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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC-IT IS WHO WE ARE!

THE ABC is fundamental to all Australians as it reflects who we are -our identity and our uniqueness in the world. This is only possible because it is our AUSTRALIAN TAXES AT WORK and it can therefore focus on AUSTRALIAN creativity and content ,not only on profit making.


EVERY DAY Australian children, women and men watch THEIR UNIQUE STORIES, LISTEN TO THEIR UNIQUE ACCENTS, IN THEIR UNIQUE CITIES, TOWNS, BUSH AND COASTS and see their unique animals, birds and insects in our setting of AUSTRALIA.  
IT IS THIS UNIQUE AUSTRALIANA PROGRAMMING THAT ALSO ALLOWS THE NEXT GENERATION OF AUSTRALIANS TO DREAM, AND nurture THEIR CREATIVITY AND UNIQUENESS- OUR IDENTITY-

I AM SURE THAT MOST MINISTERS TODAY WILL REMEMBER their PLAY SCHOOLS, their ABC COMEDIES AND KNOW HOW THEY HELPED FORM WHO YOU ARE!

ABC programs are about us-our regional cousins, coastal cousins, inland cousins and our city cousins. It's about our values, our beliefs, our ups and downs, our successes and failures BUT, more importantly and to put it more politically- it is about social cohesion.

It is quite revelatory that the coalition fails to understand how important the ABC is to social cohesion and our national identity-they should know that any attack on our ABC IS an attack on social cohesion!

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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!!

Having a public broadcaster is an incredibly important pillar of our culture here in Australia. The breadth of reporting, the talent of the journalists, researchers and presenters, and above all the access the ABC provides for all Australians to our own and international stories, is vitally important to us all. Privatised news services would not, could not scratch the surface of what the ABC now does and can do. PLEASE don't privatise. When you travel to a country without a national broadcaster, the poverty of the national discourse is obvious.

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

The majority of the tv I watch is on the abc. They do more in depth and well researched documentaries, rather than sensationalise views, topics. They support a lot of local drama, I love the satirical shows, all of which would be ceased or bastardised if put into commercial hands. Leave my ABC alone!!!

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

The ABC is a vital & rightly trusted service that must be free to act & criticize our government (no matter what colour) - You don't have to look far around the world to see what happens when governments see criticism as treason - Trashing the ABC is madness, even a short sighted neo-liberal should be able to see that

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

If people say that ABC can run better under a different business model for efficiency and effectiveness, it is alright provided it is appropriate to our Australian culture and diversity.

However, if you bring in the shareholders value in the business model, the contents of ABC has a rate of return to the shareholders attached to each activity, function, and operation of the corporation.

The question I would like to ask is, what is the rate of return to the shareholders on Australian culture and diversity? If the answer is zero, there goes our national identity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the abc public

The abc is the only news/opinion channel that presents both sides of an argument more or less unbiased

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be sold

A fundamental function of the ABC is to present material that would not be attractive to commercial broadcasters, for various reasons including controversial topics and matters of interest to a limited but still substantial audience. Selling would defeat that purpose.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Consider our history and our future

I have been an ABC watcher and listener all of my life! I have encouraged my children and grandchildren to do the same.

I have supported the ABC because they have offered me choice insights and values that represent the various strata of our diverse nation.

To even consider privatising this national treasure would be to eradicate the values of many generations of Australians and subject us to the already available unsavoury listening and viewing on other media.

Because a group of politicians don't like how they are portrayed is no reason to hold this government or any government to ransom for a vote on taxation.

I seek your leadership on this matter and ask that the Australian Broadcaster be left as a government funded Australian icon into the future for all generations.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:10 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** SBS and the ABC are PUBLIC Institutions!

To the 'Inquiry' into the ABC and SBS.

