 report every night as well as 4 Corners and Media Watch on Monday evenings. They are by far the most unbiased news sources in Australia.

Democratic government requires an independent public broadcaster.

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2026 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

Do not privatise the ABC. It offers invaluable services to Australians that no private media company would provide. I value the ABC and I vote.

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WA 6122




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the public not private sector!!!

Hello,

I and everyone I know would like to see the ABC remain free from privatisation - WHY - in particular because we cherish that there is an independent media source that does not have it's own money centered agenda that it's pushing. Simple. We want equality and fairness, not corporate takeover!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

Please don't privatise the ABC. Without a doubt they produce excellent movies and TV shows of a calibre you rarely see in the private industry. My kids also grew up watching Play School and Peppa Pig and I love watching shows on the ABC to learn about the world in an educational and unbiased manner!!!

Also it has been very noticeable that publicly run media outlets are often controlled by their owners with the purpose of influencing what news is reported and the slant that is taken on this news. It is VERY important to have a news presenter that produces critically analysed unbiased news and this is what the ABC does.

Also having to watch tonnes of adds sucks.

I also regularly listen to Triple J and love the radio station. The ABC won't be the same if it is privatised, and in a bad way.

It seems to me that the coalition doesn't like the ABC because it sometimes provide critical commentary to the Liberal Party. I don't want Australia to become like the US where Trump tries to shut down any media outlets/presenters that don't unquestionably support him.

PLEASE DON'T PRIVATISE THE ABC!!!!!!

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NSW 2100



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Bid to silence Australia's ABC

TWIMC,

Australia's only public broadcaster **MUST NOT BE PRIVATISED** because Murdoch wants to stop it from reporting adversely on Murdoch.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am a typical ABC viewer - I want to see quality news and current affairs programmes on a national broadcaster that is not owned by a private individual. There are too many risks that private ownership would render the ABC the mouthpiece for the owner and would lack quality journalism.

The ABC is owned by the people of Australia, not by politicians or government who don't like media criticism or bad publicity. Politicians are here to serve the people and owe it too then to be properly informed.


It is inappropriate to change the ownership of the ABC because Tony Abbott, Eric Abetz or the self-serving Pauline Hansen can't take criticism.

Malcom Turnbull appeared regularly on the ABC's Q & A in order to project himself as a leader with sensible and broad-ranging views and one who would uphold the values so important to Australians. He used this platform to gain popularity over Tony Abbott. The ABC's Q&A was the perfect forum he had to promote himself to Australia and he made very good use of it to further his ambition to be prime minister. Rupert Murdoch's ownership of the ABC would never make this possible to a politician who did not support his media empire.

LEAVE THE ABC AS THE PUBLIC BROADCASTER AND DONT CUT ITS FUNDING.

I WILL NOT VOTE LIBERAL IN THE NEXT ELECTION IF YOU CONTINUE WITH THIS UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSAL

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NSW 2138 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

To whom it may concern,
I feel very strongly about the ABC not being privatised. With federal funding they're able to show a diverse range of shows showcasing all kinds of people and opinions. If the abc were to be privatised it would limit the exposure people have to different views and reduce the exposure of minorities.

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NT 0810 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Let ABC be truly independant

With of majority news sources bringing biased news, ABC stays as a last source of information that is funded by tax payers hence no influence from tycoons and always free access to public. I consider this as a facility that we should fund same as our parks, beaches, reserves and health system.

Also I consider journalism and media as a fourth branch of government, so if someone consider to privatize that , they should see it same as privatizing parliament.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not allow privatisation of the ABC

For fifty years I have enjoyed listening to in depth news analysis from ABC journalists. These reports have enabled me to understand the subject in a way that is just not possible on commercial stations that are too busy looking for the next sensational topic and the next dollar. If you want a happy, educated people the ABC is essential.

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QLD 4103



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is a national treasure; integral to our democratic culture.

The ABC was set up with tax-payers' money, for the benefit of our democracy. Being independent of advertisers and other vested interests it is able to fearlessly tell truth to Power; a fundamental resource in any strong democracy.

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WA 6162



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am totally against the privatisation of the ABC and the cuts inflicted upon them, I trust the news events reported on the 7:30 report and 4 corners to be true and honest more so than any other media reporting outlets, not to mention the kids shows my grandchildren love to watch and totally enjoy. The lost of a publicly own ABC would be destabilising to our receiving straight forward and inspirational information that enables us to make informed and just decisions in our ever changing daily lives.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:47 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC belongs to all Australians regardless of their political and many other differences that they may have . The ABC is for all Australians to be so proud of with an unbiased track record when it comes to political commentary , documentaries, current affairs , news coverage and the very diverse and excellent quality of television productions. The ABC is loved and respected just the way it is . There is no reason to privatise it because In doing so the above may well be jeopardised and even lost forever . To privatise the ABC runs a very real possibility that there would be a conflict of interest by the stakeholders and private owners . There is ample mainstream media in Australia that have many inferior programs. Australia does not want or need another mainstream television station . We want the ABC to remain government owned thereby ensuring it is owned by the public , the Australian people. Let us have the ABC just the way it is , untouched and in contaminated by privatisation . It's a very unique public broadcaster that is well loved, respected and very successful.

Sincerely

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NSW 2077 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Submission against privatising the ABC

To Whom it may concern.

I would like to have my comments below acknowledged as to my concerns of the proposed privatisation of the ABC.

I feel that this action would not be in the public's interest in any way shape or form and lead to further frustration when trying to seek news feeds that are not biased in anyway. The ABC for me has become a trusted source when I am seeking to further understand current events or topics either on a national or international level.

Shows such as Q&A, late-line and four corners in my opinion allows updated facts to be broadcasted in an un bias manner. Other shows such as media watch further outline the inconsistency and in some cases blatant mis-information or propoganda amongst the commercial stations.

Currently there is no commercial station that comes close to asking the hard questions of our politicians on current subject matters. This fact alone should be enough to prove that the privatisation of the ABC will mostly likely see these kinds of interviews disappear from our TV. You only have to watch a few interviews to see why our politicians need to be held accountable for their actions or questioned on their policies. Although you never get a straight answer you can make a determination of the truth by what is left out or not answered. This just does not happen on commercial TV.


The ABC for me represents the best of freedom of speech. In the commercial world that we now live in, we as the public need something that is not funded by private enterprise. There many hundred of examples where corporation have made decision that are what is best for the company shareholders and not their actual clients or end users. The most recent examples of this can be seen within the royal commission into the banks, Facebook and James Hardie some years ago.

With the ABC being funded by the public then it should be the public who decide weather or not it is sold off and if I am given this chance to vote my vote will be NO.

Regards

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VIC 3089 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

The ABC is the epitome—and last stalwart—of the 4th Estate in Australia. In a time when Australians can't trust our church leaders, or banks, our politicians, it is one of the few remaining institutions we can trust. It educates our children, represents our farmers, entertains us, and holds our leaders to account. This represents a public good that cannot be replaced. Australian governments have a very poor record of successful privatisations of public institutions - this would be yet another disaster. Don't do it.

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NSW 2350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell our ABC

The ABC must not be privatised. It is one of our most trusted institutions. Even when complaints are made to the relevant authorities when ACMA has reviewed these very few have any merit. The ABC is not a political football to be used to assuage the demands of one nation. It is a public broadcaster and as such is not for sale. Look what has happened to the electricity companies and the banks when they were privatised. The ABC presents fair and balanced reporting. Just because some politicians do not share these views does not mean the views are invalid. Long live a fair and free ABC. A pox on the young Liberals who see it as an economic commodity to be sold of for a paltry sum!

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VIC 3131 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be put in the hands of private media.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

I like the ABC very much as they have some very good programs. To privatise would be a disaster as everything would change so much and not for the better. I think we are in dangerous times and they are trying to destroy what is worth while. Good luck with your campaign and hope you are successful.

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QLD 4812




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC will not be privatised!

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 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

This is a heartfelt plea not to privatise the ABC. I have lived in many overseas countries during my life and the one thing I always missed sorely was the ABC. Even the BBC ,good as it, is is not a patch on the ABC. I listen to one or other of the ABC radio stations every day of my life. It is informative, intelligent and offers such companionship it is hard to quantify. The commercial stations just don't stand up in quality. I have always found the ABC has the utmost integrity in bringing to the public attention ,without fear or favour, certain public issues and concerns. If it is to be privatised who can we trust to provide such shows as Four Corners, Q&A, Media Watch ??I would be prepared to pay more for the ABC. It is the best value product our taxes pay for. Both ABC radio and ABC TV provide excellent quality music, drama, comedy, talk shows...there is something worthwhile offered at all times and if there isn't something on which interests me I can tune into ABC IView or any number of podcasts.....amazing.
Please do not privatise the ABC - it is a much loved Aussie institution which should be preserved in its present state for a lot longer and one whose funds should be increased.
Thank you.

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NSW 2119 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Remember our 8 cents a day

Those with long memories will remember such fights, from the SAVE OUR ABC bumper stickers, to the 8 cents a day campaign, the beloved ABC has been up for sale before.

As the only independent voice in the media it is necessary. Whatever Government in power will claim bias against it.

It is the nature of a democracy, freedom of speech, so it will be seen as a denial of such to muffle the beloved network.

Only a suicidal government would seriously sell it off. Or a very courageous one.


Do the current government want to be that government?

So please listen to the people if you don't want a backlash,

thank you, [REDACTED]

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NSW 2206 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I live in Jabiru in the NT. The abc is how I connect with the wider world. From the local NT news to the best of international drama. Radio National keeps me company through their podcasts and bring such a broad view of the world into my home. Shows like Big Ideas, The Spirit of things, Minefield, Rear Vision, Late Night Live, Money and the Health Report and so many others widen my sources of information and provide such a sense of connection and informative depth to my life. Iview has kept me company in this quiet little towns ever since it started. It makes my heart break every time I hear of another attack on the quality or funding for this service. It is not enough just to stop the funding drain, this needs to be reversed.

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NT 0886 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:46 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The public broadcaster should not be privatised

Public broadcasters like the ABC and SBS through news, entertainment and education help to promote a shared sense of national identity by providing independent news and programming, and by creating opportunities for political and cultural engagement that is 'sponsored' only by the community of which we are all a part. Public broadcasters have a unique national responsibility to provide this public good. It's not easy to measure this, but it's not impossible either. The more narrowly defined and easily measured goal of commercial broadcasters is to engage consumers and maximise the return to shareholders of both the broadcaster and their advertisers. How can these two things possibly be compared?!

Commercial broadcasters have a given place in the media landscape, but so too do public broadcasters. The very premise of this inquiry is not only fundamentally flawed - it reeks of the pathetic whingeing of previously incumbent commercial media that have been dethroned because they have failed to keep up with the rapid and immense changes in the media landscape since the dawn of the Internet. They've got more competition alright, but hardly from the public broadcaster! Does the Liberal Party really want to be in the business of supporting unviable enterprises?

When public broadcasters produce news, drama and entertainment, they also develop the professional skills of those involved, expanding the scope and sustainability of our local production industry as a whole. How many successful concepts have begun with a public broadcaster and been taken up successfully by commercial media - all over the world? Numerous!

Public broadcasters have also often been important sources of innovation in terms of platforms as well as content and talent development, which over time benefits the sector and all of us as consumers of media. Why aren't the commercial broadcasters following this lead? Are they too lazy, too old, too out of touch?


On a personal note: I am tired beyond reckoning of being advertised to at every turn. A creeping feeling of being besieged - not by Big Brother but by Big Data - is seeping into all my interactions with the media in Australia EXCEPT the ABC. I only have to turn on my Windows 10 computer each morning for work to be confronted by yet another unbidden image - beautiful, but not of my choosing - along with little messages trying to entice me to click on them and thereby reveal something about myself that I have no actual desire to share with complete strangers! I have no choice but to use Windows 10 in my job.

Without the ABC, there will be no choice left in the media either.

The one refuge in the media landscape today from the increasingly intrusive, prying tentacles of Big Data into my private sphere - which wants only to gather more and more data about me in order to market products to me more and more effectively wherever I turn - is the public broadcaster, the ABC.

Australia and Australians have been pioneers in so many ways, in so many sectors and industries, throughout our history, of which I am immensely proud as a citizen of this country, born and bred. We were successful in doing this largely because we thought outside the box, we were larrikins who did not bow down to the bullies of this world. I would like to see such a pioneering spirit emerging in our commercial media, as I am sure is already happening (just look at Stan, an Australian enterprise challenging the likes of Netflix). I would like to see commercial TV networks taking a good, long hard look at themselves and embracing the pioneering spirit that makes Australia a great place to be alive. And doing some innovating of their own - not whining about how tough things are and trying to blame 'Auntie' for their own failures to adapt and change with our changing, globalised world.



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We must maintain the vitality & independence of the ABC

As a now 70 year old Australian, I (& my family) have over my lifetime not only enjoyed & benefited substantially from - but indeed relied on the independent local & global news services, domestic & international current affairs programs, entertainment & educational output, & especially the non-partisan political commentary of "my ABC".

