

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: HANDS OFF THE ABC

To the Prime Minister and his Government,

I have grown up with the ABC. As a child, television time was strictly limited and the ABC was the only station I was permitted to watch. It educated me - from Play School to the high quality BBC productions of the classics, David Attenborough's wildlife documentaries, the news at 7 p.m., This Day Tonight, the Australian Opera broadcasts.

As an adult, my television viewing is limited due to long work hours but it is also limited by choice to the ABC, SBS and re-runs of old series (Morse, Pie in the Sky, The Vicar of Dibley etc.) and old movies on other channels. I have been utterly delighted by the high quality of recent ABC-funded Australian series, including Rake, Harrow and Mystery Road. Who else but the ABC funds and develops programmes such as these?

The commercial channels largely stream rubbish, interrupted by rubbish commercials, and heavily biased towards soap operas and reality television (worthless nonsense which is cheap to produce).

I go to the ABC for my news and current affairs information. I was dismayed by the loss of Lateline, often the only detailed news item available by the time I get home late at night from work. I do not like many of the recent Australian comedies aired on the ABC - the humour is crude, and the profanities frequent. But I don't have to watch them and, if I don't like something on the ABC, I do work, read a book or do something else worthwhile. I pick and choose what I want to watch on free-to-air television; however, what is interesting, high quality, intriguing, stimulating, of education value or otherwise valuable is almost always on the ABC. The same is true on radio.

Yes, I have observed occasional left-wing bias on programmes such as Q and A. However, an intelligent audience welcomes the discourse of the latter programme. It and similar programmes provide far more information and varied points of view to the general public than does your government, any other political party in Australia or any other media source.


Your party shows extreme arrogance to believe that the Australian public will tolerate such interference in our ABC. If you do not like the opinions voiced on the ABC, then switch off.

Privatise the ABC and I will never vote for the Liberal Party ever again in my life. I am gobsmacked that you are even discussing it.

Please LEAD this country and stop kowtowing to the squeaky wheels in your party. They do not represent the public. They do not represent me. And they are drowning out the important issues. They should remind themselves of the words of Oliver Cromwell.

Yours sincerely,

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VIC 3030 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The abc is essentially independent -it must remain so!

Keep the abc independent!

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NSW 2041 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A public ABC only, hands off

The liberals have no right or mandate to privatise the ABC.


Hands off liberals, it provides essential services to all Australians.

The liberal party council just shows how out of touch and ignorant they are.

The information, education, unbiased news and investigative reporting undertaken by the ABC is not available from private & pay TV providers and as such is irreplaceable.

Hands off.

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WA 6044 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The record is clear - privatization always disenfranchises the people; profit is always given priority over service; privatization, contrary to rhetoric, is about the restriction of the individual being built around regulation, or as in the view of the boosters of privatization, red tape.
The ABC brings a variety of information to viewers/listeners that would not be allowed any space/time in a privatized ABC.

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VIC 3630 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

Are you kidding me? The ABC is one of the most amazing things about Australia. I've become a citizen here from the US five years ago, and the ABC is everything I wished public broadcasting could have achieved in the States. The fact that there is always something of value on, for both my husband and I as well as for our 5yo. I am appalled that something of such great value for not very much money is even being considered as being privatised. This will absolutely be a voting issue for me in any upcoming election.

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NSW 2034



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Must not privatise ABC

The ABC must remain in public hands especially when regional Australia depend on it. It is the only radio station we listen to!

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VIC 3055



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is our TV of choice with occasional change to SBS. After that it is the off switch. My wife and I find commercial offerings generally tawdry and overladen with commercials. ABC radio is used at other times, she loves Radio National, I prefer Classic FM. We would hate to have the ABC emulate those other offerings we avoid.

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NSW 2087




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:28 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must not be privatised!

Please don't privatise the ABC. It's the channel I have preferred to watch for many years. Its news programs seem less sensationalised than those of the commercial channels. I can enjoy The Seven Thirty Report and 4 Corners without the intrusion of commercial breaks. I dread the thought of more imported pathetic American sitcoms which may fill many timeslots. Our society needs our valuable public broadcaster. I feel so strongly about this. Whichever political party moves to privatise the ABC will lose my vote. Many friends feel exactly the same way. Please don't do it!

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WA 6012 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC

I've grown up with the ABC, from Play School to Rage to Australian Story. Throughout that period it's been my entry into local and international culture and politics. The ABC shows us our Australian view point, from a place that is honest and trustworthy . The importance of seeing and hearing Australian content regularly is vital to any countries culture. Something that is becoming rarer and rarer on commercial channels and paid steaming services. It's time to bolster and nurture the ABC for the sake of the Australians who create it and the Australians who view it, pay for it and love it.

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VIC 3073




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I listen to or watch ABC every day, and value it immensely. The programs are always interesting, educational and things we all should know. For instance just today I heard Richard Fidler interview Michael Moseley about health and diet - feel like i may live longer and more healthily just from this one hour of ABC!

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SA 5214 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Can a Privitised ABC match this record? I doubt it!

Stop Press :- The Senate calls for an enquiry into the pet food industry today, highlighting an investigation by ABC's 730 Report(((Are you listening Senator Abetz?) An exhaustive investigation into Banks' malpractices by Adele Ferguson on 4 Corners helps bring about the Royal Commission; The Audio 'University' of ABC Radio National; the music programmes of every hue; the way the ABC is a sympathetic ear , a radio noticeboard and vital disseminator of vital information during flood, fire and other emergencies in both remote , rural and (Liberal Party, are you listening.... read this) METROPOLITAN Areas as well.) Arts shows Talks shows, history , Nostalgia and cultural education Quality televisual drama highlighting multicultural and indeed our wealth of indigenious talent;Quality journalism by our correspondents in farflung places.

. Unashamedly a Vital National Treasure .
Please, Parliamentarians , restore the funding , Thankyou.

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NSW 2060 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public hands.

We vote for Government to work for us and look after us and our resources and give us peace of mind to live one life on this planet with little happiness but what government does is that they pass their jobs to the private companies which in turn do nothing but do business with our lives and our needs and as a result we can see the rise in mental illness and so much pressure on people and their families. Government is already doing a heinous crime against its people. Please stop it!

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NSW 2128



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

My concerns with the privatization of the ABC is not based on a romantic nostalgic reason. Even so, we cannot ignore the major asset programs such as Play School, Bananas in Pyjamas and Sesame Street are to growing minds for generations past and present.


I get my main news feed from the ABC via the 7.00pm news and programs such as 4 Corners. Commercial stations are clearly lacking in content when it comes to world affairs and investigative, non-emotive journalism, and this later issue is clearly a major concern to the continuation of news reports with genuine, trusted content.

In less than ten years, commercial stations have deteriorated beyond reproach. Commercial viewer content is 100% based on consumer demographics where there is a known audience likely to be influenced by paid ads. Consequently the deterioration of television has also seen the deterioration of mature and effective programming – inclusive of news content, educational programs and pure entertainment for pleasure. The creative process in television is sadly lacking.

I am very happy to have my tax dollars directed toward the ABC to ensure the continuation of a trusted source of current world and local affairs, and the chance of some educational and leisure/entertaining content. Commercial stations clearly lack the later.

Public broadcasting by its very nature plays a very important and irreplaceable role in Australia's democracy. This should not be compromised.

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VIC 3677 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

As a 74 year old former company director who has worked and lived in many countries, it is of serious concern that the issue of the ABC being either privatised or sold is even up for discussion. Any person who has had the experience of living for long periods overseas is aware of the necessity of news and cultural information being transmitted without the profit motive being a key driver. World and Australian media is now so dominated by specific ideologies and commentary that the loss of an independent public broadcaster would create an even more unbalanced and biased situation, to the detriment of the public good. The ABC should not only remain in public hands, but should be financed to expand and not regress. Regards. [REDACTED]

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VIC 3934 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Please don't allow the abc to be privatised. I want the abc to be supported by the government. I support the need for independence and integrity of excellent journalism.

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VIC 3146



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I learn so much from the ABC. All my life, since the early 1950's I have listened to ABC Radio. From snugglepot and cuddlepup, the Argonauts, the goons, the quiz, the country hour, fire warnings, real news, classical music (heard almost nowhere else) to the Television gems of playschool, sesame street, 4 corners, to the many comedy legends who started on ABC, I have been enriched by this invaluable source of life for me. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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NSW 2518




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is the Australians' Public's right to be independent

I have lived in South Africa during the Apartheid Era. I would never condone our independent ABC becoming privatised, to become a tool for one or the other's political gain. The South African Broadcasting Corporation was wholly under the auspice of the government in power - The National Party - to become a tool of suppression of fair and unbiased information. Only government approved news was broadcast. This would be a terrible situation if our ABC lost its independence and had to tow the Government (in power) line.

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NSW 2370 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the source of truth.

The demise of Radio Australia and the prospect of a biased greed base owner ,
Makes my blood boil.

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QLD 4559



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:27 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

I watched the ABC when I was a small child 40 years ago. It was the tv station that my Mum and Dad knew would do the right thing by its young viewers.

I still feel that same kind of trust with the ABC with my own kids. I value the programs that are made to educate and inform them. They love BTN - and I have to confess that I love to watch it with them.

Where would we be without Play School? Generations of children have been raised on that amazing program. And all of this without the fear of product placement or advertising.

I know that I can turn to the ABC for reliable, intelligent news coverage, fantastic programming for my entertainment - or the whole family's.

The ABC helped raise us, and has helped keep us informed, entertained and connected with one another. It has helped us make sense of a changing Australia and the world and reminded us who we are.

Please don't privatise the ABC - it's part of the family - the big Australian family.

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TAS 7000




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I am dismayed to learn that many in Liberal Party are working towards selling the ABC. The ABC belongs to the people of Australia, not the Liberal Party. It has always produced wonderful, Australian productions, representing the best of Australian talent. The commercial stations (except SBS) seem more interested in showing second rate American shows. The ABC connects the city and the country through shows like Back Roads. It does a great job of connecting us when there are catastrophes like fires and floods. It is not owned by organisations that have vested financial and political interests. It is owned by us, not the Americans, Chinese etc. It is an important part of our democracy. The Liberal Party must not destroy the ABC, and all it represents.

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VIC 3130 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC Public

The ABC is valued by most Australians, and it has integrity, impartiality quality. The LNP has none of those. You do not deserve to be in government.


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NSW 2776 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: dont privatise the abc

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

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VIC 3066 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not privatise the ABC

I listen to ABC Radio National every day. I am a working mother, with very little free time, and it is a joy for me to wash the dishes while I listen to Radio National (or sometimes set up my laptop so I can watch Four Corners while scrubbing saucepans). My daughter watches iview - Playschool, Guess How Much I Love You, Little Ted's adventures.