For years Australians have watched the Coalition attack the ABC and SBS, trying to undermine their journalistic integrity with claim of bias and place both institutions under pressure by a series of reductions in funding, known by many as 'death by a thousand cuts'. Both public broadcasters have maintained their standards and continued to function as providers of quality programs and news services. Whether serving audiences in rural and regional Australia, providing relevant content for a variety of ethnic communities or broadcasting news and information to the world beyond Australia for those travelling or living away from home, the ABC (and SBS) is a lifeline, a way of staying connected and being included in current conversation.

More importantly, these public broadcasters play a vital and functioning role in democratic debate, allowing a variety of opinions to be heard instead of the standard one voice-lowest common denominator profit driven programming of many commercial stations. There is no basis for comparison between public-funded broadcasters and the commercial sector as the two have entirely different reasons for being on air.

The ABC is a crucial part of my day. It keeps me up-to-date in a way other news media doesn't by providing additional context and valuable analysis. The variety of programs (noticeably fewer now than five years ago due to continual budget cuts), be they health, music or talks, inform, engage and entertain.

Hand off the ABC and SBS and let them remain public broadcasters! Reinstate the funding they have been deprived of over the last few national budgets and allow them to serve their audiences!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC

The worst thing this government could do ,would be to sell off the ABC. Firstly ,all thinking people I know on both sides of politics prefer to watch sensible programs rather than the rubbish that appears on the other channels. Very few people actually want to watch mindless advertising. I am in the U. s. At the moment. If I do turn on the TV I am subjected to endless commercials for medications which supposedly will cure every illness. I long to get home and turn on the A B C. Do not privatise the AbC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public NOT private or commercial!

I am appalled at the proposal to privatise the ABC. Just because the facts, which the ABC can be relied upon to deliver fearlessly, do not suit the ideology or agenda of a vocal group, does NOT make the ABC biased. It makes it a reliable, truthful, professional, quality organisation. The BEST Australian drama is produced by the ABC. The most intelligent news and current affairs programs are delivered by the ABC and their journalists. How can a comparison be made with the rubbish commercial channels produce? What about the bias expressed by private enterprise organisations? As if they don't have a world view that reflects their own profit motivated agendas. Hands off the ABC. It is a national institution of which we can be proud, that we can rely upon, and that has brought quality, unbiased, factual, creative, ACCESSIBLE radio and TV programs (and now website!) my whole life, and the threat of losing it makes my blood boil. Hands off the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** To protect our democracy our ABC must always remain in public hands

My brother and I were ABC Argonauts in the 1950s, and we all listened to the ABC news, drama and music programs. We didn't own a television set until 1962 and we all watched Countdown, ABC News, This Day Tonight, Certain Women, etc. The ABC was our trusted source for news, entertainment and documentaries. It wasn't the irritation of intrusive advertising that kept our tv mostly tuned away from commercial stations. We tuned to the ABC because it was clear to all of us in our family that the news on the commercial channels was often biased. Although the ABC was not perfect, it was very close to to perfect in its clear and fearless transmission of the facts and the truth.

For a democracy to function the people need to know the truth and all the facts. Sadly, it is clear that many of the commercial radio, television and print media are not as committed to transmitting the unvarnished truth as the public has a right to expect them to be. Commercial and political interests often cause commercial media to manipulate their news programs and print in the interest of those interests, sometimes outrageously, in the choices of headlines and how stories and facts are represented or misrepresented. They obviously feel that they have a right to do this because they own the media. I believe that they should not call their programs or print articles news, when clearly often they are not news but undeclared opinion. This may be rational commercial behaviour but how can voters make rational choices in the long term interests of our nation based on this kind of misinformation?

I would suggest that people who want to get the facts watch ABC television or listen to ABC radio. If the ABC were to be commercialised, it would be subject to the same pressures to present information in ways best suited to the commercial and political interests of its owners much as the commercial media operates today.

Those who are calling to commercialise the ABC must be quite worried about the Australian voters having access to unbiased facts and information. These people are afraid of a democracy where the voters get the information required to make rational choices about who is to govern them and their country's assets.