I object most strenuously to the threat that my grandchildren - & the nation at large - will be denied the same benefits in future if this national treasure of an organisation is further emasculated by more funding cuts - or even worse, it's destruction thru the proposed privatization. I have little interest in the lowest-common-denominator output of the for-profit third estate, & am appalled by the overt & unbalanced conservative bias of, & frivolous programming generated by the commercial press & broadcast networks. "Our ABC" is a remarkably honest, professionally managed, & truly independent Australian voice in today's world that is regrettably more & more swamped by overseas vested political interests & foreign media ownership.

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VIC 3172 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

It's impossible to keep private values and agendas from influencing true and accurate reporting. You know it. Everybody knows it. Keep the ABC REAL!

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WA 6037



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Government Plan to Strip income support from people with substance addiction problem

Radio National is my constant companion on long drives between towns. The shows are extremely informative.

ABC TV is only TV station we allow our grandchildren to watch as the high standard programmes are both entertaining and educational. Children are not exposed to and manipulated by advertising. Our grandchildren love Playschool, Peppa Pig, Operation Ouch and other shows.

My husband and I only watch ABC, SBS or NITV for the high standard and trusted current affair shows, such as 4 Corners and Insiders. For entertainment only high quality ABC comedy shows and dramas are worth watching, especially as we are not constantly bombarded by commercials. Additionally ABC has higher Australian content than the commercial channels.

The Coalition attacks on ABC will alter an Australian institution that has served this country well.

ABC needs to stay in public hands. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

I urge the current Government to retain our public broadcaster in the current format, and in fact reinstate funding that has been stripped in recent budgets.

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WA 6330




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's the only sanity we have

Without the ABC Australia has no impartial voice. All opinions will be held ransom by commercial imperative.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The people of Australia need the ABC

I have relied on the ABC for objective journalism, quality Australian and international programs and most importantly, freedom of speech, for nearly 50 years. It is dangerous and frightening to think that our national broadcaster could not express opinions of all Australians. If we lose the ABC to a commercial body, it is possible that we will not receive the same objective journalism, that we currently enjoy and appreciate. I know that if we lose the ABC as it is now, I will never watch the ABC again.

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VIC 3350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising our ABC

The ABC does NOT belong to the Liberals.

It belongs to the taxpayers.

The Liberals couldn't make a decision about Same Sex Marriage and it was left up to the people of Australia to decide on the right choice!

So the people of Australia should decide on whether or not the ABC gets privatised.

Oh hang on ... the liberals and it's cronies couldn't make money from Same Sex Marriage but their grubby little corporate mates can if they privatise the ABC.

And their grubby little corporate mates make money from off shore detention and their grubby little corporate mates make money from dirty energy companies and their grubby little corporate mates make money from avoiding tax.

The Liberal party is out of touch. Liberal party MP's also think that a \$200000 salary is not much money. And perhaps it isn't when compared to their grubby little corporate mates.

So shove off and leave the ABC alone. Have a referendum and let the people decide what happens to the ABC. Better still hold a snap election and see how it goes for the Liberals and their Grubby Little Corporate Mates!

Just a reminder ... in case you forgot!

ABC - AUSTRALIAN Broadcasting Corporation.

Not ... LBC - Liberal Bullshitting Corporation.

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ACT 2617



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We need the ABC to keep our government honest.

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VIC 3184



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: An independent 4th estate is critical to democracy.

To the liberal party,

As a former young liberal I am vehemently opposed to this sell off as the maintenance of an independent 4th estate is critical to keep politicians and industry accountable. A politically neutral, publicly owned media will always be less tempted by conflicts of interest. A decision to privatise the ABC could be seen as a form of censorship, which has no place in a true democracy.

My sincere hope, is that the party reconsider its decision.

Kind Regards

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SA 5064




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:45 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands and fund it properly.

The motion by the Young Liberals exposes the feelings of a significant number of members of the party. A large number of the party have very thin skins, they seem to forget that that the Labor Party received at least as much coverage from the ABC that they felt was unfair criticism. If a party is in power there is more scrutiny on them than on the opposition. If the Liberal Party can not take the heat they should get out of the kitchen.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I do not want the ABC privatised. I want the ABC to remain as is providing a service that I can rely on, especially the news. Commercial stations are too biased and do not report anything accurately

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Please keep our ABC in public hands. If there is just one thing that would make me march in the streets day and night it is any kind of threat to the ABC.

An independent ABC is essential to our democracy and one of its last lines of defence.

The question of whether the ABC has an advantage over commercial media outlets is irrelevant because if private companies want to be media proprietors that is a matter for them. I want advertisement-free, high-quality journalism, documentaries, classical music, drama and children's programming and only the ABC can provide this because it would be not profitable for the private sector to provide the same amount of content to the same standards. I like my ABC just the way it is and request no changes.

I warn every MP reading this submission: at the next election my vote will depend directly on your personal record on ABC independence and funding. I implore you to restore the funding outrageously cut in this year's Federal Budget and to defeat all calls to privatise this cherished and crucial national institution.

Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2089



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must stay in public hands

In the early 2000's the RWH Melbourne was embroiled in a controversy with regards to late term abortion. As the secretary of the Senior Medical staff the ABC, both radio and television, was the only aspect of the media of the time who was interested in truthful reporting i will always be grateful for their professionalism in representing clearly the reality of the issue it must not be privatised

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VIC 3053



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

For about 4 years I have only got the ABC signal, and I have not got my antenna tuned, because I find that the ABC is all I need. And I know that the information will be unbiased, no matter that I don't agree it's some of it.

The ABC is OUR institution. Keep it in our hands - please don't put it in the hands of some biased money maker.

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VIC 3003 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisise the ABC

The ABC service is a part of the nature of Australian society. The current press is full of 'fake news' and the Murdoch press is hopelessly biased. We need the ABC to provide a true and unbiased news and information service coupled with its development of Australian talent and drame services. Preserve the ABC and never let it be sold!!!

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NSW 2282




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC hands

I count on the ABC or unbiased, factual reporting free from reporters' opinions

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NSW 2088 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC publicly owned

I do not support the privatisation of the ABC in any way. As a journalism student, I am aware of the failing business model for commercial media. Somehow this is the fault of publicly owned broadcasters! The role of public broadcasters are vital in maintaining the integrity of our democracy by holding all political parties to account. It has an extensive charter and parameters by which it has to operate. It does not have to operate according to a commercial imperative, which means that it is not beholden to its advertisers and owners, and it can make content that is for the public good rather than content that has to make money to exist. I live in a regional area, and rely on the many channels to stay connected. I watch ABC tv, listen to radio and podcasts, as well as access news and information through social media. I am proud of the ABC, and rely on it, as a public broadcaster committed to balanced reporting, to supply me with quality content and information, which it does, everyday. Hands off my ABC!


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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I love the ABC for its straight down the line reporting. There are some 'high' powered organisations trying to downgrade our ABC

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WA 6023 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:44 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I can trust the ABC to give unbiased news we live in country where we currently have free speech and opinions this will not happen if the ABC is privatized. If Australia is to survive as a democratic country we need publically funded news broadcasting

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands...

The idea of the ABC becoming privatised is absolutely ridiculous. The ABC is an Australian institution that should never be retaken over or controlled by private, mercenary interests.

If anything, the ABC deserves more free bring from the public pocket to continue the delivery of quality journalism and creativity.

I am sure you can understand my position.

Kind regards,

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VIC 3071



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public broadcaster must be maintained

I can't believe we are having this debate. The community needs a broadcaster which is broad and owned by the community. I live in regional Australia and (like anything else which is privatised) if the ABC is lost as a public broadcaster then regional Australia will lose out significantly yet again. The ABC delivers a service like no other. It's agenda is not driven by self serving oligarchs. We NEED the ABC to remain 100% owned by the public of Australia and serving 100% of the public of Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a national treasure which provides a wide range of programs and opinions. To commercialise or privatise the ABC would drastically change its nature and ruin such a valuable resource. This absolutely must be stopped from happening. Many Coalition voters will also oppose such a backward move, so it's a foolish proposition on many levels.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in our hands

Do not privatise our ABC! It is the

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:43 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC independence

I love the ABC. 95% of my viewing time is with the ABC. I dislike ads intensely but more than that I hate to think that the material/ news/information I watch is influenced by the people/companies who are paying for it. We must maintain independent TV and radio channels, and I am extremely happy that some of my tax over the years has gone towards maintaining this. Long live the ABC

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NSW 2800 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am in a regional area & the ABC is our most reliable source of up to date information. This was evident recently when a few kilometres away at Tathra the town was devastated by a bush fire. We were given updates on the ABC if the fire was coming our way & if we had to evacuate. The ABC is always accurate either news and local happenings and does not sensationalise the news. Our local Federal member will lose his seat in this area if he is supporting privatising the ABC!

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NSW 2550




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I have relied upon, and valued the ABC all my life, for independent, reliable, trustworthy, news, above commercial interest, and quality entertainment. The ABC is ours. Please don't dumb down our nation further by dismantling the ABC. I cannot imagine the British government ever suggesting getting rid of the valued and respected BBC, nor should we.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: AustralianBC

The ABC is one of the few media organisations in Australia providing high quality, reliable media and information. In a world with diminishing trust and false information, a strong and independent media organisation is all the more important. The long term success of the ABC's independence is dependant on government ownership coupled with sufficient funding and support.

Look at the backlash this has caused you, abandon the policy and increase the ABCs funding as a sign of support and solidarity. Don't allow this to be an issue owned by the left.

Yours Sincerely

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VIC 3087




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must not be sold

I have been a liberal voter for 45 years and I am sickened by this foolish proposal to privatise the ABC. I will do all I can to keep this trustworth and important unaligned institution out of the hands of billionaires and in the ownership of the whole population. An evil idea from sycophants in the pockets of big business.
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We all have shares in the ABC. Please don't sell my share.

An independent ABC is an integral component of an effectively functioning Australian democracy. Informed voters have the capacity to influence (and inform) their local members and other politicians. The ABC is the only organisation that is able to inform Australian voters across the breadth of the country and beyond.

I grew up in a small village (no hotel and no police station) in northern Victoria. The whole community relied on the ABC for weather reports, stock sales information, sporting results and, more importantly, national and international news and entertainment. The ABC did not let us down.


Later, I worked internationally in Laos, Cambodia, PNG, Vanuatu and Indonesia. Again, we relied on the ABC for accurate and current information. (Short wave reception might not have been wonderful, but access to reliable and impartial news was.)

I still rely on the ABC. It is my informed and entertaining friend. Occasionally, it grates, but it is an integral part of my life.

Privatising the ABC would be like the loss of a reliable, entertaining, dependable friend. The commercial media with its ads and shouting, opinionated 'personalities' cannot replace the considered, informed, impartial ABC.

Please leave a well-funded, publicly funded ABC intact so that it can continue to inform and entertain us all.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off my ABC

I am very concerned about the coalition's attacks on the ABC. The ABC is Australia's most trusted news source. With less and less Regional news coverage the ABC is imperative in the regional area in which I live. If my family wants to learn more about any news item it's the ABC to whom we turn. It's always informative, free of trite and over sensationalised news stories and delivers reliable and factual reports. The reporters are well educated thinking people who go above and beyond what's required and always maintain standards. Loss of the ABC will result in a lowering of news and cultural standards in Australia.

My family have grown up with the ABC and I am horrified to think that my grandchildren will be denied that educational opportunity.

Much loved characters and fun educational programs are synonymous with ABC programs for all ages. If it's my taxes paying for the ABC then leave it alone.


The media that has unfair advantage is owned by Murdoch. I do not have Foxtel, Netflix, or any other media platform. My television when it is on is on the ABC or SBS. I am not alone in my watching/ listening habits.

Rather than focussing on cutting or privatising the ABC why not spend some time looking at politicians who have misused my taxes.

To me it appears the Coalition is frightened of the ABC. But why? I can only surmise that it is because the Coalition would like to keep its population ignorant or is frightened by exposes and encouraging people to question.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No to ABC Privatisation

I support a publicly funded national broadcaster. I do not want to see it privatised. People like Rupert Murdoch already own far too much of our media, keep the ABC as it is.

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WA 6100




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands of our ABC!

The ABC is the sole producer of quality television in this country. While the commercial TV stations compete in a race to the bottom, the ABC strives to improve peoples lives by providing informative and thought provoking documentaries and current affairs as well as entertainment. The nature of these shows may not necessarily be viable in a commercial sense and so would never see the light of day on the commercial networks. In addition to education and enlightenment, the ABC plays a vital role in keeping our politicians honest. If they aren't held to account by the ABC for us, then who will? Channel 9 or 7? I don't think so. You need only look to the Fox Network in the US to see what an Australian media landscape dominated by Rupert would be like.

On a personal note the ABC has been a constant in the lives of all Australians ever since we can remember. It is something we all have in common. My wife and I grew up on opposite sides of the country but we have the ABC in common. We both watched Astroboy, Inspector Gadget, Doctor Who and the Goodies, as did most of us kids of the 80s. That shared history is a powerful thing and it continues today as my son and his generation grow up with Jimmy Giggle, Peppa Pig and Shaun the Sheep. Good old Aunty. When you threaten to mess with her you are threatening family, so watch out.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NO privatisation of the ABC

For sure politicians of all persuasions don't like negative publicity, and in some cases despise the dissenting view. So honorable politician how do you reconcile the reasons you don't want a publicly owned and independent broadcaster against maintenance of the democratic social legacy we all inherited from our fore bearers, the very one that lifted you into the position you now hold? Think about the logical conclusion that can be drawn if you persist with this campaign, do you even care?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the abc

Have we taken leave of our senses! Is our whole value system based on the bottom line? So are we just going to follow the Trump Putin (insert any strong arm bully leader of your choice) model and accept their model. Abetz and Abbot and Theo cronies where away with the fairies (pardon the pun) on the same sex marriage so we don't have to take too much notice of them. Common Malcom [REDACTED]!
Yours respectfully (that's hard to say)

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NSW 2011 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Shooting the messenger- hands off the ABC!