It is incredibly important to me that the ABC remains independent. I grew up listening to ABC radio while my dad cooked dinner, and now my daughter hears me listening to the radio while I am washing up. I feel incredibly privileged that I have access to excellent, well-researched programs, and that I can listen to ideas about the world presented in a way that is not pushy, sensationalised or shallow. I cannot emphasise enough how much I value the ABC, and how important its continued independence is to me.

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NSW 2500



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

Public broadcasting is a crucial element of our democracy. Do not privatise the ABC.

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SA 5173



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatisation of ABC

As a lifelong viewer and listener of our ABC. I consider it unnecessary to privatise the ABC. The Australian Public Broadcaster should stay in public hands.

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NSW 2101




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC should never be privatised and full funding restored (no advertising). As Australians we pay enough in taxes to cover the ABC's costs.

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WA 6019 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent and non commercial

Australia needs a free press unfettered by commercial interests and sectarian influences. Privatisation of the ABC will ensure Australia lacks an independent press.

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WA 6010 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

ABC is a trusted broadcaster and it is essential it NOT be privatized, must be kept in public hands.

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NSW 2031



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC as a public broadcaster is part of the Australian fabric. Any attempt to tamper with it or reduce its capability is doomed to fail!

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NSW 2250




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep your hands off or abc

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SA 5045 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:26 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public

Living in a small rural town I grew up on the ABC radio and then ABC TV. Music, documentaries and quality children's programs helped with my education and broadened my world.

I remember as a child listening to the debates on equal pay for Aboriginal people and also the 1967 referendum. Where else would I have heard about this?

A healthy society is an informed society. A healthy democracy relies on an independent broadcaster. ABC TV news, The Drum, Four Corners, quality Australian drama like Mystery Road. My life would be diminished if I didn't have access to the ABC - a vibrant, well funded and uncompromised ABC.

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NSW 2350 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in the public's hands

It would be unthinkable to privatise the ABC as this is the only unbiased news along with SBS in the country. The ABC belongs to the people of Australia not to the hard right of the liberal party. [REDACTED]

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VIC 3551




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands.

We are very fortunate in Australia to have a media organisation such as the ABC. They give us quality programs, they keep us up to date with news, and despite allegations of ABC bias they in my view present evenly.

The very thought of an ABC sell off to a "media mogul" as was suggested last weekend is appalling. Commercialisation of the ABC could lead to a reduction in quality and an increase in those "lifestyle" programs - Big Brother, Get Me Out of Here I'm a Celebrity and a score of similar others where immature, irresponsible, incoherent young people display their bodies in the search for their 15 minutes of fame.

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NSW 2293 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC public

The ABC is an essential part of our democracy. Corporate Australia already had too much say in the running of the country with political donations and privatisation in education, aged care and health sectors has proven to not be in the public interest. Allowing the far right to remove investigative journalism from our free public broadcaster is a dangerous step for this country. The ABC is one thing I do not mind spending my taxes on!

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NSW 2100 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I am most concerned about the thinking in the Coalition re the privatising of the ABC.
This service keeps our democracy and those who control it answerable and gives us an alternative view to the Murdoch press which I and many others consider is biased.
It would be a total travesty to remove the ABC's independence and something which deeply concerns a large number of Australians.

It must not happen.

Sincerely

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VIC 3821



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to be neutral & not put in private hands that would be a disaster

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NSW 2097



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off OUR ABC

You have already cut to pieces the funding for the ABC. Shame on you! Now you want to privatise. Leave this trusted Australian institution alone. How will our children in their formative years have a platform to watch their kid shows without the intrusion of ads for McDonalds, horrific news updates, or crass reality programming. My parents never watched commercial TV, and we kids were only allowed to watch Channel 2. Many of my elderly friends will only watch the ABC.

We need a balanced broadcaster that can disseminate the news without fear of reprisal from the corporate head of the network peddling their own political agenda. The ABC is for all Australians. You politicians work for all of us. Don't forget that in your bid to control the airwaves.

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VIC 3070



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]


ABC is vital in rural areas to provide information regarding emergencies as well as keeping our food producers informed.

I rarely listen to any of the commercial stations.

If the Coalition vote to privatise ABC, I will have a clear indication of how low I will place the Coalition when the time comes to vote.

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WA 6244 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public hands

To Whom it may concern,

the ABC is a trusted news source that is independent and unbiased and best left in public hands. The motivations and editorial direction is in the public interest and not shareholders. The ABC is free from advertising, influence from lobbyists and commercial interests. In country and regional areas it is the only sources of radio, tv and news. If privatised this could put country people at a disadvantage.

Keep the ABC in Public hands.

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NSW 2480



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's MY ABC and it must remain in public hands

The ABC is a trusted source of news in my household. We watch the 7pm news followed by the 7.30 report and never miss the outstanding revelations of 4 Corners. It is inconceivable that we now have a cash strapped for so-called budgetary reasons and have to hear that the young liberals want privatisation! This is the worst sort of thinking and so very untrue that the ABC takes market share from commercial stations. It has not gone un-noticed either that \$30million was given to News Corp. with no transparency. Why should this not be subject to an inquiry?

I want a public broadcaster that I know is unbiased, that is allowed to ask the hard questions without government interference and does not have to worry about funding cuts for ideological reasons.

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NSW 2121




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands!

I believe it's important that ABC remains a in public hands because we need an independent source of news and all other programming. ABC is our only hope for recieving an unbiased view of the world.

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NSW 2068 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:25 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in Public Hands


I have been a huge fan of the ABC since the days of Play School and Sesame Street. Growing up I have enjoyed their quality News Service along with Four Corners, Australian Storie and many other quality products. As a teenager I lived and breathed Countdown.

The public broadcaster is more relevant today than ever, with rubbish commercial channels spewing out boring reality and cooking shows, the only real relief on free to air is the ABC.

I am now a grandmother caring for my grandson, he loves Bananas in Pyjamas, play school and other quality childrens shows. I love many of the comedy and drama series presented along with excellent world wide and rural news coverage.

I will not support a Government hell bent on privatising our ABC it is worth more than 10 cents a day to me. This is a democracy put it to a referendum and I think you will find it is very important to Australians of all Ages. I see this as an attack on on democracy and I think the politicians under estimate the value of a quality public broadcaster to the majority of Australians.

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SA 5159 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC.

The ABC must never be privatised. It is able to discuss issues that are not popular but would never be shown on commercial TV.

ABC radio is the life blood for rural and regional Australia. With out RN and our local ABC stations we would be cut off from our community.

We need our ABC. It supports Australian actors and singers.

I will not vote for a political party who will privatize the ABC. Regardless of which party.

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QLD 4751



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

I am really incensed about any proposal to privatise the ABC. This is and should remain a public resource...it deserves more public funding not less. Stop dumbing down the public. No wonder our society is falling behind with this constant weakening of our public institutions. You just have to look at the problems and corruption that has happened with privatisation . Privatisation is not concerned with the public good. We pay taxes and expect our public institutions to be adequately resourced and supported. The ABC serves the community well and I would be changing my vote if the parties attacking the ABC don't drop this underhand campaign.

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VIC 3127




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster

The ABC's presenters actually know how to speak English. The ABC is the only broadcaster that has decent music. The ABC is the only broadcaster that does not waste time on advertising, therefore it is not beholden to big business. The ABC is essential for people in rural and regional areas as it is often the only broadcaster that is accessible. Why would anyone want to tune in to the rubbish on commercial stations?

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SA 5091 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Mr Turnbull and Government, We have been devout listeners to ABC both radio and television for as long as I can remember, it has provided valuable education & quality entertainment to me, my husband & our family, the journalists (both local and international) provide invaluable, unbiased & up to date news with investigative stories, often leading to resolution of matters, that would otherwise not be brought to the attention of the public. In other words ...WE TRUST & VALUE WHAT THE ABC DELIVERS!!

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NSW 2776



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep our ABC in Public Hands

Our ABC is part of my life blood and not only me it means so much to so many Australian people. Aunty is just the very best broadcaster. I need to hear honesty and reality. That is just a simple description of why I love Aunty. I write this in hope!

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NSW 2449 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is above political lines

As an Australian living mostly overseas, the ABC keeps me up to date in many ways and keeps me connected to my tribe with its perspective on both world and local Australian events. It's incredibly important to me to have this independent service. By all means commercialise those parts of the ABC infrastructure that can be made to help fund the rest of the organisation. I'm sure iView, despite the ignorant comments I've seen about the cost of maintaining a service like this is a huge financial burden. Why not make it subscription based? Have it only have the last week of content available for catch up TV and then have it be a subscription based model otherwise.

It's very important to me that the ABC stay the same as it always been. The true independent cultural voice of Australia. It's worth protecting this against private and commercial interest or it wouldn't be where it is today. This can't change and the fact that we even have to have a discussion about this is debasing to me.

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NSW 2042 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

Two ends of the spectrum, me a 55 year old hard working family man, my son a 14 year old open eyed student, both demand the ABC be maintained in its current form. The Corporations charter states that balanced views be offered. Right wing spokespersons decision not to speak doesn't make the organisation Left wing biased. And what about the already heavily skewed mainstream media? Without the ABC there'd be no counter arguments offered. Our public broadcaster is essential if our 'fair go' status is to be maintained.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:24 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We cannot truly be a democracy without a public broadcaster. Once commercial interests take over we can forget the “truth”. This starts early in our lives when, as a teacher if many decades, I introduced children in my care to Behind the News. Even if we have to introduce licensing fees it would be preferable to losing an independent broadcaster.

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NSW 2204 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: We need a public broadcaster.

In a world where it seems increasingly hard to determine 'fake news' from the real thing... and sift out business-related manipulative messages and influences from critical, independent analysis, the need for an independent, state-owned broadcaster seems ever important.

It is meaningful for me, to also have the opportunity to watch engaging, quality content that opens the world, science, research, environment and current affairs to me, without having to sit through advertising bombarding me with consumeristic, hyper-stimulation. Sustained attention in a life filled with sound-bites, social media scrolling, multi-tasking and high levels of stress and anxiety is a precious opportunity. A place to go to watch something educational, not just the entertainment drivel that's on commercial TV, sustains my intellect.

If the ABC were to be privatised, and I have to pay for a subscription for similar, ad-free, considered content, I would at least expect for my taxes to be reduced by the correlating portion of my \$30,000 tax a year that goes towards the ABC's running costs, to offset my subscription.


What similar countries to ours do not have a public broadcaster? On what successful model - considering educational, unbiased, quality criteria and not just financial - is this proposal based?

I can't wait 'til the next election where I shall join the campaign effort in the marginal seat of Gilmore, NSW, where I live, to ensure that the next party the forms government is not dominated by minority factions, such as the Liberal Hard Right.

I vehemently oppose the privatisation of the ABC.