When you compare the programs on offer any night of the week, it is clear that the quality programs are available on ABC and SBS rather than on the commercial channels. The ABC runs a tight ship and manages its programming extremely well, so much better than the commercial channels. Perhaps the people who wish to privatise the ABC wish to bring all media down to the often lamentable standards of our commercial media. There are exceptions in the commercial media and sometimes there are good local drama programs for example, but unfortunately these are the exception.

Rather than privatise the ABC, the commercial media could improve its standards and provide some decent competition in programming.

I live in Newcastle, and it is wonderful to be able to access what is happening in the arts with programs like The Mix. I am obliged to watch the local NBN/WIN news as well as the ABC National News to obtain local content since the ABC vacated local television content years ago. However, there is peerless local content on ABC radio. ABC radio is our most trusted source of local news during crises such as the Newcastle Earthquake, bushfires and the Pasha Bulker storm.

Protect Australian democracy by ensuring that the ABC remains in the hands of the Australian public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in people's hands

Since I left school in 1960 the ABC has provided my continuing education in science, information and news I can trust and and therefore believe in  
Plus no ads, ads interfere with the accretion of real world info  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep our ABC in public hands!

To whom it may concern.

I've been using te services provided by the ABC for nearly 50 years. As a toddler I watched local people making local content on Playschool. At school I watched BTN and programmes designed for Australian education. As a young adult I watched Australian comedy and drama, and listened to youth radio and the abc news.

I can't imagine an Australia without the wonderful ABC.


Please don't sell it!!

My tax dollars paid for it!!

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not put my ABC into commercial TV hands!

These are my reasons keeping my ABC non-privatised:  
Kids get to watch TV without being blasted with ads selling rubbish food and other unsuitable ads.  
Quality unbiased news programs that are not hijacked by commercial TV sponsors.  
Is able to broadcast exposes of corruption whether it is in the government or elsewhere without being compromised.  
My ABC is just that my ABC. Commercial TV is completely unsatisfactory compared to it.  
Not bombarded with ad breaks.....this is something so special.  
Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

ABC is the only channel which has professionalism ,creativity , trustworthiness and substance in both its TV & Radio programmes. To privatise it will be a sad day for Australia. Let's make it an election issue and let the Australian public decide.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

The ABC is objective. If it is privately owned it may not be... it will lose credibility.  
The ABC is a channel everyone at some stage has watched or continues to watch. We deserve quality television. We do not want it to become a waste of time like the commercial channels.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

I have been a dedicated ABC viewer for more than 50 years. I love the fearless independence of its reporting, the intelligence of the journalists and the commitment in programming to provide stories to its viewers that tell us the truth, not just big business want us to know. How many very important issues have now come out in the public domain that would have been ignored had not the ABC investigated them. I think the attack on the ABC by the coalition is really an attack on our Society. The ABC must remain in Public hands. Public Broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Trying to convince the public that the ABC has a benefit that disadvantages commercial organisations is a totally spurious argument. Stop this ridiculous enquirer.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation = death of ABC

The ONLY reason I watch the ABC, is to see content I would not see on a commercial network ... the moment it is privatised, you just killed the only reason I had for watching any TV at all, and I simply won't watch anything.

Privatising the ABC is not only corrupt, but stupid ... only an absolute imbecile would be in favour of such a move.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep privatisation of the ABC off the agenda.

While I disapprove of much of the content on the ABC it is still better than the alternatives. Privatisation has ruined the Australian dream in all areas it has been implemented. If you have not had this experience you are obviously in the rich and powerful minority.  
The ABC must not be privatised. It would be another nail in the coffin of the Australian social fabric.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS !!

IT IS NOT THEIRS TO SELL. !!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS !!

IT IS NOT THEIRS TO SELL. !!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC

Tell them why you're worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and what you think it means for our society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC!