Dear Inquiry members,

It is probably worth remembering that before Tony Abbott won the Federal Election in 2013 he made a promise... that if elected, there would be no cuts to public broadcasters- the ABC and SBS. Like most of his other promises, this one was not kept. But what is interesting is that he thought it was a vote winner. And he was right. Many of us rely on, and feel strongly about our national broadcasters. While far from perfect they have a commitment to fair reporting without fear or favour. Which explains why so many vested interests are out to destroy them.

How many investigative journalism pieces on 4 Corners have blown open all kinds of corruption and malpractice? Too many to list here. How many politicians of all persuasions have squirmed when questioned on 7.30?

I have watched the ABC all my life. I watched its ad-free children's content as a child, and then Dr Who, GTK and Bellbird were the signs that dinner would be on the table.

I have loved many of the ABC drama productions, the quizz shows that are about the journey and not the prize.

I live in a rural area and rely on the ABC not just for local news and comment, but the rural report, the weather and when necessary, it's the place to turn in an emergency.

But I also am a regular listener to Radio National, and despite the cuts that have savaged it, I continue to find content, from m Breakfast to Drive, AM and PM and lots of conversation with Richard Fidler, not to mention the fascinating and eclectic offerings of Philip Adams.

I have travelled extensively. Most countries have nothing comparable. In the USA you can have your choice of hundreds of channels of rubbish. Content served up to sell advertising, delivered at volume for almost as much time as the program.

They used to say the ABC cost us each 8c/day. I don't know what it is now but I'd far prefer to see public expenditure on the public good, than the tax deductibility given to organisations like the IPA, whose agenda will see our planet shrivel and die.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

Don't privatise the ABC!

The ABC is an incredible platform for Australian film, television, music, radio and not least of all, news and journalism. Privatise it at your peril!

ABC produced news is more important than ever in an environment awash with misinformation. Without it, people would be unlikely to go to paid alternatives. They would instead fall prey to private interest groups publishing free but warped biases. Even if you do not like the news presented by the ABC, it can at least be held to account. You will not be able to do that in a decentralised news environment.

Beyond the news is the incredible cultural contribution the ABC makes. Had it not been for Triple J, I would never have been exposed to Australian musicians whose music is now world famous. While these acts might now have airplay on commercial stations, they would not have had any exposure when starting out. This applies to Australian made films and television. As it becomes increasingly difficult for traditional media, who will fund, broadcast and support Australian media?

Again, I repeat; do not privatise the ABC. You will rob the nation of an incredible cultural institution.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:42 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Government Hands

The hallmark of all great democracy is a strong and free press. In Australia the strongest and most independent radio and television broadcaster is without a doubt the ABC. The fact that all governments have criticised the ABC over the past 30 years or so from both sides, Liberal and Labor, proves the point that it is independent. The in,t thing that should happen is it should receive more funding from the government. Remember the in,y reason this inquiry was set up is because Pauline Hanson was caught out by the ABC cheating and she wanted to punish them. Unfortunately then Liberal federal government did her bidding in the hope to win Hansons vote. Shame.

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

Let me think for a moment.....? Privatising the ABC = Dont vote Liberal- End

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

To privatise the ABC is a terrible idea! As it stands its programs are balanced and fair, and not biased by the pressures of private enterprise, the market place. For decades it has brought to us a breadth and depth of news as well as cultural stimulation without being burdened and interfered with by advertisements. It is a cultural staple and to change its direction would be like an act of vandalism.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off the ABC

My ABC provides all the news and entertainment that our household needs. We trust and rely on reliable and researched news and information behind the news. If not the ABC, who will supply the truth to the current political situation in Australia. The ABC needs to have its funding restored to the pre- Abbott lying and scheming era. There must be a public broadcaster capable of holding those who seek high office - public and private to account.

Hands off the ABC. If you don't like your misdeeds broadcast, stay honest and fair in all dealings.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The only TV I enjoy is ABC if this is privatised the content will no longer get my attention.
I have often lived in rural areas and found ABC a reliable source of news.
My children and now grand children enjoy the non
Commercial shows of Play school, Peppa Pig, etc.

If our, the people's Television is commercialised then where is Australia's democracy?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is not for privatisation!!!!!!!!!!

To Whom it May Concern

I am deeply concerned that the Government has plans to demolish the ABC. The Liberal Party at its Conference last weekend voted for the privatisation of the ABC. There are the government members who are of the 'Hard Right' who is doing its utmost to get rid of the ABC. I believe that the government is so far out of touch with the real lives and its people [who vote] that it is quite a frightening matter to contemplate. I would like to put to the Inquiry why the ABC should not be privatised:

1. this is the one organisation that I have found to be impartial and unbiased in its reporting and announcements.
2. The ABC is one of the few organisations and medium that reports the truth through its investigative work and performance.
3. My own children, and those of my friends and family all have watched the highly regarded and quality kid's programmes over many years. Today my grandchildren through their parents, are getting to watch and benefit from the excellent, educational programmes.
3. The variety of programmes of all topics and subjects have been carefully selected to cater for a broad cross-section of society for both the urban and rural communities.
4. The ABC journalists are highly skilled and professional ensuring the best production for its followers and audience.
5. As someone who has family in rural areas, there is now a fear that they will be deprived of high quality radio and television production. I do not believe commercialising the ABC is going to mean a better broadcasting service delivery to our families in the bush.

I would sincerely put to the Inquiry, that I and all of my family in the bush do not trust the government with this matter. There is fear that the government wants to outsource and privatise the ABC for dubious reasons. And those reasons are simply the following:

The government does not want the ABC to be truthful in its reporting 'warts and all' ; and if it challenges the government,, that is what the government wants to put an end to. Government ministers make claims that the ABC make false and fake claims about the government. It wants to make out that it is having unfair treatment at the hands of the ABC.

The way I see it , is the government drifting more towards despotic measures and control; as if to keep the general public in the dark and to deprive them of the truth.

In conclusion, I and my many family members think it is a deplorable government plot, over-reaching again. The message from us all is that the government should leave the ABC to run its business. anyway, government ministers appear on the commercial stations all the time; and mainly those ones that show bias and favour the government. So there would be no need to seek commercialisation of the ABC. Leave the ABC alone. Show some respect, at least to the voting public: The People who will make sure if politicians will have a job or not after the next election. Me and my family feel very strongly about this as we do not think commercialising the ABC will look after the voters in the Bush.

Please, consider the ramifications for all people.
thanks for your consideration.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hand

The ABC is the only television channel (along with SBS) which has an informative and intelligent approach to information and entertainment. The rest of the free to air ones appeal to the lowest common denominator, it seems like a race to the bottom.

Having an ill informed public might be good for the government as it is more malleable and easier to manipulate, but a population fed daily on those appalling reality shows or other brain numbing american series will hardly have a competitive edge in Asia and the rest of the world and we will end up being ruled by others.

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
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hand!

I oppose the ABC being privatised because ABC has been a voice of the people and for the people. The Australian government must keep it public. Once it is privatised the voice of the people and for the people will be greatly determined by the business interests of whoever bought it. Censorship might be applied to serve its own benefit. With the current threat to democracy from an outside power in the business world, who knows what it will become to the openness in politics and news that the past generations have enjoyed. We have seen many businesses had to apologise to that certain foreign power for printing a so-called "incomplete" map of that country or the likes.

Australian government must keep ABC public for openness is essential to democracy.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's my ABC!

I am a pensioner, I do not buy a daily newspaper. I get my news on line via the ABC website, and TV News. The ABC has a history of investigative journalism, and many times have uncovered news which organisations and political parties would have preferred to have swept under the carpet. The programmes such as Q and A, give members of the public a voice to ask questions of politicians and industry and community representatives. This goes to giving people a wide range of views and helping voters to discuss and make up their own minds about current issues.

The ABC has been a trustworthy
Source of news, and should not be privatised.

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WA 6210 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the abc

The abc is the only genuinely free thing anywhere these days. Previously you had free to air networks but these days they have nothing worth watching at all. Just reality tv so called. The abc produces quality and relevant programs. I won't be happy if this were to end.

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NSW 2256



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:41 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Keep the ABC in public hands! We've seen what happens when governments privatise assets. We have only to look at power companies who failed to maintain infrastructure and the Commonwealth Bank, driven by profit motives for shareholders rather than best service to customers. It seems inevitable that privatisation means a reduction in quality or service or both. Our public broadcaster is the best and most reliable source of news - international, local and rural, has the best children's programs and documentaries without constant ad breaks. Where commercial broadcasters maximise the drama in sensational stories, the ABC has awesome investigative journalists who bring us "real" news as well as daily events. The ABC is too important an asset to Australia to debase it by privatisation. And the suggestion that it could become a subscription service is appalling. This would immediately put access to a quality broadcaster out of the reach of much of our rural population, many pensioners and others on fixed incomes. Please, please keep the ABC in public hands and increase the funding rather than keep cutting. I'd rather forego the promised tax cuts than see the the ABC privatised.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in the Australian peoples hands

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

If the AB C is pravitised it will go into the hands of an independent who will be biased and give lop suded news. Australia is a democracy which is being eroded where our press is already in tge hands of Rupert Murdoch who is polically biased.

I enjoy the intellectual stimulation provided by the ABC , please do not turn Australia into a country of reality television to dumb down our population,

Kind regards,

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NSW 2483



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

The ABC is the only news source I trust to be free of political and commercial influence. Most other news outlets have become little more than dressed up opinions, little better than Facebook or Twitter for analysis, truthfulness or importance. Public funding of quality, independent journalism is essential for a functioning democracy. Hands off!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I have grown up with the ABC. It is a welcome change from the overadvertised commercial TV stations and news on the commercial radio stations. It is nice to get the genuine news and in depth commentary. ABC should remain a public broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The Australian deserve a quality public broadcaster such as the ABC. I have learned so much from their programmes and can keep up with the political scene. Please do not privatise the ABC

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in our hands, and properly fund it

I am so grateful to the ABC for their honesty in reporting the world events and providing exceptional TV, Radio and on line programs. I enjoy listening to back ground briefing on Sunday mornings, whilst walking the dog , they get such bighty stories, we would never get those if it became commercial. We get good education from Norman Swan, Amanda Vanstone and Phillip Adams, Richard Fidler and we would lose those if it were sold off.

I listen to the ABC RN in the mornings , whilst traveling to my places of work. I listened to ABC Classic FM to help me in my office and the depth of knowledge that the presenters provide. Christian Chong and all the team just make the work i do, as a contractor, so much more enjoyable and surely that is a sign of productively in the work place.

i worked for a while in Kuwait and the broadcasting available was very limited. I could listen to BBC , CNN etc but the broadcasting on line from our ABC was distinctively Australian and my country.

I relation to the TV my family and I watch the ABC in the evening particularly, but also SBS news.

We enjoy the documentaries, 4 corners, Insiders, foreign correspondent, star gazing.

The entertainment programs excellent as well .

Please keep the ABC in public hands, and properly fund it... and i am in a marginal seat, and i am voting in the next bi-election!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is important to Australians because it is honest, and not commercial.

We live in a regional area and it's very interesting to hear people from all over the country calling in on ABC. With there being not many ads you feel like things are honest with ABC, not representing any agenda of anyone, just tuning into the pulse of the country through its people.

Plus the ABC is our source of news in the rural areas, and also to hear the country hour and about markets. ABC is very important to Australians and that is because they can trust something in the world. So it shouldn't be privatised as that trust would inevitably get eroded due to advertiser's priorities, as it always does.


Many in this country understand the important value of honesty. It's what makes Australia the country what it is, ie still honest compared to many places.

So ABC which is public broadcasting shouldn't even be compared with commercial media as they are two different things. They can exist side by side.

ABC plays a vitally important role in our democracy and for people to hear each other's varied opinions is healthy and helps us make sense of the world in the national interest.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:40 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is a national Asset.

I understand the ABC actually creates more wealth, than it costs the Government.
The ABC provides priceless information to rural communities, including farmers , small businesses, rural women, isolated communities.
It provides weather, flood and bush fire alerts and up to the minute information in cases of emergency.
It is a factual and trusted source of information, including marketing, entertainment and community.


It must be kept independent SBD in our hands.

Please do not sell it off to vested interests.

We all need OUR ABC.

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VIC 3450 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not even think of privatising the ABC

The ABC makes and broadcasts some of the most important TV shows ever made ... children's programs. Any comparison between ABC children's broadcasts and commercial ones will show the intelligent observer what a difference there is. It's not just the 'shows' themselves - it's the way they're shown. I grew up with 'Kindergarten of the Air' on the radio in the 1960s, and I see the same care and expertise being applied today in the ABC's children's programming. Of course, not all is great, and anyone can pick holes, but there is a serious difference between the ABC's programs and those which you'll see on commercial TV.