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NSW 2535 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

The ABC when in public hands has a reasonable chance of reporting and investigating matters when in the public interest and not a commercial interest. If the ABC is privatized then we will have another commercial channel with syndicated news broadcasting to the bush from branch office in sydney and corporate headquarters in he USA. To the Turnbull cabinet, stand up to demonic forces of the hard right and realize that a senator from TAssie is elected by 20,000 votes and not the 300,000 it takes to get reasonable person elected to the senate in NSW or Vic. Show leadership now or wait for the verdict of the ballot box next election,

regards

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NSW 2576




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in public hands

I don't want to see the ABC become privatised. It's about control of the media. The Liberals & Pauline Hansen's One Nation are keen to have this happen because they can control free speech even more. I love our ABC because it gives ordinary people a chance to have their stories told. It allows for debates to be had without bias from their presenters. I'm standing up for freedom and our culture growing and maturing with less racism and sexism. I'm standing up for our future generations having a right to an ABC like I have had, which allows for free speech.

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NSW 2480 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP independent Journalism. KEEP ABC

Because I want the ABC to be critical of ALL political parties especially when in office.

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VIC 3230 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do not privatise the ABC

Australia's democracy is only as robust as the media that serves it, and the most independent, robust media in Australia is the ABC. This is true of news and current affairs - the critical windows upon public policy - but it is equally true of social history, economic reporting, the arts, sport and all else. And it is not just the independence of the ABC, but the factual and fullsome content of its reporting. In the commercial television and radio media in particular, news and current affairs are systematically dumbed down into manipulative sound bites and sensationalised. The dispassionate reporting of the ABC, and the informed and balanced investigative journalism it propagates, are quite unique in the Australian television and radio media.

Those who accuse the ABC of bias are accusing it of factual, dispassionate reporting. This has nothing to do with political bias, but is feared by those of more extreme persuasions because it illuminates fallacious politicking for what it is.


The Murdoch empire does not like the ABC because the ABC is so good at what it does and does so across all platforms, including the digital platforms. I, and I am sure so many other thinking Australians, are only too happy to pay subscriptions to digital media platforms, and indeed do so to extend our access to other factual, dispassionate, analytic digital media besides the ABC. Public funding of the ABC poses no threat to subscription-based digital media. The only threat to such media comes from their own appalling, indeed hysterical, partisanship.

I have lived in, and visited, countries with no independent public broadcaster, and I do not want ever my country to join that list.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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ACT 2602 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP THE ABC PUBLIC

I live in the country. ABC Radio National keeps me sane. It is a source of constant education. There is no commercial media anywhere that does this so well. Leave the ABC alone!

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NSW 2640



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Abc essential to the Australian culture and identity.

The ABC is an essential part of Australian culture and a reliable source of independent views on important issues, but this can only be so if it remain independen.
Without that it is a great loss to informed democracy.
Something the Liberals love to do without.

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SA 5014



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:23 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not I repeat do not privatise the ABC

Life in Australia without the ABC in its current format would be absymal. Please do not touch the A C. My life without the current ABC would absolutely nd to terrible I would need to live elsewhere on the planet. I simply cannot fathom why you would even think about privatizing ABC. The ABC is the one of the best things Australia has going for it. You must be so unAustralian to even to think about privatizing. OMG! It's so unthinkable. Goodnight Irene!!

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VIC 3192



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to me

I spend my mothering life making choices for the best future for my two female children. I am trying to influence them to have enquiring minds and I am after influences that involve the non-sexualisation of my girls, which basically means avoiding advertisements. The ABC is our only option for tv. Play school and bbc nature productions are gold for our family. I am interested in good journalism, not popular entertainers opinions. Please don't privatise our abc, it is the last bastion of quality in a diminished society

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TAS 7178




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC

Dear MLA's

The ABC has been a fundamental pillar of our Australian society. It has brought us unbiased news all my life. I know I can rely on it.
Privatisation will take away it's independence. Just look at the power facebook and Russia had on the USA election. I would hate that to happen to our Australian freedom of speech and news.

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ACT 2602 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Campaign to save the ABC

Over the years I have watched the ABC Develop into a media one can trust.. Pls leave the ABC alone.

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NSW 2126



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands!

In the 1930s, I was an ABC performer at the age of 6 and then right through my teen years. Things are different now but this Broadcaster needs to remain public as it has always been, superbly.

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NSW 2217



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands.

I am appalled at the idea of privatising the ABC. They are the only reliable source of news. Additionally they are the principle conduit for real creative talent in broadcasting media, the private networks will not take risks.

Just hands off our ABC!

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NSW 2550




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC is an essential public service

No commercial media provider will put funds into the serious topics the ABC researches. We must have first-class investigative reporting that holds both sides of government, and powerful corporations, to account. If we lose this we lose the bedrock of democracy, an informed population.

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VIC 3220 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public ownership

The ABC is a unifying force in Australia. I depend on it as a trusted source for news not broadcast elsewhere - the commercial channels and stations don't broadcast much overseas news or any in depth, serious analysis of anything much. The ABC is already a shadow of the rich educational resource it once was, so don't put it beyond hope by privatising it.

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NSW 2031



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC must never be privatised. It is the only outlet for independent start up shows and many comedians have made their debut their before going on to bigger and better things. It is also the home of the documentary, free from the commercialism of the other stations. And yes, it's the home of UNBIASED current affairs shows. Many times the only reason a deep injustice has come to light has been because it was aired on the ABC. Please let us keep this in public hands so that we may continue to have the opportunity to see the rich offerings that the ABC continues to show, and not have to be subjected to the drivel on the commercial stations.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatised

Today when there are so many ways for news to be distorted, made up and manipulated online and in direct feeds to consumers by just about anyone who has a computer and an internet connection, it more important than ever before that Australians are able to rely on what they read and hear from at least one reliable source - the ABC. The ABC is unbiased, subject to many checks and balances and free of concerns about commercial involvement and how what it might report could upset those with vested interests. It is essential service to our democracy, an enormous asset to all Australians. If it falls short at all it is because of the recent funding cuts, which have not only affected the role the ABC has to entertain us but also, reprehensibly, its duty to keep us informed. It is an institution to be treasured and it must not be put into private hands.

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VIC 3016 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands.

For the integrity of the Democratic Institution Australians believe in and the independent media voice they have invested their money into over many, many, many, many decades and more, our ABC must be maintained, and have monetary support to enable its strong independence not to be commercially compromised !

Commercial media exists and it is important that its interests do not swamp and extinguish the independent voice of the people.

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VIC 3183



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: It's my ABC!

The ABC is not yours. Nor is it a punching bag for political parties and governments. It's a national broadcaster that serves the population and those who have attacked its neutrality and tried to undermine its authority in the past have continually come unstuck. Australians across the board love their broadcaster for so many reasons and we need more than ever a strong, unbiased, non-partisan, tax-payer funded institution that will challenge power and governments for a strengthened democracy.

Privatise the ABC at your own demise!

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VIC 3183 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:22 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

I strongly oppose any move to privatise the ABC. This is more than our national broadcaster, it's a national treasure.


My children have grown up watching educational TV with lots of Australian content on ABC. I and my wife continue to prefer the drama, lifestyle and documentaries offered on ABC TV over those on commercial channels. ABC Classic FM, local radio and Grandstand are regular soundtracks to my daily life.

If you think ordinary Australians are going to happily accept any attempt to privatise our ABC I suggest you reconsider.

HANDS OFF OUR ABC!!

Sincerely

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NSW 2780 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must not be privatized!

Dear Mr Turnbull,

ABC provides us with an exceptional news and current affairs service that is not tainted by ownership issues or concerns over ratings numbers for advertisers. When I turn on or access the ABC I am confident that I will hear well informed opinions and accurate reporting.

I love the shows that the ABC provides, from Gardening Australia to educational kids shows such as Deadly 60 or My Place. The shows that are shown on the ABC are carefully selected and I am always confident that they will be of an excellent quality. I also love the fact that there are no ads so I don't have to worry about being bombarded with offensive and useless advertising or that my kids are going to be exposed to advertising that their brains are not equipped to understand is persuasive.

I rarely watch commercial TV as I find it soul destroying to see the mind numbing shows and sensationalist news and current affairs reporting.

Keep the ABC in public hands - your nations wellbeing depends on it.

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NSW 2120




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Do NOT even think of selling off the ABC!

The media landscape in Australia is dominated by just a few huge players, who seek to control the way Australians think about not just politics, but social and economic issues. The ABC is one of the few media organisations that provides a balanced view on these fundamental issues that affect our lives and the health of our democracy. It is critical it remains free from influence by vested commercial interests, and remains a publicly funded body. The privatisation of the ABC would be a major step into the darkness that leads to the sort of "thought control" that is exercised in totalitarian countries. I totally oppose any move to travel down this road!

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SA 5291 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: What a lot of bollocks.

This is a nonsense distraction from the real issues that need to be addressed - our over stressed health and education systems, and the brutal lack of compassion for our poorest and neediest citizens. Do you really expect us to vote for a political party that is so obviously disconnected from the real-world issues affecting your constituents? What lunatic thought using a public broadcaster as a punching bag was a better idea than formulating rational policy that actually benefits the Australian people? If this is the best you can come up with, then no wonder voters are turning off in droves.

Shame on you.

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NSW 2096 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC it is a public treasure.


I have been a consumer of ABC television and radio for over 50 Years. It is my strong opinion that it is only if we have an ABC that we will get an independent, fearless and fair coverage of daily news and current affairs. Over many years I have impressed with the professionalism of investigative journalism that underpin programs such as Four Corners, Media Watch, Australian Story, 7:30 Report and Q&A. Not only do these programs set standards but have a huge social impact that private media outlets cannot or unable to do.

As an educator for over 43 years I have found that the resources developed by the ABC have had an immeasurable impact on the learning and development of hundreds of thousands of young minds. For example Play School and BTN.

The ABC is a very trusted member of our family and something that I believe Australians will passionately stand up for.

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WA 6053 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC Privatisation

The idea to privatise the ABC is beyond ridiculous. Australia's best programs across such a range of genres and purposes is currently put to air in so many formats, the ABC is the only station which when watching or listening, allows you to trust and participate in their stories. So many educational opportunities for anyone and everyone across any age group. This would be lost if ABC was to become a commercial station. Honestly - compare the quality and outcomes of the ABC programs to those on commercial stations. It is ridiculous to think that any politician would think that the majority of people across Australia would vote for


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The 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! Four Corners is my most trusted News source and I would hate to see that compromised!

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NSW 2575 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC, not only has provided educational programs to children, drama across the board of varying interests, sport to communities which don't get commercial cover but also provides unbiased investigative reporting on matters which would not be made if left to the privatised media. We need the ABC so that our democracy cannot be hijacked by vested interests.

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VIC 3550 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:21 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC Public

I find the ABC analinitical and non political. Extremely observant of Australian and worldwide social, humane ,ethical and economic situations. Radio wise, the ABC Classic FM is brilliant. I no longer tune into Commercial TV or Radio. (If I ever did!). Long live the ABC. It is our lifeline in this volatile world

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NSW 2620




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC should not be privatisedptusnet.com.

The BC is the only independent source of news and opinion in Australia. It should not become another right-wing polemic like the News Corporation, with a profit motive. It is meant to represent all types of Australians, which the private corporations do not.