The ABC is the only broadcaster I trust - not just in Australia but in the world. It's not perfect but it's amazingly good at representing the interests and voices of Australians. Being funded by public money it is not at risk of being swayed by commercial interests. Privatising the ABC would reduce the quality of public information and debate in this country. The ABC has also set the bar high in producing quality drama and entertainment. I love the fact that I can watch and listen to ad free quality television and radio broadcasts on my ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:09 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep our ABC in public hands

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC!


To whom it may concern,

I rely heavily on the ABC for my news and entertainment. I listen to ABC Radio almost non-stop (RN, ABC Melbourne, Triple J, and News Radio), use the ABC News app, and watch current affairs, drama, and comedy produced the ABC - particularly on the excellent i-view service.

My wife and I are expecting, and I would only trust the ABC to produce appropriate programming for our child. The "quality" of commercial TV is deplorable - the continual advertising (even embedded in programs as product placement, paid comments, and "news stories") makes me angry. I certainly do not want my child to be constantly influenced by that trash.

The ABC greatly improves the level of education and awareness of issues amongst the Australian population - why would anyone want to cut its funding or privatise it?? (Dare I ask...)

I for one am overjoyed for my taxes to be spent on this national treasure. Please protect it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Privatisation Issue: A Definite No!

The ongoing functioning of the ABC is of paramount importance to the journalistic future of this country. It is essential that we maintain a public broadcaster, independent of both government interference and commercial priorities. A government that even considers such a move is, in my opinion, afraid of independent journalism. I would hope that neither the Liberal-National nor the Labour parties would support such a move, which is rather the province of discredited far-right parties such as One Nation and Hunters and Shooters. The ABC has provided and continues to provide the best quality reporting in Australia: in interview shows, in news, in current affairs and in coverage of main events. I am completely at a loss to understand how the Liberal-National government under a potentially strong and intelligent leader such as Malcolm Turnbull can move in this direction. It is extremely dangerous and I will vote against any party that supports this move, as a matter of absolute priority in future elections.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect our ABC

The ABC is a vehicle that carries the stories of many people. People that we would not be aware of in our day to day lives, but through whom we are able to learn more about life, and broaden our knowledge of and appreciation of the country in which we live. This is a wide and open land, and we are privileged to be part of this country and to share in the rich tapestry that binds the landscape and culture. To take the ABC away from public ownership will make us all so much the poorer, through not being exposed to the wide variety of views and interests that ABC beams out to the country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privatise the ABC

Please don't privatise the ABC. The ABC is a national treasure and provides a vital service for all Australians. The combination of local content, superior news and programming and no advertising is incredibly important for our country, future generations and democracy. Having grown up watching it and ABC Kids being the only channel my children are allowed to watch, it would be devastating to de-fund such a national icon and allow the quality to be eroded by market forces and private interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC PRIVATE

The ABC is the only channel to give us unbiased investigative programmes. Of course no government likes it because it exposes corruption & secretive deals. There are far too many “reality” shows & American rubbish on commercial channels to appeal to the lowest common denominator. Do not mess with OUR ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:08 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

The ABC must not be privatized. This country needs the services that it provides free from commercial considerations, and political interference. Adequate funding must be maintained, and the ongoing value of the ABC recognized - which does not mean putting a monetary value against it.

Public broadcasting that is independent serves the public good. Politicians at times are the antithesis of this, and would try to shut down anyone or anything that does not pander to their narrow world view.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Privatisation

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Preserve the public broadcaster


As I am writing this email, my hands are shaking in desperation as I think about how absolutely devastating our nation would suffer without our ABC. I see the toxic division in the United States and my stomach drops at the thought of Australians seeping deeper and deeper into division through sensationalist private media. As a public broadcaster, the ABC serves the taxpayers and is endlessly regulated to ensure its reporting is as unbiased as possible. We need a trusted news source. News in the hands of private corporations will be able to run wild with sensationalist news, biased reporting and ultimately serve their shareholders and profit. Integrity and honest sit on the sidelines in an industry fuelled by profits.