The ABC is not only not compelled to push products, it is prohibited from doing so. To destroy this culture of education and entertainment for children would not only be a betrayal of future generations of Australians - it would also be a massive act of cultural vandalism.

The Liberal Party Council represents a tiny majority of Australian people. Their views can be dismissed if we want, or swayed in a moment by good arguments, or even bad ones. Speaking of which ...

I will refrain from any personal deprecation, though I ask you to look at the two IPA characters who have recently published a book. I have seen them talking on the internet about cryptocurrencies, and I would suggest you do the same. Something wrong here with the way they think, the way they communicate.

Why would you let people like this steer the ship of state? Why let narrow-minded ideologues dictate our country's future, our culture, our national tenor?

Want to watch half an hour of cobbled-together scraps of news, showbiz gossip, sleaze and crime? Watch Seven, Nine or Ten.

Want to get the guts of the matter? Listen to ABC RN hourly news updates, then look at the ABC News website.

If we want Australians to be informed and even potentially wise, we should provide accurate and unbiased information.

Much has been said about bias in ABC news and current affairs. As someone who worked for many years in the TV news world, working at Nine, Ten, SBS and the ABC, I can tell you that mistakes, distortions, commercial and personal interests, and outright propaganda - not to mention ignorance and stupidity - have much more of a home on the commercial channels.


Let your conscience guide you. You know the truth. At least with Frank Packer we knew who we were dealing with; he was no Trump, and was consistent in his biases. Who are the bosses now? Nobody knows. The ABC already belongs to all Australians. I heard one proponent for privatisation saying that we could spend all the ABC money on schools and hospitals - the ABC is a giant school, not just a training ground for media professionals, but also a school for all citizens where we learn about the world. It is also a hospital, an amazing resource which we turn to for comfort and reassurance in difficult times ... even as public health funding diminishes.

The ABC, like public art galleries, schools and hospitals, is a vital part of what government does.

As for the money: the Iraq invasion, based on lies, has cost billions of dollars and untold lives; the Sydney Olympics was a great opportunity for Sydney, NSW and the Commonwealth to get together and chuck away hundreds of millions which went to various shonks, billionaires and oligarchs. And then there was the soccer world cup fiasco which saw the PM give tens of millions of our money to a very rich man, money which went on dinners, prostitutes and expensive holidays - in a word, bribes. There were disgraceful lies which claimed the money was spent on soccer clubs in poor countries. Who really believes that happened? If we can spend wasted money on such hopeless projects - peace in Iraq? - we MUST spend good money on nurturing local talent, local knowledge, local wisdom. Such wisdom you will not find on Australian commercial children's TV programs or on commercial TV aimed at so-called adults. You might, on the other hand, find these things on the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Stop the PRIVATISATION of OUR ABC

To the Government Enquiry into Public Vs Private Broadcasting in Australia

Firstly, I cannot believe that the concerns of Private Media Companies & their profit margins could ever be deemed a suitable topic for a public government enquiry. Would any other business be given such treatment? Where is the Coalition's "Let the Market" decide philosophy ?

If technology is changing the media industry than it is the responsibility of these privately owned companies to change their business model. Linking or comparing the ABC to these 'For Profit' companies is Ludicrous.

The ABC's role in our democracy is a totally separate situation. The ABC's role has always been to provide fair & truthful News & Current Affairs that caters to the needs of all Australians. Private media companies primary goal has always been to make money. The fact that their historical business model doesn't transfer well to the digital age has nothing to do with the ABC & it's remit for the Australian public.

Shame on any one in the political sphere for trying to disingenously link the two because of their separate & personal problems with the ABC.

Any one who can't see the need for a publically funded media organisation that fosters & helps maintain the basics freedoms in a democratic country is either an idiot or does not want to see our democracy thrive.

Apart from anything else no politician has the right to even explore privatising or making the ABC work in a so called "level playing field" in this age of "fake news" & foreign interference in democratic countries without taking their plans to the Australian people. At the end of the day it is Our ABC because it is funded by our taxes. Furthermore anyone who wants to mess with the public funded model of the ABC must be seen as enemies of freedom of the press.

I cant believe that there are politicians in this country that think the ABC should be privatised or forced out of the online sphere so that the Rupert Murdoch's of the world can have a greater share of Australian audiences. This makes no sense.

As for the so called "cost" argument I say again what price can you put on the role that the ABC plays in supporting our democracy & improving the lives of all Australians - think of all the Investigations carried out by Four Corners & the 7.30 report that have led to lasting improvements in this country. Think about the fact that the ABC & SBS are the only media producers in this country that routinely present stories about Indigenous & Mutlicultural Australia. Think about the quality children's programs such as Play School & Bananas In Pajamas that have been exported across the world. How can anyone think that these things would continue if the ABC was changed in any way to improve the media environment for the private media companies.

All I can say again & again is Shame on anyone who is attacking the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

I love my ABC, it's the only TV channel I watch. I trust and learn from ABC's content from news, Lee Sales on 7.30 Report, Four Corners and Late Lign. I love the Australian drama shows that the ABC produces and broadcasters and the comedy show like Agony Aunt to Upper Middle Class Bogun. The films that ABC air are brilliant and I love the Arts programs. I don't want to loose my ABC. I love ABC with no Advertising free to air. Please save the integrity of the best broadcaster in Australia, stop cutting the funding and do not privatise. I pay my taxes and we all want our taxes to go to education, health and our ABC. Hands off liberal party. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisise the ABC????? You jest?

With the global record of privatisation disasters, any idea of privatising the ABC has got to come from a sector with an agenda - surprised? Let's face it, why would the Liberal party want to privatise an organisation that actually is somewhat effective at 'keeping the bastards honest'? Perhaps because Auntie is seen as a threat to expanding the control & influence of the wealthy minority at the expense of Mr & Mrs average?


After all, if any organisation can remove what it sees as a threat (real or perceived), why wouldn't it?

And as for the programming that I imagine that we'd end up with... arrrgggghhhhh!!! Look at the drivel that's generally served up on the existing commercial networks - I hesitate to suggest that the programming is targeted at those with an IQ somewhat lower than an earthworm, but fear that such a suggestion might be in order.

I read an article some time ago which related to TV ratings - If ratings are falling, go DOWN MARKET with programming - in other words, broadcast even more trash - thank goodness for Stan/Netflix/YouTube!!

Folks - KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should be owned by all Australians

In an increasingly partisan world it is critical for the health and well-being of Australia and Australian democracy that the ABC remains a fully publicly owned entity. Commercial operations, quite rightly, and driven by investor returns. We need a media organisation that is acting in the interests of all Australians, not just a few investors.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell the ABC

Commercials causes me genuine anxiety, I can only watch abc. The continual attacks by Liberal party members and the fear that one day it will be privatised is also causing me severe stress and all my friends and family are very concerned also. These attacks will help labour win the next elections. Ideally please nationalise the other channels, I prefer my tax to go to this rather than the purchase of expensive arms.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is the only Australian news service free of commercial vested interest. It is one of the most trusted Australian institutions, and its independence must not be compromised. The fine programmes on science, religion and ethics, current affairs etc. would never be broadcast on commercial radio. The ABC is a most important part of the fabric of Australian life. Funding ought be restored, and its independent future guaranteed.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Retain ABC as a public broadcaster

I watch only ABC TV and occasionally SBS but the ads on SBS are becoming more and more intrusive (and the ABC is no longer entirely free of ads either). The other TV channels are full of shoddy programmes as well as ads and I never watch them. Even when a decent film is shown the ads are so time wasting that we do not bother watching. If the ABC is commercialised the our household will give up watching TV altogether.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Short and to the the point - DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC!!

The ABC is an Australian stable and an Aussie icon, don't change that by privatising it. ABC has been constant and familiar my whole life, so much has changed over my life, but please don't let the ABC change also. I want my kids to grow up with the quality and stable programming that the ABC has consistently supplied.

Don't privatise the ABC for the sake of all Australian current and for future generations!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

How totally un-Australian is the Far right? And how totally undemocratic. It is time that the people of Australia clearly said your views do not speak for the majority of Australians. Obviously you want our toddlers indoctrinated while watching playschool (if it survives) with the crass commercialism that sees our homes overflowing with obsolete technical and other plastic and poor quality goods, our oceans trashed with the detritus of snack foods and overpackaging and our country, water and food producing regions trashed by big mining interests. It is time the Liberals dealt with the arrogant right or you will face a massive slide in elections for the next ten years. I want my grandchildren to be able to watch great quality television programs without commercial interests muscling in. Get a backbone Mr Turnbull and clean up your own party instead of attacking others.

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VIC 3222 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:39 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Leave abc alone!

Myself And my family love watching abc. We love the shows, documentaries & news. I love there news because they are not biased from my point of view. It is essential part of Australia to have a place we can trust when getting our news

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: the ABC is crucial to Australia's democracy

Attacks on public broadcasting from far right & conservative forces are not confined to Australia. Nevertheless, as a long time ABC staffer & contributor I have lived through the ABC's slow death by a thousand cuts. But as a listener/viewer of the increasingly depleted ABC, I hope most Australians understand that the right's openly savage attacks in preparation to selling off this priceless national asset to media moguls like Murdoch to destroy what's left of independent journalism & other services is a grave threat to democracy in this country. I urge people to wake up & fight to defend our non-commercial, national broadcaster before it's too late.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

The ABC must stay in public hands. It is a bedrock of our society and is absolutely essential in its public broadcasting role. The public interest can never be served by privatising the ABC and any government that would consider it is not truly serving us.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Maintain the ABC - over 80 years of independent service can't be lost!


Having lived much of my life in parts of regional Australia, I have treasured the ABC as my connection to the things that matter most to me, from listening to Jason & the Argonauts on the Children's Hour as a child, to Blue Hills and later of course to the ABC News. (As a child, I loved the fanfare that heralded the News and would run through the house to join my parents in front of the big old radio).

All my adult life, I have relied on the excellent documentaries and current affairs programs, both on radio and TV. They provide information that is not available anywhere else on the media.

Politicians of all persuasions have complained that the ABC is biased against them, which must prove that it is doing something right! Anyone who tries to privatise it does so at his/her peril. Elections are frequently won and lost outside the capital cities and the ABC is the life blood of those areas.

Please consider that fact when devising any policy to privatise, or even further emasculate, the ABC.

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QLD 4011 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands away from the control on Hard Right.


The ABC belongs to the people of Australia and no other body of people should steal it from us. The only possible reason the government wants our ABC is to control what is broadcast and proves that they are frightened of being found out of heinous crimes and actions.

The ABC is ours and we will not be walked over.

How the hypocrite Abetz ever became a voted in representative of the people astounds me.

Please give serious consideration to stopping the privatisation of our ABC. Privatising the CBA hasn't worked as it's been proven they're corrupt. It cannot work for the ABC either andust not happen.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC as is

We have lost so much of our Australian identity? who or why is putting the ABC in the firing line. sBS and ABC are the only stations worth listening to that give an educated person a feast of discussions and worthy entertainment.

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QLD 4226 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT TOUCH THE ABC!

The ABC is the most reliable, well informed, interesting and educational broadcaster in the whole land, and available to all people. It truly is a national broadcaster of excellence and should NOT be tampered with in anyway!!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Defend the vital independence of the ABC

That any political party would seriously consider privatising the ABC makes my blood run cold. The Australian Broadcasting Commission is the single most important cultural institution in our country. Its independence from private funding & from advertising is absolutely vital to the survival of our democracy. Look at what the ABC provides: almost (apart from SBS) the only trustworthy news service; educational programmes about science, sport, the law, media, the arts, music - the list is, literally, almost endless. I could not bear to live in this country without the regular solace & informative entertainment provided by the ABC on a daily basis.

Who are the philistines behind the now-regular undermining of & attacks on the ABC? What is their agenda? Who are they beholden to? Who are they being supported by?

The very fact that this witch hunt is going on is sinister. I would be prepared to take to the streets to defend the independence & autonomy of the ABC. Its sustainable funding should be enshrined in law, not regularly demolished by ignorance and spite.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must not be Privatised!

To The Commission,

I am deeply concerned about the continual attacks made on the ABC by the Coalition, and the subsequent white anting of this rich, cultural resource that serves all Australians.

To lose the ABC to privatisation would result in the dumbing down of our nation, not only intellectually, socially, but culturally. (Akin to living on a diet of cheap sponge cake instead of a healthy balanced diet)

I love my ABC. I find listening to local ABC radio more informative of local issues than any other local radio station. Radio National is educational, inspiring and entertaining. The ABC provides opportunities and employment for our creative and intellectual talent. The ABC is for every Australian.

To destroy the ABC is the most foolish short sighted, cynical and politically motivated tactic to dumb down this country. To privitise the ABC is to allow politicians and big business to be accountable to no one.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I've grown up with the ABC as the impartial and trusted source of truth and quality broadcasting in Australia.


Like the BBC in England, the ABC is a valued, necessary and much loved institution.

The prospect of the ABC becoming just another commercial station is heartbreaking.

To me, the privatisation of the ABC would be a sign of the worsening state of Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:38 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Political education and involvement

My wife and I have relied on the ABC and our discussions to get our two sons considering social and political issues which involve some thinking and deliberation. We have two engineer sons who can now consider a topic and its consequences, and who can see through the agendas that keep infiltrating commercial broadcasts.