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SA 5067 

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

My children grew up watching the ABC. It was the only station free from advertising, and the only station I could really trust to give them appropriate content for their ages. I doubt that will survive if privatisation occurs.

The media in this country is largely commercially driven. If it's not trying to sell you something, it's pushing the political agendas of those who own it. We need an independent broadcaster and we need a station that will screen programs that contribute to society, rather than just those that appeal to the lowest common denominator to sell advertising space.

We need to protect what we have, because if we lose it, I suspect it will be gone forever, and that would be a tragedy for both ourselves and our children.

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NSW 2780




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

Do not privatise! Blue nd Freddie knows what happens tofa ilities which are privatised: the most commmercially profitable aspects are promoted, and those with smaller appeal are shafted. Any disposition I have to vote Liberal would be wiped out should such a move go ahead! I cannot state this strongly enough!

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VIC 3805 

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

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VIC 3805




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:20 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Not happy, Malcolm.

The ABC, both radio and TV, have been an important part of all of my life. As a younger person enjoying JJJ and Countdown, to entertaining and educating my young kids with Playschool and all the other locally made programs like Round the Twist; as a primary teacher with all the wonderful radio and TV programs for schools, eg. Let's have music and BTN. Great parenting programs, Health and Science reports. It truly is and has been the backbone of my life. I'm sure many other people feel just the same way. Don't sell it off. Fund it and keep it the way it is.

Is it that it's helping to keep you 'baskets' honest that any of you would think of going down that dreadful path?

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NSW 2283 

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

leave the ABC alone as it is refuge for the totally biased Murdock and News Ltd garbage.

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NSW 2444




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

I can call it Our ABC at the moment because it feels like my family has grown up with the ABC and because we loved the familiar shows like Playschool, which I watched when I was a kid as well as my kids watched! The ABC represents to me something very Australian- it belongs to us as a public entity, rather than a commercial entity that belongs to someone else. I wont want to be involved. I wont feel passionate and I wont want to watch another commercial station. I only watch the ABC as it feels like it belongs to us.

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SA 5009 

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

I think it is appalling that this government can even consider selling what is not theirs to sell. The ABC is a broadcaster that is financed by public money for the public. We do not want the Li reals to make it one of their many victims of re ensue raising. Hands off our ABC.

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NSW 2088 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!


Where can I find detailed and unbiased reporting from world class Australian journalists to inform me about world news? The ABC.

Where can I find serious and careful debate on issues that affect us all? The ABC. Where can I get such programs and not be endlessly interrupted by advertising that tells me to spend my money on all sorts of things that I don't want and don't need? The ABC. If I live in a rural area far from a big city, where do I get detailed news both national and world?

And please, please, why are you so keen to ignore the figures that prove the long-established popularity of the ABC and the high level of trust it has enjoyed for decades?

Please, let the ABC remain public!

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NSW 2320 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has been and will continue to be a vital part of Australia, which over the years has been the important in providing Australians of all walks of life with information, entertainment and connection. From toddlers who love their favourite programs on ABC for Kids, to middle aged males like me who drive across the state and enjoy ABC programs to keep them awake, to elderly widowers like my neighbour whose loneliness would be complete without the company of ABC presenters everyday. We all know the quality of ABC will be destroyed if it's privatised. Less subside, and it would become just another FM station with ads.

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VIC 3073 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Public ownership of the ABC

Public ownership of the ABC is absolutely one of the brightest jewels in in the crown of Australian society - equivalent to the public schools and universities. It is unthinkable that it could be privatized. If that is done, it will be impossible to undo. because of the immense power of that organization in swaying public opinion. Let's step back from this brink!

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SA 5360 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep an independent ABC

I rely on the ABC (radio and TV) to provide programming on the arts, culture, history and spirituality scarcely found in any other Australian media. In a country drowning in crass American programs, and biassed and brain-numbing commercial media with its focus on sport, the ABC fills a vital role. One mandate of government is to assist in the intellectual enrichment and education of the population. An independent ABC is a key means of doing just that.

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VIC 3132 

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC!

I write in support of the ABC and protest any mention of its privatisation.


The ABC is the only independent broadcaster in Australia. We all rely on the ABC to provide balanced reporting of news and educated comment about issues facing us every day. Without the ABC we would be manipulated by the interests of private companies that are able to dominate media news and comment. Our society would be diminished without the ABC.

I am at a loss to understand why the Liberals would even consider privatising the ABC. I grew up in a liberal household and understand the importance of working hard and self-sufficiency but liberalism does not extend to silencing critics. If members of the Liberal Party aren't strong enough to withstand some criticism metered out by the ABC then it should find stronger representatives who are 'man enough' to be able to cope with being questioned. Privatising the ABC is simply a mechanism to destroy the ABC and hide from scrutiny.

As a liberal at heart it saddens me to have to change my vote and give both upper and lower house votes to the Australian Labor Party. This is so important that I will be considering this now at the next Federal election.

I dearly hope the wet liberals can take back control of the party and put an end to this thoughtless, brutal attack of the ABC, one of the best things we have in Australia.

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NSW 2037 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC of honesty.

In a world of ever increasing bias we need voices of impartiality. Please do not privatise the ABC, it belongs to the Australian People and we want honesty back on the agenda.

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WA 6000



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!

How thin-skinned are you Libs... anyone who appears to have an alternative view is "biased"? So you want to shut them up? Sounds more like totalitarianism than democracy to me!! Shame!

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NSW 2102




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: KEEP ABC IN public hands - please

Hello, The ABC is my life line. It is my education. It is my connection to unbiased issues and events that impact on our daily lives. I live in a semi rural place - Canberra - and work every day in my studio on my own and the ABC particularly RADIO National is my conduit to my culture, our nation and the world. It is my every day companion. I like that it expands my day fills me with ideas and inspires community and connection. The diverse reports and discussions include marginalised and fringe issues from all spectrums of our society. It is important that we have an independent voice funded by US THE TAX PAYERS and I want my taxes spent here - FUNDING THE ABC - Please continue funding SBS and the ABC.

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Please keep our ABC public!

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NSW 2069 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC Public

I am very concerned to hear about the plans to privatise the ABC. Media that is free from the constrictions of advertisers is an essential part of any democracy.

For example 4 corners is one of the most trusted programs in the country. Time and time again the investigations that have been done have resulted in government inquiries and policy changes. Including by your government. This quality of investigative journalism on happens with public broadcasters.

Privatisation looks like government intimidation at it's worst. Any government should welcome independent scrutiny from the media. To call it biased is an untruth. It is clear that the public want to keep the ABC in the peoples hands. Please listen to us your constituents. Thank you

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NSW 2096 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:19 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC independent

There is no practical reason to privatise the ABC

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QLD 4221




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC

I am 62 years young and have had the pleasure of the ABC all my life. Any more talk or actions towards privitisation and I will do everything in my power to fight against anyone that wants to take it away from the Australian public.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC belongs to us !

The ABC must remain commercial free (to prevent editorial compromise) and in public hands. The ABC is a lifeline during ever increasing weather events in a country as huge as this with so many different climates and with such a diverse need for communication. With so much unsubstantiated 'news' being available on social media there is more need than ever for a well funded, well resourced ABC staffed with professionally trained journalists.

The ABC has done a wonderful job adapting to all the new technologies with limited resources. This is because the ABC staff have intelligence, innovation and DEDICATION to the common good running through their veins.

Ms Guthrie is right to point to the ABC as our greatest national asset.

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NSW 2095



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in public hands!!!

This is so important, the ABC is the voice of Australia. To privatise this service would make it pander to corporate interests! ABC is one of our most important assets! Save the ABC!

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VIC 3919




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is so important as an independent media source now more than ever! I've grown up listening to 774 and it helped me learn about the world beyond my school walls. ABC connects people, communities and Australia. It has the ability to tell the truth not just sensationalised versions of the truth to sell.

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VIC 3218 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A national Public Broadcaster (the ABC) is crucial

Although brief in words, this comes with strong personal opinion and feelings.

It is critical to have a publicly funded national broadcaster, whose presentation of factual material and current affairs is not beholden to its shareholders. On non-free to air TV and in our newspaper media, it is already possible to choose what you digest depending on which perspective you wish to hear. In such times, it is important to have a place to gather information from, the very 'raison d'être' of which is to present independent, non-partisan material.

It is stimulating and satisfying to get my breakfast news and exposition from journalists successful in their profession for decades, with a track record for thoughtful understanding and exploration of issues, rather than just another group of TV personalities, sustained by the social myth that celebrity imbues opinion with authority.

I think that an enquirer into 'advantage' of the ABC and SBS over commercial media misses the point entirely. The commercial providers are operating a business which they chose, which they control and which must answer to its owners, the shareholders. They provide the funding and are therefore entitled to control its content. Their reward is that control and also their profit. The ABC is briefed with providing unbiased and non-partisan content and their role is to SERVE the democracy in which we live. Access to accurate, fact-checked, wide-ranging information is essential for citizens who want their democracy to flourish. By definition, no media provider, subject to market forces, are free enough to provide that.

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NSW 2303




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please do not sell the ABC

As a retired teacher, and an artist who works from home, listening to Radio National has been the most wonderful revelation. I listen all the time as I work. I watch ABC ONLY, EVER, in the evening. I am entertained, and I am educated. The ABC is one of the mainstays of my life. The idea of not having our wonderful national broadcaster fills me with grief.

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VIC 3160 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands !

Our ABC is, and has been a quintessential voice, our voice. Be it political debate or music or comedy, all of these mediums owe homage to their inception within the ABC. Without the ABC as a public broadcaster, I shudder to think!
We need this anchor.

[REDACTED]


QLD 4160 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in PUBLIC HANDS

I request that you ensure that the ABC stays in public hands. I rely on the ABC for factual and informative news and current affairs. ABC programs allow time to discuss issues and treat the listener with some respect by supplying more than just short grabs (as is often the case on commercial stations). The informative documentaries are also a really important area for information regarding a wide variety of topics. Working in the medical area I particularly appreciate the attention given to medical research -such as on the Health Report and on the online bulletins . The variety of news, current affairs, comedy, informative discussions and not forgetting the great contributions of children's shows (such as the enduring popularity of Play School) provide a service to the Australian community that is unavailable on the commercial networks. I am also fearful if the ABC was to be privatised that the commercial networks would end up being owned by a limited few- resulting in a biased news source- and who is to say that political parties may then be able to "buy" coverage of preferable news items only.

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VIC 3040 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Free speech is important

For heavens sake! I can't believe that the right faction of the Liberal Party is prepared to set Australia up for an opportunity for a Trump-like future leader (?). We the PEOPLE need to learn the truth not some orchestrated Murdoch bias. How can it be called 'left wing' to tell the truth? I am ashamed that anyone in our country could even consider stifling free speech...you don't deserve to be in leadership!

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QLD 4179



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC, fund it more!

Hi!