Please, please, please.

Protect our ABC.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Never privatise our ABC

I am 69 years of age. I have listened to ABC radio and watched ABC television since I was a child. In comparison to commercial radio and television the ABC wins hands down every time in terms of the quality, variety and interest of its programs. I sat with my children watching Playschool and other children's programs. We watched comedy like Absolutely Fabulous, environmental programs like David Attenborough's wonderful programs and we always watch the news and drama on the ABC. Programs like Four Corners, QandA, Australian Story and Lateline provide essential information, commentary and analysis that support our democratic system. Critical analysis from intelligent and trusted sources is a fundamental way to understand some of the complex events reported in the news and these valued programs enable people like me to understand what is going on and make decisions. Every citizen of Australia deserves to receive the highest quality analysis of events in order to participate fully in society and make an informed vote in elections. This is the right and proper role of a public broadcaster. Commercial broadcasters, in my experience, provide superficial and often crass coverage of events. Unlike the ABC, commercial broadcasters are driven by the political affiliation of their owners and demonstrate quite blatant, overt bias in their coverage, presentation, and the views expressed. I believe that if the ABC were to be privatised there would be no alternative view - Australians would in effect have just one point of view being offered. That would put us in a similar situation to those countries where the State controls all the press, TV and radio, countries that are totalitarian. I value living in a democracy where the fourth estate plays a critical role in keeping our democratic way of life healthy and strong. Efforts by any government to control the media are deeply concerning and the Coalition Government's sustained and irrational attacks on the ABC are deeply worrying. There is a very important role to be undertaken by public broadcasting in underpinning our Australian political and cultural way of life. Commercial radio and television simply does not make the grade. Do I want Rupert Murdoch or some other similar corporate tycoon to call the shots on opinion in Australia? Absolutely not! The Institute of Public Affairs, the Liberal Party Council and Pauline Hanson's abysmal party are making dreadful mistakes in targeting the ABC. It is ridiculous to claim that the ABC has an unfair advantage compared to commercial broadcasters. It is clear that the ABC is constantly being required to explain itself; it is constantly called to account for trivial reasons; it meets a self-imposed very high standard of journalism. Commercial TV, radio and newspapers need to lift their standards before dragging our ABC down.

The ABC is better off as a public broadcaster where it is answerable to the Australian public; not to some private corporation or media tycoon who would seek to impose a rigid view upon us all. Incidentally, I have seen efforts of private businesses desperately trying to destroy a state-owned company because the latter was just too good at its job - providing better services, being more efficient and producing higher quality products. The private businesses were just too lazy to raise the bar on their own products and services and so sought to eliminate the competition instead.

Do not privatise the ABC. Do not kowtow to the tiny percentage of people who support PHON. Save our ABC for all of us who treasure and love our Aunty.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Ensure ABC stays in public hands

I trust the ABC. I could not trust a for-profit, privately or commercially run broadcaster as I would always worry about the real priorities of the organisation. ABC serves ALL Australian's and in this posttruth era it is more important than ever to have this genuinely free press. The politicians should stop using the ABC for political point scoring, stop bullying the ABC, fund it properly ... with expected CPI increases and enable the ABC to continue to do the fabulous job it does. Programs like 4 Corners are essential to a civil society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC


As a 'mature' citizen, an educator and an individual of social conscience who also values the Australian identity represented in the breadth of offerings by the ABC, I am appalled that even the possibility of the privatisation of this respected institution is being mooted.

Why would we wish to lose the quality programming of the ABC and replace it with, presumably, the same junk diet offered by commercial stations with their emphasis on American programs?