For the sake of clear and critical thinking, we cannot allow the ABC to become the voice of private enterprise.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern, I would like to state that I strongly disagree with any move to privatise our amazing national broadcaster, the ABC. Many of my childhood memories revolve around Playschool, BTN and Rage. As an adult I enjoy commercial free, australian made drama, comedies and current affairs that have original content, not driven by commercials and ratings but by quality, inclusive programming. Please ensure that the ABC remains in public hands, for the public good for many more generations.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands and not the whipping boy of the Conservatives.

The ABC has been part of my life forever and it has always been the National Independent broadcaster. It should stay as an independent organisation and not be the plaything of the right who have trouble with a Media they can't control to kowtow to them. They are cutting funding so much it means it can't provide the level and quality in current affairs and favourite programs have been axed. The managing Director has been employed because she has a commercial background but hopefully she will start to stand up for "our ABC". The Board needs sacking because they are not doing what is required of them- standing up for the ABC. They are right wing ideologes who want the ABC destroyed. We want them out and replaced by ppl who can do their job and earn their money by standing up for what we value.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

To whom it may concern,
The ABC should be kept in public hands to allow space for original, unique, independent creative productions.
Balanced representation in the media is important for the development of our society. Privatisation of the media limits the perspectives available to those that will sell rather than opening them to all the possibilities.
The ABC is also great for a variety of children's educational programs.
It would be a massive loss to Australia if the ABC were privatized.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: To the ABC - Don't cut Lateline

The ABC is important to me because I feel its programs help me understand what's going on in the world in a manner that is free of the hype and noise of the commercial channels and radio stations. Commercial TV is about commerce - using the seductive power of the medium to entertain through buying in popular programs with the proceeds of advertising. Popular thought is no substitute for debate and challenging programs that discuss and comment on issues in society. We need both, of course, as entertainment is part and parcel of our shared culture. A

However, a public broadcaster that can provide a platform for the communication of ideas that may not always be popular is essential to balance the biases naturally held by various sections of society.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

I grew up watching the ABC. Everyone should have access to public television that is free from commercial influence. This is important because spaces free from ads for products are vital to our wellbeing as well as fundamental to providing news, commentary and coverage that is free from commercial bias.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC should never be privatised. As a public broadcaster, it cannot be 'bought' by people or companies desirous to use the ABC for their own ends. The ABC news is impartial with regard to politics and politicians - and tells it 'how it is'. Please leave the ABC as it is - and how it always has been - a quality public broadcaster which is above corruption. We cannot afford to lose its services as a public broadcaster.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: How dare you consider selling off the ABC!!!

I find it completely outrageous that there is any consideration to privatise the ABC. I watch and listen to the ABC almost exclusively. That is where I go to for news that I can trust, for journalists who are smart, rigorous and will not be swayed from seeking the truth. Just one program - Four Corners, has in recent months and years exposed a number of horrifying stories of corruption and put them clearly in the public eye eg aged care, banking and the financial sector (while the government was saying that there was absolutely no need for any further investigation!), franchising . . . the list goes on. So many times I have given thanks for the fact that we have an independent source of news and information, that is not "bought" by corporate interests as so much of the world seems to be. The ABC, contrary to some right-wing views, presents a balanced perspective, and respects and celebrates diversity in our community. When I am not watching the ABC, I will be watching SBS. Public broadcasters are the lifeblood of a real and true democracy, which also seems to be increasingly under threat. As evidenced by this move to privatise the ABC. Hands off!!

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VIC 3072 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

We live in regional Australia. ABC is important to us for our kids, local news, and ourselves. Four Corners is a must watch by our family, exposing issues we would not have the ability to source otherwise. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

Democracy cries out for a publicly funded broadcaster, please do not touch our Aunty.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands

To whom it may concern,

In regards to the idea of privatisation of the ABC,

I cannot understand the concept of altering a institution that provides a service that cannot be rivalled by any current private service and to turn it into another homogenised media platform. The attacks through from the usual culprits don't come as a surprise, slowing whittling away its financial base and outcries of unproven bias. The ABC provides a excellent, reliable service without all the extra fluff associated with the current media services that are beholden to the almighty dollar and are becoming more sensationalist, unrealistic and disinteresting. The programmming provided across all platforms from the ABC is trustworthy, interesting and well worth an increase in its budget due to its importance in providing these services. Finally to entertain an idea that the ABC needs to privatised reeks of opportunism and to threaten an outstanding service that not only shines light in dark places but literally keeps the bastards honest will always be a winner with me.

Thanks

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QLD 4061



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC MUST remain in public hands!!!

The ABC is an essential services, no private operator will EVER provide the coverage in rural and remote Australia and local content that make the ABC and SBS such a special part of of daily lives. Only the ABC tells the real stories of ordinary Australians and what my Us, Us. Would a commercial operator make shows like “Australian Story” or “Landline” or “Backroads “ etc. I don’t think so, these shows tell our stories inform the city and urban Australians about our regional and remote Australian residents vice versa. We need these types of stories to be told and re-told to show as all who we are !!!! This type of programming is essential to our national sense of self only the ABC and SBS can do it properly because they do not have a commercial pressure to be a ratings and financial hit! That would compromise the special value these story tellers bring to these types of shows to us all. Australia is such a large country so many remote communities and for these citizens the ABC and SBS are guaranteed to be available, would any commercial entity stick to the rules to continue to make sure that All communities in remote Australia have access. I bet a private owner would do all it could to water down the access to these remote areas because of the cost to do so. No legislation would be enough to ensure this coverage without a dedicated watchdog to monitor the private owner all the time.

The nature of the ABC in its current form guarantees the News services integrity, that it provides the our community as there is no bias created by a commercial ownerships structure. This is what has made news programmes such as 4 Corners, 7.30, Lateline and Q&A so legendary and award winning for their impeccable quality of reporting and bring stories that no commercial broadcasters would bother covering due to time constraints or because its not sexy enough. No commercial news service in Australia has ever had the the same beneficial affect on its citizens as these programmes have had. To change the structure of the ABC and SBS would destroy these unimpeachable news services. The liberal party has had a vendetta against the ABC for decades. It perceives the ABC as some left wing agency run by socialists and greenies. In the current international climate of the rise of the ultra nationalists in Europe and Trump base in the US, the local ultra conservatives are taking this opportunity to push the idea that it’s too expensive to fund Our most beloved ABC. Currently MP’s are about to receive another pay rise, when the average Australian MP is already receives a salary in the top 5 of the highest salaries for MP’s in the world. Our MP’s earn more than the average British and Canadian MP’s salary. So why don’t we re-direct this pay rise they do not deserve into the ABC’s budget instead, that would go a long way for us to afford OUR ABC.

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VIC 3044 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands

For the past 30 odd years I have been an avid watcher of the ABC - watching news, current affairs, documentaries, classic BBC and contemporary quality Australian drama.


I have fond memories of our family gathered by the fire on Sunday evenings watching much the loved shows on the ABC.

My loyalty to, and trust in our public broadcaster are strong. Stronger than my political persuasions in this current climate.

Please do not allow the privatisation of our ABC.

My vote will not be for any party that jeopardises the integrity of the ABC.

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TAS 7050 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

I value our public broadcaster, the ABC very much, its charter and mission is important. I would hate to see it sold and lose the commercial free coverage it provides us. Keep the ABC in public hands.

[REDACTED]


WA 6051 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is a trusted organisation, in a way that many news organisations are not. Contrary to the opinions of some, the ABC generally adheres closely to its Charter of providing news and entertainment in unbiased fashion. Over the years, investigative journalism from the likes of 4 Corners, 7.30 Report and Lateline have been the only way that the public could access news of scandalous behaviour in the political and corporate worlds. Naturally these are often issues that the subjects would prefer to keep quiet, but a transparent society is one that is more likely to be free of corruption. The issues that right wing entities and media owners complain about are not new: Keith Murdoch was complaining about the ABC News in 1932. What is at issue is what would follow if it were sold off; most likely investigative journalism would be blanked out, to the detriment of society. Certainly regional programming would suffer or be aggregated, or both.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!!

I strongly disagree with any move to privatise the ABC. I value the significant contribution it makes to Australian democracy, regardless of whether I personally agree with any particular viewpoint broadcast. The suggestion to privatise is a cynical and calculated attempt by the political hard right to stymie debate on political issues by delivering the ABC into the hands of their political friends. Whilst I also appreciate the contribution of the hard right to Australian political debate, I feel that (like any other politically active group; yes even GetUp!), they should not be allowed to control the debate.

A strong public broadcasting service is a cornerstone of serious political debate and contributes highly to establishing compromise in a diverse democracy.

We must keep the ABC in public hands and independent!

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VIC 3207 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:37 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands.

The ABC is important as it gives unbiased news to Australians. It is a trusted news source and is not influenced by people such as Rupert Murdoch, who has shown that he and his news media strongly supports right wing ideologies such as the Tony Abbot philosophies.


Any attack on the ABC is an attack on truthful reporting to the Australian people. While some of their programmes may seem to be biased to people of certain political persuasions, overall the reporting is just and truthful.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands to give unbiased reporting to all Australians, Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

The ABC MUST be protected and given an adequate level of funding.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

NSW 2576 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

It is a ludicrous assumption that by privatising the ABC we Australian people will be better served. It doesn't take a genius to realise that the ideologues, ratbags and hypocrites who proposed this also used the ABC as a tool to attempt to destroy the government of the day. Governments hate the ABC because the ABC is the only independent vehicle that can hold a government, any government to account. If you attempt to go down this path you will awaken a giant and a protest movement that will forever condemn you as scoundrels and unAustralian detritus. I'm sure in the very near future when you are again in opposition you will be again using the ABC for all its worth. You will all be dead and forgotten by the Australian people long before the ABC disappears. Shame on all of you.

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NSW 2031 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please DON'T privatise the ABC

I have listened to and watched the ABC all my life. It is a trusted and valued “friend” that I can’t do without. I am horrified by the thought of its being privatised.

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VIC 3145



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public for all

The ABC is an Australian icon. Our children grow up viewing it and listening to Australian accents and learning about Australian stories and experiences. It reports independent of commercial interests and Australian voters trust it.

It is who are. The Australian PUBLIC.

We must keep it that way

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SA 5062



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

I deckare I will be putting my energy to fight any privatization, leasing or corruption of our ABC as it is tiaday, I'll doorknock, lobby and protest to i protect our ABC
MURDOCK controls the govt, the media no private body will control our ABC!!!!

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NSW 2480



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Why do Ideologues seek to compromise the integrity of our ABC?

The ABC represents one of the best independent media organisations in the world and is renowned and respected for its quality of investigative journalism and its fairness in reporting issues. It is the only radio media that I listen to to gain a fuller understanding of topical items and progressive issues. In contrast the mainstream media appear to be far more dutiful to their owners aspiration than provision of independence. This ability to provide brave, fearless and independent information is fundamental for a fair and democratic society.

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VIC 3551



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't mess with the ABC!

Triple J serves as a sole voice for young and young at heart, unearthing bands and performers who would otherwise have no chance. They support the up and comers, not just those who have signed corporate deals. JJJ represents freedom. Selling out would spoil it.

No advertising! I pulled into a petrol station the other day to fill up my car, and could not block out the advertising blaring from the newly installed screens.

I watch the ABC to avoid being a target. I do not want to invite commercials into my own home. I do not accept junk mail. Keep the BC add free.

Funding some high quality Australian programming is a responsibility of the government. RAKE, Gruen, Crownies. I doubt as much quality would come from commercial networks who would lower the standards to make a quick buck, churning out mindless sitcoms, and reality shows. The ABC provides quality.

A FULL NO VOTE TO SELLING IT OUT!

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SA 5155 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I am so dismayed by this appalling suggestion. The ABC is the only TV station that I watch and ABC radio is the only radio I listen to. When I happen to glimpse other stations and hear privatised radio stations I'm eternally grateful for our ABC. It has had a rough deal over the past 2 years with all the cutbacks and it still maintains great standards of reporting and expertise that is lost in commercialism or the bias by the owners of those privatised companies. I have enjoyed our "local" shows such as Australian Story etc. for years and I love the straight reporting and the avoidance of sensationalism and overkill that is such a feature of PRIVATISED stations.

If Liberal politicians are so precious that they can't handle a bit of criticism from time to time, they shouldn't be in politics.

The ABC is great and we pay for it, so leave it alone.

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NSW 2295



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands!

Our freedom is under threat.

It is under threat on a range of fronts, we are experiencing;


- A drastic decline in the quality of our political representation,
- A collapse in public trust in our public organisations,
- The emergence of fake news and alternative facts, and
- A resurgence of the kind of populist politics that has historically lead to dangerous, ego-driven decision-making.

At the same time, the collapse of traditional media's advertising revenue stream has lead to a steep decline in both the quality and quantity of reliable independent journalism.

Publicly funded independent media organisations like the ABC are crucial to our ability to defend against these threats to our freedom and democracy.

The ABC must remain in public hands, it must be fully funded , and we must ensure it remains independent, strong, fearless and free.

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VIC 3126 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC from privatization.