My family loves the ABC. From the dedicated kids channels to the news and hilarious local comedy, when we watch tele, it is mainly the ABC. When we listen to the radio, it is always always Triple J. When we want to watch a weird and wonderful movie or stay up past bed time to cheer on the riders of the Tour de France, it is always to SBS that we tune in. When there is nothing on the tele, Iview never fails to inform and entertain us.

Public broadcasting is an essential service. No private news outlet can ever inspire as much confidence as the ABC. It's ours and should remain ours for ever.

I recently learnt that funding the ABC only costs me a few cents per day. That's incredible. Please tax me more and fund more public broadcasting.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NSW 2484



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep in ABC in public hands

Raising my kids in regional Australia ABC was our lifeline for radio and tv. It kept us connected with the nation. If privatised I fear that lifeline will be severed for thousands of people. We need that link to our wider community, we want a sense of belonging which will become lost if the corporate giants take control.

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VIC 3184




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is a vital part of the Australian community that provides a huge array of important services. To see it dismantled and put into corporate hands would be a big loss to Australians.

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VIC 3072 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:18 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

You could never measure in dollars the true value of the ABC in my life; I cherish its independent delivery (despite what the Right say) and the the breadth of news and entertainment provided.


It's always been my 'university' - I've learnt far more about history, society, human rights, health, music, Indigenous Australia, science, world affairs, rural Australia, workplace tools, the arts & politics than I could from a lifetime of watching all the other media combined.

No commercial enterprise would invest in and create such a diverse range of socially enriching programs and I'm absolutely gobsmacked that the Coalition would even suggest privatisation.

It would be selling the country's silver off as far as I'm concerned and would eviscerate this country.

I am honestly astonished at the lack of common sense exhibited by suggesting that ABC (or SBS) have some sort of advantage over the other stations - it reflects the capitalistic mindset of the Coalition and frankly, the pig-ignorance of those suggesting it.

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VIC 3206 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No ABC sell-off

Do not ruin the ABC! The only radio broadcaster that I listen to because of no advertising. A tv station that provides unbiased opinion and represents true democracy.

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QLD 4118 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private company hands

By its very nature, advertising by private businesses means there is a bias towards a particular commodity or way of thinking.

If ABC radio broadcasts advertisements - other than its own programs- it will be like every other radio station with constant interruptions. This also goes for ABC TV

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VIC 3106



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Non Commercial Public Owned Media equals Democracy

Dear Inquiry into the ABC,

having a publicly owned not for profit, trusted media source is a cornerstone of our democracy. any attempt to privatise the ABC puts our democracy at risk into the editorial influence of private elite interests such as Rupert Murdoch or other wealthy families. We the taxpayers must continue to remain the owners of the ABC. It must remain independent of private for profit interests who can only be trusted to push private for profit interests. We need the ABC to remain in public hands for the benefit of all. Its ours and its not for sale - nor is it up to any political party to decide to sell it for ideological reasons. I am outraged at this attack on our independent , trusted and critical institution - the ABC,
yours sincerely,

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VIC 3450



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is important because

- 1 It is not in private hands and therefore does not have a personal agenda as commercial media outlets do
- 2 Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media
- 3 This attack is a reoccurring theme by the Coalition in order to try to control the public media. This is not democracy
- 4 The ABC does not belong to the Coalition or any political party it belongs to us the people of Australia and this further displays the contempt the Coalition feels towards the Australian people

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VIC 3173 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands


I insist any proposals to sell or privatise any operations of the ABC , including back of house operations.

The ABC is OUR ABC, always was, and and not available for any short term politician to privatise.
The private sector cannot do a better job because the role of the ABC is to be independent and to inform the Australian public without bias.

I believe that a strong INDEPENDENT ABC is essential for our democracy to function.

HANNS OFF THE ABC AND RESTORE ITS FUNDING

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NSW 2008 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in PUBLIC Hands

Dear Sir / Madam. I strongly object to the privatisation of the ABC. Reasons: 1. ABC is the only Channel who reports about Country Australia which to me and to many of my Fellow Australians is the real Australia. 2. Programs like Landline, 4 Corners, 7:30 Report, Back Roads, etc would disappear forever and there would be no reruns of Spicks and Specks. 3. I am not interested in almost anything and everything that's shown on the Commercial TV stations...they are all full of cliché programs, are desperate and ridiculous in their attempt to "keep up with the rest of the world" . Last time I checked I lived in Australia in America or Europe. 3. The other channels' content is fodder for the brainless and americanised 'Throw Away Society 'Australia has become. 4. We are Australians and we want proper, critically and independently researched News and content. But foremost we want to hear about Australia. 5. We don't want to watch the regurgitated lukewarm rubbish the other channels usually serve. 6. Public Broadcasting is irreplaceable and crucial in a democracy. Further: It is the 21st century and the Australian people know less and less about what's happening in our own country....we know nothing about our the country side, our bush and our beautiful Outback. Our country is HUGE and DIVERSE - let it speak. I migrated to Australia in 1990. ABC to me is synonym with everything that's good in Australia. In the end that's what and who we are or supposed to be: AUSTRALIANS. Therefore, ABC belongs to the Australian public.....it is inseparable from the Australian Public. Kind Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


QLD 4169 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The only news and radio I listen to! If the ABC is privatised I will NEVER vote Liberal.

[REDACTED]

SA 5051 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC independant.

The ABC must be an independent voice, which is why all governments dislike them. Remember Bob Hawke. This is not just the liberal party - which is EXACTLY why the ABC must be FUNDED to INVESTIGATE the matters of the time. Polities grow a spine and listen. rather than rant.

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VIC 3101



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

Our ABC has been the lifeblood and lifeline of many Australians. I grew up on a farm and ever since I can remember we learnt about the world via the ABC news (and other ABC documentaries and shows). I remember the discussions around the table with my parents and other adults discussing and debating the news of the day. It generated thought, discussion, intellectual conversation and the capacity to review the world we live in. This encouraged me to have an enquiring mind and it taught me to think and not accept what I am told but to investigate and discover for myself what I thought, evaluate why I thought that way and understand what the issues meant to me. The ABC still fulfils this purpose.

Without this unbiased public broadcaster I worry for the future of our society, I worry for the spread of biased news, I worry for the encouragement from self interested media to disallow society the right to evaluate and understand issues and their impact on our local and global societies. I worry that we will become a society that lacks freedom and choice.

The ABC and SBS do not have an undue advantage over commercial entities, in fact it is probably the opposite. Australians deserve and have the right to defend our democracy, our public broadcaster the ABC is an integral part of our democracy.

Keep our ABC in public hands!

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SA 5034



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

To loose the public ABC will be the end of fair reporting and the end of watching TV for many Australians. The ABC is the only TV station worth watching - it reports affairs that commercial stations will not ! It does not have annoying advertisements that brain wash viewers. ABC is essential for rural and regional Australians as it reports on country affairs and connects people in the bush. If the Liberals vote to commercialise the ABC I would never vote for them ever again!!!!
KEEP ABC PUBLIC!

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NSW 2422




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC gives you an unbiased opinion, unlike politicians or any persuasion and commercial networks. A commercial network will not criticise something that will affect their advertisers. I will not listen to commercial stations. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy, and should not be compared to commercial media. Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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VIC 3767 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC is OUR ABC!

To the Inquiry,

No, the ABC does not in any way have an advantage over our networks or news sites. If anything they are at a huge disadvantage. They are constantly trying to manage and do more with less. They have been stripped of what is effectively \$30 million dollars in recent years.

The ABC is essential to a fully functioning democracy. It doesn't matter which political party is in power, when they're in Government they are disgruntled with the ABC for telling the truth on a myriad of issues. We simply cannot afford to lose an independent platform that does not curry favour with either side of politics.

It is clear the push behind this outrageous suggestion are those with a vested interest. Waiting in the wings to pick over its carcass.

As an Australian citizen I value the ABC enormously. It has been part of my life for sixty years. I have written to the Minister twice about my concerns and have not received a response nor an acknowledgment. I am extremely concerned there is no accountability to the electorate and such cavalier behaviour is actually quite frightening.

We all must be accountable, no matter the position held. In fact the higher the responsibility the greater the need to be accountable to the Australian people.


Selling the ABC makes a mockery of this.

And we have not had the opportunity to vote on this. Because if we did they know they would lose.

I urge you to act on behalf of all Australians and protect the ABC from the political bias of privatisation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Clifton Hill 3068

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VIC 3068 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!

From Treasure Island to Lassie the ABC has a fantastic history of kids shows, and still does today. I love the fact that there is no ads and that the ABC is non political. You can always rely on them during storms, such as the Pasha Bulka Storm in Newcastle, they were very helpful then and in every natural disaster. Macca on a Sunday is fantastic I love to hear the stories from around the country. And the music, JJJ is well loved. The ABC is a Aussie icon and the Liberal Party and Pauline Hanson should keep their hands off!

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NSW 2283 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:17 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in Public Hands!

Please keep the ABC in public hands as it is important to preserve the nature of it, the history of it, and all functions it performs. It has served the community faithfully for so long, and is so valued, any changes could bring about negative results. Please keep what is and has been dear to Australians for so long in their hearts and don't apply a corporate model which would spoil the appeal and damage viewer faith in it.

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VIC 3000



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

I love the ABC, especially Radio National. It is a huge part of my life. I never listen to commercial radio because there are too many adverts. It's the same with television. Too many adverts and far too much "reality TV". If the ABC were to be privatised it would become just like the commercial networks. I would hate to be deprived of such great programs as 4Corners, Q&A, 7.30 and the ABC News. I would happily pay an annual subscription in order to keep the ABC from being privatised.

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WA 6151



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC!

The ABC is something that we can all be proud of. It gives us entertainment, culture and education from childhood to old age.

Australians trust the ABC - far more than they trust politicians.

If we are to remain as a thinking, informed and tolerant society, we desperately need the quality of programming we see and hear on the ABC.

Please, please, please keep Aunty in public hands!

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NSW 2489



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I have lived my whole life against the background of Australia's public broadcasting and I think it is the best in the world. A nation that silences its public broadcaster is a nation without a conscience or the fundamental right to free speech. ABC radio and TV news and current affairs programmes have been a lifeline for me and my family. Beyond politics, beyond short-term profiteering, all Australians benefit from the openness, stability, diversity and independence of the ABC. Like our public parks and beaches, this is our ABC, and we're not free without it.

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NSW 2021 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please keep the ABC in public hands

I urge you to keep the ABC in public hands. We the public are vulnerable to profit making companies and their agendas. As a member of the public I am more than willing to pay for the ABC to continue as a voice for the people and owned by the people.

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NSW 2473



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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted]

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NSW 2444



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC public

The appalling history of privatisation over the last 30 years is the biggest reason to keep our ABC in highly funded public hands

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VIC 3199



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Never Never Never!! the ABC must remain PUBLIC and INDEPENDENT

the hard right of the liberal party make me quiver with rage at their scurrilous vote to privatise OUR ABC. If i wasn't a hardened liberal-hater before I sure as hell am fast becoming one now!!
Throughout my entire life the ABC has been the ONLY media i can trust to give an independent view of politics and world events. Let me make this patently clear - DON'T DARE TOUCH THE ABC!!