Clearly the Liberal party - and the government - fails to understand the role the public broadcaster has played and continues to play in the lives of so many Australians. Have these people even looked at the charter of the ABC with its obligations to reflect the society we are, to educate, inform and entertain us, and to offer quality Australian content? The ABC is important to urban and rural Australians alike and is a trusted source of news and information. It also offers quality children's entertainment that is replicated on no other channel. For the politically interested adult there is no program that comes close to the fearless investigative reporting of the Four Corners program, which has played such a key role in alerting us to issues of concern and exposing malpractice over many decades.

The ABC must not be privatised!

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TAS 7018 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

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

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NSW 2250 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please do not privatise the Australian Broadcasting Corporation

To all Government MPs,

Please do not even consider privatising the ABC. As a public institution, its aim is to provide a service to the public. Private media corporations' aim is to make money, regardless of the cost to the public (Financial or otherwise). The ABC is still the most reliable and accurate source of news for the people as it currently is not beholden to corporate interests that can distort the message it puts out, as occurs in the private press. I have not encountered a single member of the public who approves of privatisation of the ABC (or of any other public institution).

Yours sincerely,

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WA 6060



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is our Broadcaster

Do not privatise my ABC.

The Government is meant to represent all the people, privatising the ABC will take away services from a lot of these people with a focus on profits. Private companies are not interested in the individual. YOU our elected LIBERALS are supposed to be protectors of the Individual.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/liberalism>

Privatisation will take away the "equal to all individuals" public communication services which is the opposite of what your stated belief is "In equal opportunity for all Australians"

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is an Australian icon, it gives us great Australian and overseas comedy, drama and current affairs. Why don't the overpaid, self-indulgent, overprivileged politicians take a pay and pension cut to fund the much-loved Aunty ABC.

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NSW 2550 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as publicly owned

The ABC is all I listen to or watch because it has no commercials and it is free to use irony and humour without fear or favour (until recently the threat of funding cuts has reined them in somewhat).

The ABC might be seen by some as biased but what bias it has would be nothing to the bias it would have if owned by someone for profit.

Leave it alone and finance it properly or you will never see my vote again.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep our ABC in public hands.

Please keep our ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is ours!

The ABC is so clearly better in so many ways to commercial media it's mind-boggling that the government would nobble it. Please don't.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in the public hands!

It is imperative that we, as a nation, have a public broadcaster to ensure that the public continues to receive high quality and trustworthy programs that are not solely driven by a dollar figure and open to manipulation and bribery.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Never privatise our ABC

The ABC is a national treasure that provides valued services across various cross-sections of Australian society, from rural areas to kids programming. For myself, I value the in-depth current affairs programs such as 4 Corners, Background Briefing and many other services on Radio National. For my relatives they would be lost without the Country Hour and regular weather reporting.


Now, I read that the Liberal Party Council votes to privatise our ABC - how dare they. What right have such an organisation to vote on such an issue in complete ignorance of the public's high valued perception of the ABC. This cannot be tolerated - where would we obtain independent, top quality news and analysis on topical issues? These worrying events cut across all sectors of Australian society and it's doubtful a more unpopular decision could be made within the current media context.

Also, this current enquiry into the perceived unfair advantage ABC and SBS has over commercial media networks misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting needs to cater to a wide and varied audience spanning the whole of Australia - this is a genuine public service valued by nearly all Australians. You cannot judge such a service against a 'for profit' organisation that will only cater to those customer areas where they can make a profit.

Someone needs to provide an independent and high quality service across many different areas of society across various media platforms - that organisation is the ABC which must remain in the public domain.

thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Less political interference in the ABC

As a regular ABC watcher and a regular tweeter it is obvious to me by the noise coming from both the right and left that The ABC is the only truly balanced news and current affairs radio and TV coverage. Obviously the government of the day must come under the most scrutiny as if it is doing its job it should be setting the adgender .I would like to see the ABC maintained with LESS political interference and less political involvement in board appointments . A proper review of the charter of the ABC should be undertaken by the full parliament with submissions from the public followed by a proper funding formular that allows funding for community needs then the ABC should be able to operate with out political interference and without constant badgering by individual parliamentarians pushing their right or left wing adgender. The ABC is the cornerstone of a free and fair press in this country .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Maintain an essential and effective ABC as public institution.