Democracy is under threat if Australians allow the hard right political power base to push their Fascist agenda in privatizing the ABC.

If the ABC falls into the hands of private media moguls it will inevitable lead to the death of free speech, with the public fed on a diet of fake news concocted by spin doctors only interested in furthering their political and wealth agendas.

In the article HOW DEMOCRACIES DIE, in SMITH Journal Volume 27 Winter 2018, Harvard professor Steven Levitsky explains how autocrats go about dismantling democracies. First they get themselves elected, then start changing the rules and eliminating any criticism by "capturing the referees".

The ABC is our public broadcasting referee when it comes to uncovering issues of if social importance. Without this objective voice this country would descend into ignorance. Already the media is controlled by a few powerful right wing wealthy individuals who have no concept of the issues and problems faced by the vast majority of people living in this country.

The right wing political agenda has already wounded the ABC considerably through funding cuts, and now they want to fire the fatal shot that will silence the courageous reporting the ABC is renowned for.

If it were not so sad, it would be amusing that every political party in power seem to think the ABC is against them. Are all our political parties so afraid of the truth. I guess they are, and this is only one reason for the preservation of the ABC as a public broadcaster.

It is not only TV, but also radio. If the ABC were privatized the inevitable would be a decent into what we all know is the alternative - mindless dribble and junk food ads. HEAVEN HELP US if the ABC is privatized - The Matrix is born.

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QLD 4819 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:36 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC PRIVATE?????

This is the most appalling idea! I have spent my life listening and watching the ABC and trusting it's authenticity. If it is in private hands what is left of our democracy! It's enough to make me leave the country! I trust the ABC but how could I trust a private ABC? I've been around long enough to know that our country is full of greed and corruption and without an independent ABC to call it..... it will be a very sad Australia indeed. [REDACTED]

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NSW 2046 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Our Hands

The ABC, an Australian institution, as a child I hated the ABC, my parents watched it every night the news, TDT, and other current affairs programs, I wanted to watch commercial TV like the other kids, then Countdown came on, I loved it, now as an adult I watch the ABC exclusively, I want to watch unbiased unsensationalised news and current affairs, I love watching quality Australian Drama, and comedy, with such great Australian Actors, Seachange, Wildside, Mother and Son! Spicks and Specks, Gruen, Rosehaven, Utopia, The Chaser brilliant, you just don't get this stuff on the commercial channels, I'll tell you one thing, the threat of selling off the ABC, MY ABC, makes me bloody angry, and it will get me out there on election day campaigning against the dickheads that think this is a good idea. Where will we turn to for accurate unbiased political reporting, no where!! and that is just what corporate vested interest want. Keep it in public hands, Keep it unbiased, Keep the great Australian content, support Australian presenters, journos, investigators, actors and comedians, If you're afraid of the ABC you afraid of the truth.
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TAS 7140 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in public hands

I have travelled in a number of countries for my work that are dictatorships at best and absolutely corrupt at worst. When I was doing this work in the Pacific John Howard as our prime minister made a statement around the importance of democracy and how precious it is. I have seen that first hand and am proud of Australia's democratic system. What is ess ethical to a democracy is independent media that can call anyone to account and is in no ones pockets. The investigative journalism has seen banks , juvenile justice and corporations called to account and they can do thst without fear. We cannot commercialised the abc

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VIC 3055 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC ours!!!!

both my child and i depend on the abc as a source of australian culture and news. to put it in to private hands would be the destruction of the last bastion of genuinely australian content and a free press. please save our abc!

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VIC 3070 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keeping the ABC in the hands of the people.

Dear people entrusted with this incredibly important task,
A fully independent news broadcaster that is integral to our democracy, untarnished by commercial and personal interest, owned by the people, un beholden to political parties of ANY persuasion, a sponsor of investigative journalism (not borrowed journalism, not fake news, not vacuous celebrity-driven fairy floss, not designed to inflame conflict in order to make sales), a serious agent of education that is accessible across our whole nation and a supporter of programmes that would never be made or distributed by solely commercial interests (especially cultural and arts programmes) is vital for the groundedness of what it means to be Australian. Australia has been fortunate to be served by Aunty and my husband and I very rarely move away from ABC for our news, commentary and entertainment. If we do we scurry back again to Aunty for perspective. Please do not make the mistakes of nations which through the 20th century allowed their leaders to marginalise the intelligentsia. These attempts to disempower independent thought brought cultural, political and economic disasters for those countries. This is not the Australia that our ancestors worked so hard to build and our descendants are bound to depend upon in these days of disruptive systems and appalling disregard for the conventions of government and the standards of honourable leadership.
Please do not commercialise the ABC - not because change is wrong, but because populist politics destroy nations. The stakes are very high indeed.

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SA 5064 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

It is essential the ABC retains its independence, autonomy and programs, especially for regional areas. I particularly like the up to date on politics - the likes of Fran Kelly and Patricia Carvels. They truly get bipartisan opinions and despite being accused as representing left of centre views, they offer an intelligent, considered and respected discourse on what is happening in Australia. It is essential it is in public hands, it is a national treasure and not to be dumb downed like many commercial radio station's content. Stop gutting the ABC and dismantling it - it is the voice of culture, human rights and reason.

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VIC 3113 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Leave our ABC in public hands -- please!

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NSW 2095



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

The ABC is one of the most important institutions in Australia. It shows programs that would never get aired on commercial tv. It caters truly for all Australians, and gives voices to many in our communities that otherwise would be kept silent. It takes risks with programming and teaches us new things every day. It explores and explains Australia, and encourages us to think outside our communities. Privatising the ABC will wreck this valuable institution, and it will go the way of our electricity, our public transport and our banks.

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VIC 3058



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not sell off the ABC

I only listen to ABC Radio and only watch ABC TV.
The ABC is the source of all my information because I trust the independent reporting, the analysis that is not screwed by a commercial agenda.
It is important to me that there are no advertisements.
I feel a sense of ownership. The A B C represents me.
I cannot imagine my life without this wonderful independent public broadcaster .
I will fight to keep this.
I see many of the problems now facing America are a result of not having a trusted media. People in America do not know who to believe.
I do know that the information given to me by the ABC is independent, true and reliable.

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NSW 2281 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

I was a wide coverage of events in Australia and around the world with in-depth and knowledgeable experts being interviewed for their deep knowledge not their political biases. I need to know the ABC reaches out to people all over this big land to keep them informed and up to date during disasters. I want my ABC to keep people and politicians on the ball: questioning, delving and getting to the crux of the matter. I want my ABC upfront, bold and accountable.

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NSW 2430 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't ever sell public assets

You do it I will ensure you never get re elected with all my moneys

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VIC 3788



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Opposition to the Privatisation of the ABC

I add my voice in strong strong opposed to the proposal to privatisatise the ABC.

ABC radio, specifically Radio National and ABC Classic FM, have programmes of great interest to me. The rich diversity and depth of content in the programmes I listen to have been important in my life over many decades. Commercial radio does not provide anything comparable and would not be able to cover the range of subjects that are of such great interest to me.

The ABC has suffered repeated deep cuts to its funding since the Liberal National Coalition was elected. The cuts to funding have continued. And the impact is evident. I have noticed in the past three years how adversely the style of programming has been affected.

It seems shortsighted to destroy the excellence of this public broadcaster, which has a rich tradition and fulfils an invaluable social and educational function for the wider society of this country, for the sake of right wing conservative ideology. A privatised ABC would be unlikely to maintain the sort of quality that appeals to niche sections of its wide audience and would be incapable of maintaining the diversity. A privatised commercialised ABC would be unlikely to find it viable to continue providing such diversity. In addition, commercial interests would have undue influence on content. I for one would not bother to turn it on.

Further, another inquiry would be a waste of money. Repeated inquiries have shown the high regard with which the work of the ABC is held in the community.

And it is vital that political opinions, policies and statements can be scrutinised regardless of the political party that espouses them.

I hope and pray that commercialisation and privatisation will not be the fate of the ABC. It has not been a signal success in other fields, such as banking, or the utilities.

I hope the government responds to the public outcry and does not heed the voice of the proponents of the destruction of such a vital and independent institution.

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NSW 2060




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Back off- the ABC is not yours!

The ABC is free of adverts. The ABC is for educated viewers. The ABC makes narrow-minded bigots squirm. Are you one of these? Go back to your commercial rubbish & leave the quality to those who know the difference.

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NSW 2621 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:35 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save the ABC

Hi,
I am writing to express my outrage at the move to privatise the ABC. The ABC should remain government owned and uninfluenced by commercial crap. Please save the ABC!

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WA 6167



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise our ABC

Dear Sir/Madam

The ABC is the only station we have that doesn't try to sensationalise news, has brilliant, topical panel discussions about matters pertaining to Australia & gives a go to great Australian made shows. It doesn't pander to the ratings hype of ridiculous reality shows which, no doubt, would hook in more viewers & possibly help lower the national IQ!

In my opinion, the ABC is the only station we have that provides quality, down to earth TV specifically aimed at an Australian audience.

Please don't allow its privatisation as we certainly don't need another station dishing up the same as the hundreds already available to us.

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NSW 2223



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT privatise the ABC!

To whom it may concern, my submission for the public inquiry into the ABC.

I watch the ABC because it's NOT privatised. I can't emphasis this enough, and this is why many Australians also watch the ABC. Not only does this ensure less influence on content and bias, but also means that competing in a race to the bottom of journalism, their tactics and sensationalism, or the ugly 'reality' and voyeuristic slant does not occur. Privatisation will also end the innovative approach the ABC takes, giving new ideas and concepts to our viewing an opportunity.

Our most conservative politicians must also see the negative impact privatisation of the ABC will have. You cannot compare or suggest there's an advantage for a publically funded broadcaster such as the ABC or SBS. Public entities play a crucial role in our democracy and there is certainly no undue advantage for them, indeed quite the opposite.

Thank you.

Regards

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[REDACTED]

NSW 2031




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in the public hands and independent!

We have too many "news" sources that just do the bidding for the owner. There is nothing independent there. Only if ABC stays in the public hands can we trust that the truth will come out.
Hands off!

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QLD 4740 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands of the ABC

As an elderly person living alone I can't tell you how much I value the ABC. It keeps me informed about developments in science, politics ,technology, the arts, philosophy. I cannot imagine a commercial enterprise providing this breadth and depth.

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VIC 3084 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our abc in public hands

I love so many of the programs, both on television and radio. I gain so much information from both. Privatisation would as a matter of course remove all of what I value. Please don't.

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WA 6160



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC to "keep the bastards honest" (Don Chipp, an ex-Liberal Minister)

The (un) Liberal Party is more obsessed with privatisation than it has ever been. Why? Because private enterprise is where their funds come from It's companies that tell the Liberal puppy dogs to wag their tails. And we, the public, know how trustworthy big companies are. Look at the banks - no case to answer in a Royal Commission, right? Wrong, as it turns out. What a surprise. So, a privatised ABC would be such a great solution, wouldn't it? The Liberals would never have to answer an independent arbiter. They could rest easy in their sordid laurels, knowing that the Australian public could be fed on a diet of unfettered trash. Australians would no longer have access to independent quality news, to stimulating debates on a broad range of topics. There would be less information and critiques on the disgrace that is Manus Island, the embarrassment that is the Liberal government's response to refugees, on climate change, the Barrier Reef ... the list goes on. An independent, well-funded ABC is central to well-being of Australia, a place where people are given facts and a range of opinions so they can make up their own minds. And no, I'm not a "rusted on" Labor voter. I'm a very angry Australian voter and ABC supporter and I will fight this government every inch of the way to ensure that the ABC remains in the hands of the Australian people and not in the palm of the Liberal government.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC our ABC

I find not surprising that a Coal-ition would want to sell off OUR ABC since it is determined to kowtow to business anywhere all the time. The point is that is OUR ABC not your ABC and just because you don't like what it says about your lot doesn't mean you have the right to flog it off. I know you'd like nothing better than a Putin style government where all the plebs do what they're told and multi national can do what they've paid for, but traditionally that's not how things have been done in Australia. So don't sell off OUR ABC the same way you'd like to sell off every other public asset in the guise of letting market forces rule. We know that's all BS because water is not cheaper now, electricity isn't cheaper, gas most certainly isn't cheaper because of your cherished market forces model. OUR ABC if privatised will just spew exactly the same pap that all the market driven stations call content. Some of us, I daresay much to your chagrin, have a working brain in our heads and we enjoy intelligent entertainment.

Regards

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WA 6330 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain public

Public ownership of the ABC is a crucial part of Australian democracy. Private ownership would only put Australia further in the hands of the rich and powerful. Australia as we know it would be destroyed. Whatever happens, the ABC must remain in public hands, for our democracy and our future generations.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't let the ABC be privatised...

I'm making this submission to the ABC inquiry to add my voice to those calling for the ABC to remain in public ownership. In my view it is very important to have a neutral and independent broadcaster who can report news honestly and without bias towards corporate vested interests, or associated political lobby groups. The ABC must be free to call-out dodgy deals, bad behaviour, and restrictive practices. All over the world there is a lurch to the right - political organisations, elite groups, corporate entities (few of them answerable to ordinary people, and many manipulating the truth to gain power). It's forces like these that dislike the ABC because the ABC is free to expose them. In Turkey and Russia, to give two examples, free press and media have been suppressed and opponents of the government gagged. Privatisation of the ABC would be a shift in that direction, it would be bad for Australia and Australians, and probably the rest of the world, since it is the right-wing movement that wants to keep burning coal and won't support renewable energy even though it's a no-brainer. So I most strongly urge the inquiry to see the push of the hard right for what it is, and stand for the good and decent people of our country, and make sure moves to take the ABC out of public hands are very firmly blocked.