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NSW 2454




[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:16 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands off OUR ABC

Keep you hands off our ABC.
We need quality , independent journalism. Not more media power to Murdoch, Packers and their cronies.
We also want quality drama, not endless cheap “reality “TV.

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WA 6158 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands!!!

The ABC is essential as a forum for balanced reporting of news and for airing important matters that would otherwise escape public attention, (think 4 Corners for example). To remain as a functioning democracy Australia needs the ABC. Our freedom is under attack from the right wing of politics. Promises from the Treasurer mean nothing-just that the issue will be shelved for the near future when the public debate has died down. We must not only save the ABC but increase funding.

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NSW 2782



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: A private ABC, is, fake news

ABC needs to stay Public to ensure balanced media. The line between advertising and content has been completely blurred online and on commercial television. Without the Nutrality of ABC coverage, how do we have shows for our children to watch that don't have advertising embedded? How do we get a balanced coverage, or even close to balanced? Where do we get crucial information like that on ABC's Media Watch? How do we champion diversity and cultural improvement that haven't stemmed from the need to sell us something?

Privatisation of ABC singlehandedly will sway my vote. If I wanted to live in Trump's America, I would, but I want to live in Australia. An Australia with a public ABC. Their service will never be perfect, but it's the best we can have. For the sake of my daughter and her children, please keep the ABC public.
A VERY concerned Australian full time working Mum.

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NSW 2089




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

We must, at all costs, fight to retain the ABC. A public broadcaster is the most powerful tool in maintaining our right to receive objective reporting.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC has a charter of non based and balanced content.
Commercial stations have a built in conflict of interest, especially when it comes to the presentation of news and current affairs.
Also children's programming on the ABC is not just a marketing tool for 'young consumers'.
The ABC gives Australians protections against misleading, false and prejudiced content which is largely part of a larger commercially driven model.
No uncorrupted government could allow such a thing to happen.
Prove your honesty and back the ABC.
To do so would be (to coin an often corrupted phrase) un-Australian!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep OUR ABC in Public Hands

The attacks on the ABC by right wing politicians is unacceptable, extremely annoying and unwarranted! Without the ABC how am I going to experience balanced debates on issues of the day as commercial television is biased to certain views and ridicule those whom think differently...how is that balanced and informative?

The ABC provides quality programming while commercial television provides canned laughter slop and mind numbing reality tripe that caters to voyeur sycophants.

Australians appreciate the ABC and it's the one thing we DON'T mind paying for!

Please keep the ABC in Public hands.

WE LOVE AUNTY!

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SA 5165



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell the ABC, it belongs to all of us


I love the ABC, in our house we fleetingly look at the commercial channels but are put off with their obsession with reality TV. We love the funny shows the ABC Shows including Mad as Anything. Years ago in a more golden time for Australia, political humour and satire was a way of educating both sides of politics, it's now dying out, with a Coalition Government who is very thin skinned.

Media Watch attempts to keep the media honest and 4Corners, is an award winning investigative journalism show, the last one on Australia TV.

Living in a rural area, we relied on the ABC during the 2009 bushfires to keep us updated as much as possible on the fire.

If you sell off the ABC you are selling the soul of Australia.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to all Australians

The ABC is one of the most democratic symbols of Australian life and culture. It has always served the people and it belongs to the people. No commercial owner could possibly serve the listening and viewing audience across such a diverse range of topics and issues. The Coalition and other vested interests see the ABC as being anti Liberal, and pro-socialist. The Government has moved so far to the right that it sees the ABC as uniformly Leftist. This is not so. The ABC has always provided in-depth and wide-ranging commentary on contemporary issues. It has been the thinking man's choice of information and entertainment. The current Government, in it's fear of the ABC, is trying to remove it's influence and dumb it down so that it equates to the lowest common denominator, the present commercial stations. WE DO NOT NEED COMMERCIAL RUBBISH as a replacement for the ABC. There is enough of it already, and those commercial stations are nothing but conduits for the advertisements and aspirations of the business fraternity. The ABC represents a haven for a higher level of culture in this country and it is the workplace of many highly skilled journalists and political commentators. It is obvious in this day and age when people like Dutton refuse transparency in their political and social human rights dealings, that the ABC provides too much coverage for their comfort. We are fast approaching a low point in Australian politics, and commercialisation of the ABC will be the lowest action that a low-life Government can take. I have listened to the ABC for sixty years or more, and it provides much of the mainstay of what I hold dear in Australia. A clear and unencumbered voice that can speak out honestly, openly, with integrity, across a whole range of topics as well as providing information and entertainment that is pure food for the soul. As for commercialisation - what commercial station, for instance, will broadcast classical music, or wide-ranging programmes on literature and art without punctuating them with crass ""ad breaks". Anyone who does not value these things is a philistine.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't touch the ABC

I grew up watching the ABC. There was Playschool, then news, dramas and in recent years, Australian Story, Media Watch, The 7.30 Report And Four Corners make me proud to be an Australian taxpayer! Having worked as a TV journalist I know first-hand how news gathering is compromised due to the commercial interests of your station's owners. If the ABC is privatised, it goes the same way. Then we're all compromised in some way. Even the minority, hard right brigade pushing so vehemently to make this happen even though it's not in the nation's best interests. Please ensure the ABC is left to its own devices. It has some of the most experienced and hardworking journalists in the nation. Leave them to do their jobs. Thanks. Living now back in Perth, already I'm seeing how WA has suffered since the ABC's slashed budget meant much less local current affairs. We are not being presented with exposes: adequate information about what's really going on around the State. We only get to see what's printed in The West Australian and one glance at that paper will show you how that's simply not enough. Unless you want this nation to end up like One if those countries where real news is only whispered about, leave the ABC alone. This is serious! thanks.

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WA 6011 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC the way it is now.loo

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VIC 3230



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain a public institution and be properly funded

To the “Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters”

The ABC plays an essential role in informing and entertaining Australia, gathering and presenting news and exploring current affairs issues with depth and equanimity. Historically, and to the present day, the ABC has demonstrably gone about its business very efficiently, delivering much more per dollar invested than commercial broadcasters do.

I listen regularly and extensively to Radio National, which offers diverse programming that unashamedly does not cater to the “lowest common denominator”. I value this content; in fact I cannot imagine what life would be like without stimulating and informative content from this source. I will certainly be one of those who act determinedly in defence of the ABC’s independence and its very existence.

In my view most of the mainstream commercial media are either captive to hard-line right-wing interests, or dismayingly “dumbed down”. When the facts support a different or more nuanced interpretation of current events and the ABC strives to honour truth and complexity, it is accused of being biased.

Alert for many years to the potential of accusations of bias, the ABC by policy and practice goes out of its way to present opposing views – particularly in its current affairs reporting. This is well-supported by the findings of previous inquiries and hardly to be negated by the occasional much-publicised misstep.

The ABC has a very diverse audience, many of whose interests would not be fulfilled by for-profit media. As a taxpayer and citizen, I am more than happy to contribute to a national broadcaster with charter to meet the widest possible range of needs – even when some of the content is not of interest to me personally.

If the ABC represents unfair competition to commercial operators, it is not because it is publicly funded. More to the point, it is the way it outperforms its rivals in delivering drama, current affairs, documentaries, popular culture and high-culture that confers an advantage on it. Also, without the shackles of commercial need or a proprietor’s ideology, it is inherently able to be fairer and more inclusive.

In closing: the question ultimately is not whether the ABC is “competitively neutral” (an obscuring concept if ever there was one) but rather how widely and strongly it is appreciated by Australians from all walks of life. I’d like to remind the inquiry that the ABC is owned collectively by the people of Australia, not by the government of the day or any single entity. It is not a commodity to be sold, broken up or hobbled at the whim of its rivals and ideological antagonists.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
Ivanhoe VIC 3079


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VIC 3071 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:15 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Privatization of the ABC

I am a 71 year old grandmother who has watched and listened to the ABC for many years. When we were on our farm in Victoria, we relied on the ABC for our rural reports, our animal prices, the weather, information on Bush fires during the summer and a myriad of other things. The ABC was woven into the fabric of our lives. Our children watched the ABC and still watch it as adults as well as listening to ABC Radio. They all watched as children and their children now watch their shows as well as ABC Kids on their iPads. I have been watching Four Corners and the 7.30 Report for as long as they have been going. I well remember This Day Tonight many years ago. We have travelled extensively overseas and, other than the BBC, in England, the current affairs, news and in depth reporting is simply not found as it is at the ABC in Australia. The USA television is simply awful. Most of my friends watch and/or listen to the ABC and our range of politics is from conservative to the Greens. At times we have all thought that one show or another is biased, however if we are all thinking that then there must be some middle ground at the ABC. If you are offering up the alternative such as Sky News then the bias to the right is incredible. They don't have to show even handed reporting. I think the ABC does a wonderful job in reporting and analyzing the news, and our country would be a great deal poorer without the ABC. Please don't privatize it.

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QLD 4655 


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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation

Do not consider privatising the ABC. Our day starts with RN and throughout the afternoon /evening we rely on ABC for news, updates, current affairs and many of their other programs. Please support them in public hands not private.

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NSW 2230 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our Public Broadcaster must belong to the Public!

I am appalled at the Liberal Party Council decision to consider the privatisation of the ABC. I am 67 years old and have listened to , watched and valued ABC programs since early childhood. I sat with my grandfather to listen to the 7.00pm news on 3AR and have continued to watch/listen ever since. It is so important that we have a free to air source of factual unbiased news reporting. This allows me to make thoughtful and informed decisions without fear of sponsor influence so obvious in commercial news programs. It seems there are elements of the Liberal party determined to rid Australian media of any forum which might investigate, analyse or question their political agenda. makes me wonder what they have to hide!!

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VIC 3215 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: DO NOT touch our ABC

ABC has been my network of choice my entire life. My parents listened to the ABC before we had a tv. They continued with ABC tv. So did I. I found the mix of journalism, drama and comedy irresistible. I am now 63. I watch the ABC Every night. I listen to Radio National, JJJ, Double J and SBS Chill. The commercial channels just don't cut it. The ABC and SBS are the only media networks on whose broadcasts we can rely absolutely.

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QLD 4064 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: My vote is for the ABC

Some years it's hard to decide where to place my vote. Some years it's easier. My vote in the next election is for the ABC. That simply means I won't vote Liberal.

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TAS 7163



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC must remain independent

It is essential that the ABC remains a publicly funded broadcaster...it is the unbiased voice of reason in a sea of mediocre media that responds to commercial demands...the overwhelming majority of Australians support the ABC and ANY government that tries to challenge that support will be punished at the ballot box...

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NSW 2305



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

We are a civilized democratic country, all other countries like us own the Public TV, radio and we must keep the ABC and SBS, we must remain a democracy for the future of our children, we fought WW1 AND WW2 to keep our freedom of the press our rights and our future.

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VIC 3020



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Cannot believe the government is talking about privatising the ABC! I listen to the ABC on radio during the day and watch the ABC for news and UNBIASED commentary in the evening without the distraction of ads. The ABC belongs to the Australian people NOT the government. It's bad enough that they have slashed the funding but shocking that the Liberal Party think they can privatise the ABC so there will be no independent voice to shine a light or challenge this governments version of 'democracy'. Shame!

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NSW 2102



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC should not be privatised

A public broadcaster has no agenda other than to report the news objectively and thoroughly. It also ensures local content and quality productions. I value it enormously.

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NSW 2039



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

Grew up with the ABC. Am currently living in London, where they HAVEN'T privatised the BBC. This is about greed and backhanders

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VIC 3128




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC must remain in public hands

We're at a critical moment in our polity's life. We must have a public broadcaster that we can rely on to tell us what they see and to provide us with an analysis. Politicians who oppose a public broadcaster fear accountability to the citizens who elect them. A liberal democracy must have a publicly funded media organisation that cannot be corrupted.

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NSW 2031 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR national ABC

Dear enquiry members,

Having migrated from the U.K., I have had the luxury all my life of having an excellent national broadcaster.

In Australia, we have in the ABC a broadcaster that was liked and respected throughout the Oceania region and beyond, ensuring that Australian views were promoted in competition with those of other countries seeking to influence the region. That was, until this government cancelled our overseas services, leaving the door open for others to usurp our roll. Now the government is having to throw dollars at stopping the rot. We need to reverse this process.

More recently the same government has emasculated the ABC by starving it of funds because it does not like being held to account for its actions, particularly in the areas of refugees, where it has behaved unconscionably and with regard to climate change.

As privately owned broadcasters will be influenced by governments that can buy influence or apply it more clandestinely through regulation or stand-over tactics, we need the ABC to stand up for the public. It also provides a quality of programming that is not available from commercial stations.

Do not harm our ABC further, because, with the current threats to democracy, we need it more than ever.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Laguna, NSW 2325

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NSW 2325



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is vital to independent reporting

Free TV is Americanized, most Australian content is found on the ABC, please stop stripping money from Australia's creative people.

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VIC 3550



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC to completely remain a public icon

Regardless of your political persuasion, the ABC needs to be kept in public hands. The ABC charter will keep it non aligned to any political leanings. It will act in the public interest, which ever way that falls. If political parties are not acting in the public interest, we the public, need a clear source of balanced information on that.

Highly regarded world wide. Under-funded.

Your chance to shine Government is to more adequately fund the ABC so it leads in the area of broadcasting, not sold off for selfish political gain.

Enhance and support the ABC and this will be returned to you with handsome dividends that cannot be measured in your retirement packages, but in respect from the Australian public.

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QLD 4573




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:14 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands

I, like many other Australians, rely on the ABC to provide me with unbiased, non-commercial, informed data. This is a cornerstone of our democracy, which would be severely damaged if the ABC were commercialised.

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TAS 7325 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I believe we need our ABC to present the truth. Untethered from political bias and vested interest.

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NSW 2456 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public voters hands.

Our abc funded by our tax dollars, hands of or be damaged by our 😊

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VIC 3352




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!

If the ABC is privatised it will end up like the commercial networks, showing mind numbingly bad reality shows. We need breadth of programming and shows that expand Australian's minds which the ABC does so well. We should follow the UK model where the BBC is an amazing and much loved institution rather than a political threat to a group of dinosaurs who can't take objective journalism.

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NSW 2034 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off our ABC!

For decades the ABC has been under attack. Threats of privatisation and funding cuts. But those pushing for change don't represent the broad Australian community and certainly not my views.

It's because of the ABC's public control that they were trusted with the Panama papers. Where other stations fear backlash for stories unflattering to their sponsors, ABC is a bastion of truth, providing unbiased coverage demanded by both sides of politics.

ABC isn't afraid to stand up against the rich and powerful, which seems to be the precise reason it gets attacked.

With less trust in America to act for the world wide good, how can you think following similar practices will gain the support of the people?

Please, once again, keep the ABC in public hands. It's one of the few things I am still proud of in our country.

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QLD 4118




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the A.B.C. in public hands.

I don't believe privatising the A.B.C. will be of any benefit to Australia or its people. I lived in the Pilbara for forty years and my children and grandchildren grew up on the A.B.C. programmes like "Play School". We learnt to trust the news and current affairs and I still do. A.B.C. has served the Australian people well exposing corruption, child abuse and criminality in all its forms, without fear or favour. The A.B.C. has also contributed to Australian culture and provided for minority tastes. It has also exported many of its programmes and developed skills among Australians. Keep the A.B.C. in public hands, please.

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WA 6069 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in our hands

Do not privatise the ABC. It's more important and popular than all your political parties combined. Get your grimy fingers off it!

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VIC 3608




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Our ABC must stay in the hands of the public

ABC was our life-line during recent bush fires in Tasmania. We couldn't survive without this independent and trusted source in these times of Fake News. Restore full funding to ABC and keep the partisan politician from destroying this beloved institution.

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TAS 7215 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is a vital resource owned by all the people of Australia. Despite the claims of Senator Abetz, Mr Murdoch and others, and despite its failings, it is the most loved and trusted media outlet in Australia, and the envy of the sane world. Any attempt to privatise it will be staunchly opposed by a large slice of the Australian public. Hands off!

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VIC 3285



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Liberal vandals keep your hands off our ABC

ABC is a national treasure , much more important than the Opera house. Without ABC - TV & radio, Australia would be cultural and intelectual desert, country not worthy living in.

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NSW 2071 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

the ABC is the peoples media - intended to never be influenced by money and therefore politics. In this age where money and politics and media are so intertwined, it is vital that the ABC remain in public hands, so that impartial media is kept alive, and in many respects the Australian film and television industry.

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VIC 3095



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The Peoples' ABC

The people living in rural areas, live by The ABC.
The public need independant voices in media beyond big corporations.

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SA 5045



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep your hands of Aunty!! It's OUR ABC

I can't believe that anyone would think it's a good idea to privatise the ABC. Our ABC is a treasured and respected institution. As a forward thinking government I hope you can see reason to belong to the people. It will lose credibility and be directed to a biased approach to journalism. Privatising doesn't work. My vote counts. I want to save the ABC.

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NSW 2474



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in public hands and fund it properly

I believe that the ABC should be properly funded so that it can both provide the locally based regional radio and television content that the commercial media cannot and will not do and which is essential to rural and regional communities and so that it can provide the creative original Australian content that it is known for and that the commercial media eventually steals when it is so successful.


I believe that it provides good value for money (how much do the commercial media channels cost per year??) and I for one am happy for a few cents a week of my tax dollars to be spent on this icon and institution.

I believe that the ABC is important to provide political balance to the decidedly right wing views and propaganda of the other media with their radio shock jocks, decidedly right wing commentators like Andrew Bolt and big business advertisers to keep happy. From the point of view of most in the Liberal and National parties, the large business lobby groups and conservative think tanks with their confirmation biases working overtime even centrist points of view look far to the left. So even Q & A which almost always has almost equally split audiences, almost always has both Labour and Coalition politicians but which tackles social and political issues that often do not revolve around commercial, conservative perspectives is held up as a left wing conspiracy by those who do not want this level of discussion.

Certainly the commercial media have not been the source of many of the exposures of problems with Business (Banks, Franchising etc.) government (Treatment of refugees off shore and onshore) and institutions (child sex abuse R C). But an independent ABC can and has done this.

Like a lot of Government services that have been sold off in the last couple of decades business cannot actually do what the ABC does. Business is not the best way to do everything. And selling off the ABC or cutting it even further will not make Australia a better place.

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VIC 3870 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:13 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

Democracy works when people are accurately informed. The ABC is vital for this and so vital for a healthy democracy. When vested interests filter our news then Australia will be ruined. The ABC belongs to the people and the people don't authorise it's sale!!

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VIC 3673 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC is for the public

ABC is a great public broadcaster. I listen and watch ABC more than any other radio or television broadcaster. I do this because it is not a commercial broadcaster that only provides programs that have a commercial value for them. I therefore trust what I hear and see on ABC radio or TV. Australia is a democracy and the public broadcasters like the ABC and SBS help maintain Australia as a healthy democracy. The ABC must not be privatised.

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NSW 2049



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC public!

The ABC offers the only independent, unbiased media coverage in Australia. I dont want some billionaire forcing their views on me.

Only the ABc offers coverage to the bush, all the others have closed shop.

Leave the ABC alone!

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SA 5153




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to have independence to be able to continue to produce the high quality programs it has become known for,

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WA 6213 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: please keep ABC in the publics control

The ABC is the only tv broadcaster I watch - its the only non commercial broadcaster - its so important to keep the ABC independent with its rich broad content - sincerely [REDACTED]

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VIC 3141



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Please don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is the single area of journalism that I trust. I trust it to make unbiased comment regardless of which government is in power. I seek media from various other outlets and am aware of the biases played out in privatised media depending on who funds them.

To privatise the ABC would send a signal to the electorate that the government is concerned that the ABC is not following its' agenda and that the government has something to hide. This will vastly diminish an already shaken public confidence in our political system.

While political parties rely upon private donations to fund themselves, they are prone to suggestion by the donor, whether that be big business or the unions. We need a strong publicly funded media body that is accountable to the tax payers (who ensure its existence) that will continue to express views that are well researched and independant.

The privatised media more than ever is retreating from publishing regional news due to funding and staffing pressures as the internet causes traditional sources to evolve. The ABC continues to provide services where others are retreating, this is vital for local communities.

I remain a swing voter, voting according to policy and not ideology but I will not vote for a party that privatises this vital institution. It will forever taint that party as being one who seeks to ensure that all media is biased towards it, rather than listening to community concerns.

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NSW 2258



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep ABC in public hands.

Please don't privatise the ABC as I think it is great how it is so why change it. It needs to keep having cutting edge programs that are not influenced by political parties or media companies. Please consider the people who are happy with the ABC. If it is sold I will be one less person tuning in because it will no doubt become bias.

Please DON'T sell off the A B C - I'm worried that in the near future Australians will be faced with owning nothing!!!

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VIC 3250 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC in the hands of the public

I want the ABC to stay in the public eye. I do not want the ABC to be privatised. I want a national broadcaster who is accountable to the people it represents and not the private corporate world that it serves. I think Landline, Four Corners, Media Watch, ABC news and 7:30 Report are fundamental to my television viewing. And let's not forget Playschool.
I totally support the ABC and do not want the ABC privatised.

Yours sincerely

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NSW 2038



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep or ABC in public hands.

The NEWS on the ABC is a benefit to all. Please leave the ABC as is, but with more money.