Thank you very much.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep my ABC in public hands

A privatised ABC would be a disaster for me. I listen to/watch no other radioTV stations. My music (Classic FM), my news (RN), my entertainment (BC TV) - I know I'll get music which takes note of my tastes; I know I'll hear/see news and commentary I can trust; I know I'll have a variety of entertainment which appeals to me. A privatised ABC will not care about this 80 year old man - they will only care about maximising profit.

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NSW 2537




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to us

The idea that privatising the ABC is in the interest of the public is false. The ABC is a source of reliable unbiased information for all Australians. It is the only source of information for vast area of the country. There is no other broadcaster to outback and remote regions. It is the source of information in times of disaster. It is a source of information and news that is totally reliable. All other media have the values and controls imposed by the commercial interests of their owners. It has radio and tv programs that inform and educate, and do not rely upon appeal to the lowest common denominator or have a requirement to be guaranteed of commercial success. It is a stabilising force in society, informing and educating and entertaining in a manner which makes a better world, which is something that is toaly lacking in commercial media with its reliance on sponsors, ratings and a cabal of opinionated shock jocks, who who fill the news print and airwaves with their bigoted vitriol.

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NSW 2479 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC

I am appalled at the idea of the last publicly funded broadcaster being privatised. The vested interests that business have and the subsequent skewing of news reporting is not in the public interest. At a time where fake news is rife and social media encourages us to exist in our own echo-chambers, to have a new source which does not pander to populist whims is imperative. There must be some shared reality which as a society we cling to. The ABC provides this.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:34 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC must remain forever in public hands. We as a society need news that is researched, produced & presented by people that are free from the interests of for profit corporations that seek to further their own agenda's, rather than the public good. We need open & honest, social, political & cultural dialogue that can foster more real inquiry & critical analysis into this world and It's events.

We need top quality entertainment such as that produced & purchased by the ABC, content that is beautiful, deep, poignant, funny, irreverent, mythical, engaging, intelligent, iconoclastic & just bloody better than that which has been fed to us for years by the commercial networks.

We need to cherish our ABC & look after it. We must restore the funding it needs to operate properly, so that we may continue to have everything it provides & has provided so well since its beginning.

Thank you.

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NSW 2480




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public ABC!

A democratic society depends on a publicly owned independent broadcaster.
If you value democracy ensure appropriate funding for the ABC.
If you value the supremacy of the financial elite and want corporations to benefit and individuals to suffer then I guess you'll cut the ABC funding. Now at least we can know what you stand for.

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VIC 3451 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC horrified that privatisation of our independent ABC is being pursued by the Turnbull government

An independent ABC provides a voice that protects our democracy. Our lib coalition does not wish to have scrutiny and avoid any opinions that don't reflect other views. An independent ABC is integral and essential to maintain a just democratic Australia.

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VIC 3053




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatising the ABC is unAustralian

The ABC must remain in public hands in order to remain unbiased and to show Australian content. The ABC and SBS are the only reliable sources of unbiased news in the country. If the government perceives that it is too expensive to keep the ABC in public hands, perhaps they could take a pay and entitlements cut instead. They're very quick to forget that they themselves are public servants. The government is supposed to implement policies that are good for the people but privatising the ABC clearly is just to appease to a small faction of people in the government who have an extreme ideology (and probably will receive perks from private media companies).

The ABC is important to Australians, so hands off.

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NSW 2194 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have tried looking at and listening to commercial stations. I find them superficial and lacking in content. In an uncertain world unbiased, informative programs are essential. Only our ABC provides them. During my recent chemotherapy, it was my constant companion. Please maintain this valuable service.

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WA 6280




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: NEVER EVER PRIVATISE THE ABC!

It is with utter stupor in the midst of the Sydney Film Festival that the audience heard the unimaginable. How can anyone wish the ABC to be privatised? It is THE ONLY TV channel, accessible to all, that is respectful of the intellect of the viewer, no publicity, films and quality series screened with integrity, arts programs, commissioned works. After the disaster that struck SBS years ago, now unwatchable due to the amount of adds cutting every program, the ABC has become the last fort of intelligent TV worth defending with every last drop of our energy. Losing the ABC to private hands is an attack on the right for everyone to access the core of what TV has to offer, a place of debate, earnest journalism, learning, discovery, wonder and creative engagement. For a country such as Australia, not to have a public broadcaster standing above the commercial trash that is pouring out of privately owned channels, would be a cultural tragedy. The ABC is worth every penny of our tax money and should be even more supported. Its regional programs for example have suffered from ongoing cuts. There were highly valued by regional communities. Privatising the ABC is as criminal as closing public libraries. How can anyone dare touch the only channel we can trust, since not motivated by profit. The ABC is part of our democracy. The ABC has been central to my integration in Australia, has made me love this country. The ABC is the only watchable channel, full stop. Keep it, nurture it, support it, don't sell it to the wolves of darkness. Keeping the ABC in the public domain is a right, as untouchable as the right to access public health and education.

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WA 6012 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A "Public" Broadcaster is a must!

Privatisation as history shows is usually a quick way to make a buck with little consideration for the future of such services and the follow on effects experienced by the public. You must look at why a particular side of politics is hell bent on destroying the last true bastion of quality televised content in Australian homes. The educational programs that have been with our youth for decades, the fact checked news programs (who aren't paid for by corporations pushing their own agendas), the historical, cultural and authentic programs that set the ABC apart from commercial stations must be protected. Listen to the people, do not be short sighted.

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WA 6025 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I don't want to see the ABC or SBS privatised. They are the only 2 news outlets that discuss issues that matter to all Australians without advertorial control or biased interviewers.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands


I have just read through The ABC Charter and it strikes me that the ABC is operating exactly as intended.

If the ABC is privatised we will be losing the most trustworthy news source in Australia that deals with the big issues and holds our politicians to account. My children only choose watch ABC channels on tv - this is despite multiple kid channel options. The ABC provides amazing content for children and none of the private offerings come close.

The right wing of the Liberal Party needs to be held to account and this privatisation motion is all about taking the heat off their outrageous agenda and actions.

Please keep the ABC in public hands.

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VIC 3121 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as the independent public broadcaster PLEASE.

I want the ABC to remain in public hands so it can continue to provide independent reporting. I greatly value shows such as 4 Corners, 7.30 Report; Media Watch; and Q&A. I don't want an ABC that has to rely on advertisements for funding, and I want it to be able to report independently. 4 Corners for example offers fantastic investigative journalism. I need a media source I feel I can trust and that challenges my thinking, it keeps me informed and aware of current issues in Australia and overseas on a whole range of topics; politics, health, social concerns, the arts, foreign countries, other people, other ideas. And I like the dramas that are aired - Father Brown, Death in Paradise - for example. Please can we have more Australian produced shows with local content.

I do not watch the commercial stations and I would not like to see the ABC become another commercial station. SBS has too many ads as it is, I would not like to see this happen to the ABC.

Please keep the ABC to be free as a public broadcaster for all Australians with sufficient funding to continue to do its job.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!

ABC and SBS are national treasures, our commonwealth, that we all can be proud of. The quality and diversity of these broadcasters is far better than that of any commercial broadcaster, and it is deeply shameful to see the cuts that have already hurt ABC and SBS. When media such as Netflix and Stan do not need to rely on advertising, then it is just not right that far better media like ABC and SBS are forced to do so.


Provide more funding to these treasures, not more cuts, let alone privatising. What is wrong with this government?! They are losing the plot to even consider privatising ABC!

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NSW 2035 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands, please.

Dear Mr Kerr, Ms Levy and Ms Flynn. It would appear quite clear that the Liberal Party is hell bent on privatisation of the ABC. You would be aware that the Liberal Party voted at their recent conference to do just that. In fact our Premier of Tasmania has been forced to make an embarrassing retraction after misleading parliament about his presence at the federal party vote on privatising the ABC. So it is very hard to believe anything that these politicians say. The prime minister has said that the ABC will never be privatised. We can all remember a long list of things that were 'never' going to happen according to politicians of the day. Now, I am 67 years of age, a retired postal manager for Australia Post with 39 years of experience when I retired at 55 years of age. I first started listening to the ABC when I was about 10 years old. I was not very happy upon hearing the music for the 7 O'clock news, as I had to go to bed straight after the news was over. But as I got older I learned to trust everything about the ABC. Simply put everything that was broadcast on the ABC was and is a cut above the rest. The news, the weather as well as the talk back shows are far superior. As far as I can see it the ABC talk back shows are genuine and unbiased. I listen regularly to Leon Compton of a morning on ABC radio. Clearly, Mr Abetz, Mr Hodgman and Mr Gutwein do dislike Leon, but this only due to the hard hitting questions he asks He treats all of the politicians, Liberal Labor and Greens with the same fairness and vigor. On the other hand as an example on the local commercial radio station a Mr Brian Carlton is unashamedly biased towards the Liberal Party. So there in lies the problem, this type of behaviour is not tolerated by the ABC's Charter but seems to accepted on the commercial stations. I am also an avid viewer of Q & A on the ABC. A fantastic show with a good cross section of panelists and hosted by Tony Jones. The Commercial TV stations are not capable of producing such good and educational viewing. I am still waiting and hoping that 'Lateline' makes a comeback. I believe that it would be a death-knell for our Democracy if the ABC is interfered with by any Government. Yours faithfully [REDACTED] Wesley Vale Tasmania 7307.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:33 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

A truly free country needs to fund investigative journalism that has no fear or favour

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

Where else can we turn to, to get the other side of the story. The free to air commercial channels are so predictable, and the only reason you would consider privatisation is if you wanted to control what the public could hear. We would be no better off than Russia, China and all the other countries where free speech is stifled. Is that the sort of society we want that only encourages corruption and feeding misinformation to its citizens?

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am shocked and dismayed that the cornerstone of reliable unbiased news and quality Australian content in all sorts of forms for all demographics is being considered for privatisation. This is absolutely improper and undemocratic. The idea that we would lose our only public broadcaster in a time when quality journalism and 'fake news' is running riot is disgraceful. Australians rely on the ABC as their public broadcaster untainted by commercial interests. The ABC is not for sale!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

We need public institutions which provide a forum for the people to be heard, and only the ABC and SBS are offering this.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Australian Broadcasting Commission belongs to Australian people

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this Inquiry.


As a long-term resident of Alice Springs, my town is subject to periodic flooding and dependent on ABC as an emergency information service provider. However another aspect of small town life is the thin market of commercial media and need for a more thoughtful contribution that ABC provides to us.

The value of Alice Springs to ABC was clearly recognised when the public meeting was held here nearly 12 months ago. I had the privilege to meet Michelle Guthrie in person.

At a more political level it is clear to me that ABC is core to our culture as Australians. I grew up with Radio National: Counterpoint, Background Briefing, Late Night Live, AM and PM have contributed to me development as a human being. Programs and presenters may change but the critical analysis provided by the ABC could never be provided by a commercial enterprise, because of its responsibilities to increase profits for shareholders, rather than providing information and education to the Australian community.

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VIC 3477 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:32 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Preserve public broadcasting

The ABC has served this nation well since its inception. It gives a voice to our culture, to our creative artists and to our stories. It is already obvious from what private companies have done with the additional commercial channels that we would lose what makes us Australian. We need a broadcaster chartered to provide objective news and representative programming for all. Our parliament should be out to protect the ABC not bow to partisan pressures.

Please look at the facts not the fallacies being put up by vested interests.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Any country that does not have a truly independent Public broadcaster is either already a non democratic country or on its way to being a dictatorship or some other form of oppressive structure. I sometimes agree and sometimes disagree with various subjects that the ABC run that makes me conclude it is balanced . I find it's news factual maybe not as colourful as the commercial stations . The Beaty being it does not have to alter or butter up stories so as not to offend its advertisers.

If the Conservitives of the Liberals get their way it will be a national disgrace if such a small group of owned politicians pander to the commercial forces pushing their buttons .