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NSW 2096



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC MUST STAY IN PUBLIC HANDS

ABC is the only source of true and honest information I will personally trust. Please do not destroy that trust for some insidious personal, financial or political reason. It is also an outstanding educational institution free of commercials for todays children and grandchildren. Will you happily completely destroy their innocence and trust as well even at that early stage of their lives. If so shame on you!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: The ABC belongs to Australian Citizens

There is no way, that the ABC qualifies for commercialisation and privatisation. It's fundamental formation and existence is Public Television. Please , don't be so stupid as to pretend it is not.

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SA 5556




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC does not spoil programmes with advertising, offers quality programmes to enrich the spirit; gives unbiased reporting

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:12 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I live in North East Victoria and the ABC is a very important part of our source of news. Their program 4 Corners is our most trusted program. I am concerned about Coalition attacks on the ABC. I am also concerned about the proposed enquiry re the role of the ABC. I believe the real purpose is to put pressure on the ABC over its news service. It is likely to provide the Coalition with ammunition should it wish to amount an attack on the ABC's scope of operations. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our Society and should not be compared with commercial media. Hands off the ABC.

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VIC 3677



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell the ABC

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am strongly opposed to the privatisation of the ABC.

The ABC provides a wonderful range of entertainment and information.

Our ABC caters to all musical tastes from classical to modern. I particularly love the ABC FM channel- beautiful classical music available 24 hours daily. It promotes Australian music and musicians. We have access to direct and recorded Australian and international concerts and opera. We hear interviews from eminent Australian and international musicians , artists and interesting people.

Our ABC TV provides constant available entertainment with quality shows, comedy, and outstanding current affairs programs. Again, Australian programs are promoted .

Many of the diverse programs available to all australians would be commercially unprofitable if the ABC were to be finalised.

The ABC provides information and entertainment to Australians in remote areas, where the cost of providing access is increased and may be adversely affected by privatisation.

The ABC represents the best of Australian values-something for everyone, interest, entertainment, education-affordable and available to all.

Please keep it as a public broadcaster.

Yours sincerely,

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TAS 7018



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Hands off the ABC!!

If the ABC is privatised, it will need revenue from sponsors, who will therefore have a hand in content. The ABC is not biased, it reports intelligently and truthfully. The far right do not agree with the ABC's stance, they don't like any oversight or reporting which does not align with their agenda.


There is already plenty of right wing commentary on air, the ABC may tend to give balance to this. The SABC must not be made to look like our commercial TV channels, just full of mindless crap.

The right wing lot just want the masses to be distracted by mindless crap on TV, sport and entertainment, rather than thinking for themselves about what happens in Australia.

Hands off the ABC!!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is important and valued, not only by us, but to millions of Australians. Who vote. Where else is our news delivered as objectively and as efficiently as it is on the ABC? The ABC has, and always has been a constant in our lives. Always there. Always reliable. Where else can we view truly informative programmes such a 4 Corners, 7.30, and yes, Q&A? Where else are politicians and captain of industry asked to account for the decisions they make on our behalf?

Too, entertainment, great stories and dramas, music and art programmes as well as children's programmes are ABC's strengths. No other organisations can compete with the ABC on such fronts.

Radio? What would we do without ABC radio to inform, entertain and advise us. All without advertisements. SBS deserves a mention. Great programmes - reliable and informative. Please leave the ABC and SBS in public hands. We would be absolutely lost without them. No other organisation could do it like the ABC. Most tax payers would agree.

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NSW 2500 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't sell off the abc

Being funded by the people keeps the abc relatively honest. Sell it and it becomes the propaganda of the buyer and their interests, not cool

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SA 5223



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Let The ABC do the Job it has been designed for.

Ian an ordinary citizen, voter and ABC watcher. I value independent, unbiased journalism. Since it's inception, the ABC has provided multitudinous services across Australia in accordance with its Charter. I am appalled that a coterie of ultra-conservative politicians and their media cronies should dare to abuse our ABC for the benefit of the few and the detriment of the many. The people will not stand for this devious and self-serving attack on our democratic right to an independent media, untainted by commercial demands. If it is all about money, introduce a licence to provide funds for public broadcasting. I, for one, would be happy to pay it.

Please have an eye to history and the long list of cultural achievements that all Australians who value the ABC acknowledge are a cornerstone of our national development and identity. Long may the ABC prosper, unfettered by political posturing and deceit.

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QLD 4066



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

I love the ABC and what it does for the country. It keeps us honest and informed and allows a voice uncompromised by commercialism. The ABC should be independent of any party or organisation and be funded by the people so that it is an independent reporting organisation for the people.

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NSW 2482



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep the ABC out of corporate hands please.

I am so sorry to hear that there are conservative factions who wish to privatize our national broadcaster. It is the only refuge we have from the onslaught of commercialism. It has been such an intrinsic part of the life of three generations of my family. The quality of its programming and th impartiality of it news and current affairs programs can only be achieved if there are no vested interests driving the agenda. No shareholders to be appeased, no insatiable need to attract advertising and please, please, do not allow anyone the opportunity to pollute our lives with the absolute swill that some commercial stations inflict upon us. Please save our ABC.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC should remain in public hands - I rely on the ABC to keep me informed. Its news and current affairs reporting can be trusted to be balanced and accurate. Australian public life would suffer in its absence.

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VIC 3184




From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: OUR ABC must remain as our PUBLIC broadcaster

I believe strongly that the ABC must remain in public hands and must not be privatised, for many reasons. First, the ABC is very important to me personally. The only television I watch, and the only television which interests me, is on the ABC. There is absolutely nothing I care about on commercial or pay stations. I have learned so much from the ABC which has been truly life changing: interests I have developed, skills I have learned, places I have visited, etc. In this rather scary world, the ABC provides laughter, information, and a broadening of our horizons. I am a city person, but because of the ABC I know so much more about regional areas. I never had a garden before, but because of the ABC i am now an enthusiastic gardener. Because of the ABC, I have been inspired to find new ways to reduce my rubbish. And I could go on and on. ABC local radio keeps me in touch with local news and my local community. Furthermore, ABC news is real information, not the propaganda of any point of view. I want to know the truth, not be fed fake news, sensational news, or news which benefits any particular party or individual. The ABC is not biased; it is the commercial programs which are one sided. I trust the ABC; I do not want to spend my time trolling through reams of internet to try and find something objective. I have that in the ABC.

In addition to just the News, the ABC has undertaken excellent investigative reporting over its many years. Commercial stations or sponsored interests do not want scrutiny and will not undertake this sort of investigative reporting. In today's world of fake news and propaganda, we need to be able to critically look at issues intelligently and in depth. A program like Gruen could never make it on sponsor driven TV. A hard hitting program like Four Corners would not be tolerated on a commercial station. And Media Watch would of course not be allowed to expose anything unfavourable to the sponsoring station. And I could go on and on about what the ABC can provide that commercial stations would not.

Furthermore, the ABC provides us with Australian stories, Australian culture, and Australian jobs. I have no interest in giving away our culture any more than has already happened.

I am horrified at the Coalition's attacks on OUR ABC. The ABC Is one of the best things about living in Australia--a true national treasure. The ABC belongs to us and I do not want it sold, weakened, or starved. My life is greatly enhanced by the ABC, and so is our society. The ABC helps to bring us together, not divide us. We need to support our ABC, and as a taxpayer I want my taxes to support it properly. This is not about money, it is about ideology, and we will be diminished as a nation if our ABC is further cut, privatised, or sold. Senators, please support our ABC, keep it in public hands, and give it the support it needs.

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NSW 2095 

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: ABC privatisation

The ABC is an Australian icon and must never be privatised. I am a middle of the road conservative and maybe the ABC does lean to the left but they also bring a lot of unbiased reporting and unearth a lot of pertinent facts that we need to know. Four corners is a case in point. Without their fearless investigation a lot of unscrupulous and subversive activities would never have uncovered. The latest episode regarding Russia's meddling in United States politics was very informative and this is what we need to know. We need the ABC and it needs to be supported not sold.

Best regards

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VIC 3691



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

If privatised we will end up with yet another 'commercial' station with celebrity rubbish posing as news. Who would then conduct emergency warnings and communication? Who would be able to be independent in the face of advertisers' pressure? Who will provide quality drama and documentary programs?

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NSW 2089



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC out of private hands

As a baby boomer I was raised on the ABC News and programs. Today ALL of our media is controlled by a few multimillionaireS who have their own agenda so the 'news' is biased. Only the ABC broadcasts impartial news and that is why it HAS to be preserved and encouraged, not sold off to its competitors.

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NSW 2445




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our abc in the hands of Australian people

I really believe that the abc offers a pretty much objective view of what goes on in the world. IN this time of fake news the abc becomes more important. It's something that all Australians can watch and get a unbiased view of the world.

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VIC 3184 

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:11 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Dont Stuff the ABC.

The ABC has been a part of my life for almost as long as I can remember. Starting from around the age of 7, when Mum took me to meet Mac, Jimmy and Pat of "The Muddle Headed Wombat" at the studio in Sydney. Later as [REDACTED] I was an active Argonaut.

As an older child, and into adolescence I tuned into the news and heard about the Kennedy assassinations, Martin Luther King, and Vietnam news. I saw the first TV broadcast announced by the plummy voiced Martin Royal.

As a Patrol Officer in PNG, ABC on short wave and Radio Australia were my only daily access to the outside world. Returning to Australia, the ABC Radio National was the only station I listened to.

My kids grew up with "Playschool" and I never got enough of watching the lovely Bettina while the kids watched for their own less devious reasons.

ABC TV, RN and later News Radio were my constant companions in the morning and at night though into my present 70's.

My now adult children and their children also listen and watch the ABC. That is three generations in one family.

The destruction wrought by the present government's cost cutting, efforts to silence and suppress facts unpopular with it and silence or nobble the ability to report have been unforgivable. And are the source of a growing white anger with the Coalition and the parties who view true reporting of facts as a threat to their view of the world.

The ABC reflects Australian culture to itself and the outside world. It is still, despite the appalling funding cuts, a great source of divers facts, education and entertainment.

I would be lost without it. It is a daily companion.

Dont destroy it, reverse the cuts and increase the funding. The ABC is worth every dollar.

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VIC 3087




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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is an important part of what makes us proud to be Australian. We need access to unbiased journalism, innovative programming and comprehensive national and international news coverage. I will never support any party that privatizes the ABC.

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NSW 2068 

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: No Privatisation of the ABC

Its Public, we ,I do not consent.

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NSW 2756



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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM
To: Competitive Neutrality Inquiry
Subject: Save our ABC

Do not destroy the ABC. Not every one wants to watch commercial tv stations or listen to commercial radio stations which are filled with advertisements and on the whole are substandard programmes. Not all people want to watch these disgusting reality programmes. The ABC offers a wide range of viewing from the gardening show to Australian Story to Australian comedy, to Politics to wonderful Australian series. Leave the ABC alone!

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