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I love the ABC and listen to it daily. It tells the news how it is without all the B.S. Privatisation of the ABC will be catastrophic and will not work. Privatising companies only leads to job loss and big \$\$\$'s for the bosses. I live in a rural area, I rely on the ABC and this is my main source of information. Public broadcasting plays a very important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not in any way be compared to commercial media. It is our democratic right to keep the ABC in public hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I love the ABC

I am 71 years of age, and my earliest recollections of listening to the ABC on the radio would be when I was a small girl sitting on the floor in front of the radio with my older brothers. I have always loved listening to the ABC on the radio, as well as watching ABC TV, and reading the ABC news on my computer. I have been educated, informed, and entertained by the ABC for most of my life, and I would say it has been a very important part of my life. I do not think the ABC could possibly provide the same content in the same way, if it were privatised. I am fortunate to live in a country which is a democracy, and I strongly believe that no political party has the right to try to influence the content of our publicly funded broadcasting entity. Australian society, and my life, would be diminished by the privatisation of the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Liberal

This is a public icon, it is not for a party of destroyers to sell to their mates. It underpins the nation's intelligence. How can we be a "clever country" without information and inspiration? The Liberal excuse for ruining our country and our values is their "mandate" to privatise, their political mantra, "sell sell sell, sell your grandmother if she stands still for long enough". We are a good country, we have gained so much from listening to and watching the ABC - it is the only substantial channel apart from SBS taking part in our national cultural and community development. We only go backwards if this immature, unthinking behaviour is allowed to flourish. Do not even think about selling the ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the abc in public hands

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 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC has played a pivotal role in my life and that of my family. In fact, nearly everyone I know, on all sides of the political spectrum, values the quality and independence of the ABC and the confidence this engenders. No other source of news, information and entertainment is so loved and trusted. Personally, the ABC has been a wise and steady companion at all stages of my life - it saw me through my childhood and adolescence with the likes of Play School, BtN and Degraasi. Triple J provided the diversity I craved and exposed me to lesser known musicians. It broadened the scope of what was seen to be creatively possible. As an adult, I am a loyal listener of ABC local radio. Every day, through Conversations, the World Today and similar programs, my mind is broadened and stimulated, my status as a 'citizen' and not just a consumer is reaffirmed.

The ABC is a valuable counterpoint to the commercial news outlets - it raises the bar for news, current affairs and investigative journalism, all cornerstones of a healthy democracy. Without it, I believe 'fake news' would become even more pervasive and potent. I rely on the ABC through all its platforms to inform, entertain, inspire and provoke me - any advantage it has over commercial media is testament to its value as a resource for all Australians, and not for the profit of a few. To privatise it is not to 'level the playing field' but to accept the banality and perils of profit driven media.

The ABC grows and nourishes the best parts of us, as individuals and as communities. To privatise it would be to fundamentally hinder that ability.

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VIC 3460 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC should be kept out of privatisation. It should be kept public.
I both myself and my children have grown up with quality ABC children programs such as Playschool .
As my children grew up we watched miss fishers murder mysteries ,woodly and many other shows that
would not exist if it was a commercial broadcast network. It is essential that it is kept community based to
reflect all aspects of the community and their tastes.
It's essential that shows like the chaser exist to counter other commercially corporate run organisations .
ABC offers a range of shows that are not found in other channels.

My children never watched anything other than ABC and SBS until they were about eight years old because
of the advertising and commercial, sexual, inappropriate content found on other mainstream television and
radios

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NSW 2044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC , it is not for sale.

Liberal Party, Privatisise or do anything more than you already are to destroy the ABC, ARE YOU MAD.??
We want the ABC , thank you very much. [REDACTED]

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NSW 2484




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

A public broadcaster is a fundamental part of democracy. It is vital that all media is not owned by private and powerful individuals or companies or controlled by commercial interests with their own agendas. Those people already control large percentages of what people watch listen to and hear about. The only way we can be sure of getting reliable news services without that sort of bias is with a publicly controlled and funded ABC and SBS. It is also the only way we are assured of good quality Australian content in our entertainment arts and cultural programs, children's television and in our documentaries. There is a whole Australian film and television industry that depends on our public broadcasters and whose employees - the cream of Australian creativity and talent is worthy of and should be supported by publicly funded broadcasters. It would be a very serious mistake to privatise the ABC and I urge you not to do so. Yours sincerely


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SA 5070 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abc

It's should never privatetised should be held by the government

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to the Australian people

I wish to express my strong concern about the current sustained attacks on the ABC from the coalition. I love the ABC and the breadth and quality of programmes it offers. My kids love the children's programmes and I appreciate that they are not subjected to endless adverts. I am a keen listener of ABC radio Sydney and Radio National. I use the ABC listen app. I trust the news I get from the ABC. Given the current flow of fake news, it is of the utmost importance for our democracy to have an independent public broadcaster.
Yours sincerely,

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NSW 2077 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never go down that apocalyptic path please.

Never, never,never - our public conduit to real news! Otherwise we'll be in Trump territory of manufactured 'fake news'.

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VIC 3183



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:31 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't commercialise the ABC

On September 13, the night before the 2013 federal election, Liberal leader Tony Abbott told SBS there would be "no cuts to the ABC or SBS" under a Coalition government.

In government a little over a year later, Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced that ABC funding would be cut by \$254 million over 5 years, and SBS funding by \$25.2 million over the same period. Recently, yet more cuts of \$89 million were announced.

How can voters possibly trust the coalition when they break a key promise like this ?


And it's not enough to just assure us there'll be no privatisation of the ABC. We also want a commercial free ABC. Since SBS commenced 'limited advertising' they're little better than commercial broadcasters when it comes to frequency of advertisements and promos punctuating their programs with monotonous regularity.

The ABC is much more than the political debate programs which the LNP analyse forensically in an attempt to justify their goal. The coalition conveniently forgets all the other areas in which the ABC excels with levels of programming simply not available on any commercial networks - radio, television and online. When did 2GB broadcast a symphony concert last, or the Seven Network provide coverage of some arts event ? The Nine Network's old 'Sunday' program - one of Kerry Packer's finest achievements - was about the only commercial program to ever come close to matching ABC content and look what happened to that.

With people increasingly getting their news from social media, it's reassuring that the ABC can still be relied upon to provide accurate reporting of events here and internationally from an Australian perspective and a platform for entertaining, intelligent and stimulating content across the entire country.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern

I am strongly against privatising the ABC for three reasons:

1. I am a children's author who well understands the importance of having a national broadcaster that produces children's shows with Australian content, something the ABC has done successfully for decades. Having award-winning programs such as Play School, Dance Academy and Nowhere Boys reflects back to young Australians their own experiences of being Australian. Having mostly US and UK imports, as favoured by commercial channels, robs Australian children of the opportunity to see their culture celebrated and reflected back to them. Thus, maintaining the ABC is one way of protecting and promoting Australian culture. If we privatise the ABC, there is no guarantee such programs will continue to be produced.


2. A democracy depends on the existence of an independent, fully-funded broadcaster to hold the Government to account. Commercial channels are beholden to shareholders and advertisers whereas a publicly-owned ABC is accountable to the citizens of this country. It is the Government's job to protect our democracy and it is the Government's job to represent its citizens. Thus, the Government must not privatise the ABC for that would jeopardise the station's independence and thus compromise its ability to hold the Government of the day to account.

3. The ABC broadcasts information of interest to people from minority groups. For example, those from rural areas, migrants etc. It gives them a voice. These shows may not always be of monetary value, but having these shows are of cultural value and moral value. Commercial stations often ignore these groups.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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SA 5023 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

I have never realised just how important the ABC is until after myb son was born 11 years ago.
I realised just how wonderful it was to have television without capitalism and consumption rammed down throat every 10 minutes.
No channel highlights this difference more than ABC2 for kids.
It is magnificent and perfect just the way it is. ABC a free from ratings and sales and in this day and age, it is needed now more than ever.
Please keep this true freedom alive for this and all generations to come.
Listen to people, as you need to show us you're still here for us, if you want us here for you.

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QLD 4078 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must be kept fully in public hands

Sir/Madame

I do not want the ABC privatised-please keep it in 'fully' public hands .

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

I love watching various news and family programs which are unbiased.

If ABC goes so too any will any trust I had in the coalition.

We need Australian news, Australian programs and unbiased investigative reporting.

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VIC 3132




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Is the government's aim to sell off everything? Are no public services expected to remain? There IS no other independent source. Commercial broadcasters are obviously just that - commercially motivated! For example, who would have exposed the corruption in the Queensland police force if the ABC hadn't done it? Programmes such as 4 Corners, Q & A, the 7.30 Report - do not exist anywhere else. Any attempt to destroy such an organisation as the ABC must attract suspicion. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3051 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC . It's ours and not to be sold off. We have enough commercial stations.
Keep our ABC.

Keep our ABC. It's not for sale. It's ours!

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VIC 3031



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our valuable ABC in public hands

ABC has been part of our family life ever since we came to live in Australia. Watching Play School, my young children not only learnt English but also got cultural foundations that helped them integrate into kindergarten and then school. No other channel offers such quality children's programs. Many years later, ABC and SBS remain the only channels we watch. First of all, the unending advertisements put me off watching anything on a private channel. Second, the fact that ABC is a public broadcaster ensures that programs are targeted to the public and not to the financial demands of private companies. We value independent journalism, that brings facts, analyses world and national issues from a broad range of points of views. Privatisation is bound to compromise that sort of journalism, which is becoming rare because we know that private news companies are largely owned by the same person. In a world facing incredible challenges, we need independent journalism, non driven by the financial greed of private owners, more than ever.

ABC also provides a number of very informative transmissions that offer a welcome alternative to reality shows offered by private channels, which have nothing to offer that is intellectually stimulating. In order to maintain its independence and its innovative spirit, in order to honour its place in the history of Australian life and culture, ABC must remain a public entity.

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VIC 3995




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: I wont stand by and allow the ABC to be privatised

I dont normally join protests or rallies but I will join whatever protests there are to fight this [REDACTED] The sooner the 'Far right' go the way of the dinosaurs the better

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NSW 1660 

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
From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:30 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

How dare you try to take our ABC out of our hands! I am 83 years of age and the ABC has been part of my life for as long as I remember. I was an Argonaut and loved submitting my poems and stories and waiting in the hope that I might win a prize..... it to be. But hope reigned eternal. The education and information that OUR ABC has provided cannot be over estimated.

HANDS OFF!

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VIC 3429 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

We rely on the ABC for balanced reporting that is not skewed for commercial purposes. A robust public broadcast service is essential for open debate about issues and is a trusted source of information on topics of importance to the public. Privatising the ABC would destroy that trust and is not in the public interest. For profit enterprises exist to generate profits for shareholders--that is their interest and this is often incompatible with the public interest. In addition, only a public broadcaster can be relied upon to service remote and regional areas. If left to the "invisible hand of the market", the demographics of remote and regional Australia will condemn them non-existent or inferior service. With so many issues of importance facing our government and the country, I find it unacceptable that the Coalition chooses to squander its energy on pointless, divisive fights like this one.

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QLD 4020 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC should NOT be privatised

I write this submission in support of millions of Australians from both the cities and the bush who want the ABC to remain a public broadcaster. The ABC provides essential and balanced service to the Australian community in the areas of the arts, sports, current affairs and service to the remote country communities that no other broadcasting organisation can provide. It is thus a unique organisation in Australia that truly provides an invaluable service to taxpayers, providing information, education and entertainment under one roof that no private company would do.

Private companies get hijacked by vested interests, and are run for only one purpose, and that is commercial gain. Policies rarely reflect community benefit.

I only listen to ABC radio channels. I almost always watch ABC television channels because the quality of programs is far superior than the often crass, superficial and in current affairs highly biased commentary (e.g. Murdoch media).

I have always supported the use of my tax dollars to be used to support the ABC, no matter how much it takes, and always will. Any party the votes to privatise the ABC will lose my vote forever.

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Ashwood 3147

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VIC 3147



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Absolutely NO to privatisation!

I believe It is very important for the Australian people to have access to a public broadcaster which not subject to advertising and the agendas of the business sector and instead gives unbiased information to keep the Austrian people informed of all opinions and outlooks.

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WA 6006 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must not be privatised

I care deeply about conserving an independent, publicly owned broadcaster which is free of corporate interests. Public broadcasting plays an irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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VIC 3065 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

The ABC has been the cornerstone of our family's TV viewing for 4 generations! My parents ONLY watched/listened to the ABC. The ABC has provided the structure to the day for my husband and I with Radio National and Michael and Virginia (ABC News) in the mornings + news all day. Not to mention the brilliant 4 Corners with Sarah Ferguson. ABC delivers great TV and radio programs (so much better than any commercial programs).

My children grew up with the wonderful Play School (a quantum leap better than the dreadful Hi 5) and now my 2year old grandson has been introduced to the joys of PlaySchool and other ABC Kids programs.

LONG LIVE THE ABC AS A PUBLIC BROADCASTER!!!
Don't trash it by putting it in private hands.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC publicly funded

The ABC is the only independent broadcaster in the country. As it isn't owned by a corporation who's ultimate legislated goal is to make money for the shareholders, means the content can remain unique, balanced and not limited to the quick fix that makes the biggest buck in return.

Please keep the ABC for the people by keeping it owned by the people.

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NSW 2082 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have been an ABC watcher for over 50 years. I have never watched commercial television. We deserve to have one station that is not held to ransom by advertising and political power. You are undermining our basic democratic rights and hobbling freedom of speech and action. I am horrified by the far right's actions and ethos. I have worked as an Assistant Principal for 15 years and in the public sector for over 30 years. The ABC has been hamstrung and decimated. Leave it alone. Shame on you.

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VIC 3926 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:29 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep the ABC in public hands

Over the years it has always been the party in power that complain about the ABC which just goes to show how unbiased they actually are! We need them - most people I know listen to the ABC and SBS. The other channels are really trashy with a lot of their reporting, biased to the power of the advertising dollar and they lower discussion to the lowest denominator, and this is becoming common in this country in many respects. We should stop the slide and stick to facts. Do not sell out the ABC or take any more finances out of our public broadcaster - you will not benefit from getting rid of it.

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