The destruction of the ABC, whether by privatisation or constant reduction of funding in real terms is a powerful attack on democracy in Australia. The pattern of privatisation of banks, schools, utilities, transport and so on has effectively developed a plutocracy where household incomes have been reduced, increased the numbers of homeless, reduced access to proper medical care and many more similar things while the plutocrats have massively increased their proportion of the country's wealth. While the ABC continues to operate outside that paradigm I am still able to be informed about state, national and international matters without being inundated with advertising and stifling of the wide variety of views and real arguments about those things that affect me and my fellow Australians. Media owners, such as Mr Murdoch, wield immense power over government (who regularly consult with them personally). An independent public broadcaster can remain out of the hands of those who would seek to control the message. We have already seen the wealthiest mining companies/owners buying shares in private news outlets or who mount massive public campaigns to avoid paying their taxes or avoid responsibility for the environment or who poison or exploit our water resources. In a plutocracy the public's access to truth is severely curtailed. Our ABC provides real access to science, social developments, insights into pressing social issues, government and other institutions. In other words protects our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands


It is essential that Australia have a public broadcaster. It is a marker of a civilised society that it have a public broadcaster capable of compiling engaging programs for a wide range of listeners. Canada has its CBC, Britain the BBC and even the US has NPR. Australians have a right to have their tax dollars channelled into a quality broadcaster that is not swayed by advertising dollars and listeners should not be subjected to unwanted ads.

I listen to nothing but ABC stations because the private stations are so awful and do not bring the level of sophisticated, intelligent journalism, well researched programming and fine music to the listener that the ABC does

The ABC is an Australian institution, worthy of ongoing support. I cannot imagine my life without it.

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WA 6332 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Its our ABC !!!

I listen to ABC podcasts and watch it on TV almost every day. It is one of the only reliable sources of news in this Country. I do not really trust the others as they rely on sales to stay afloat which only encourages false stories or embellishment to keep people buying. The ABC does not need to do that and that is very important for our Democracy. ABC should not be compared to Commercial media. ABC is our Public Broadcaster and not the Governments to play around with and I am very upset about the funding cuts since LNP have been in power. I am very attached to our ABC and would be lost without it so please just leave it alone as they do an amazing job without Government interference. Its our ABC not yours !!!! Thanks

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QLD 4519 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave ABC for us

Look it's simple

It's a public body that does great work in news, a.rt, sport, community and region on tv,internet, radio, podcast and more

How about focusing on real issues in Australia not IPA or RWNJ or Murdoch agenda

[REDACTED]

NSW 2203



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please do not privatise the ABC

I will not vote for a party that intends to privatise the ABC or SBS. We need these publicly funded broadcasters to filter out 'alternative facts', falsehoods and fake news that seems to be everywhere and getting worse. I trust the ABC. Please keep it in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:06 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands ...

The ABC is the only news source we trust, the only outlet that provides our entertainment. Our tax pays for so much that does not benefit or effect us and we should have the right to keep our ABC and all it means.  
our regional families have only the ABC to obtain their news and entertainment  
our children deserve to watch our ABC kids programs without the interference of money grabbing ads  
We need to own our ABC as it is the only public body we can trust. The very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media  
ABC is not about business it is about people

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

I trust the ABC. I will not if it is privatized. If the Liberal party goes ahead with this privatization, you will lose a rusted on supporter for life.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off ABC

This is the last decent TV that both kids and adults can watch.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I want to keep ABC in Public Hands

Because I absolutely want to know what is going on. My husband and I love 4 Corners our source of news and all the information we can get from ther ABC!

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NSW 2480 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands


The ABC is an integral service to all of the Australian public, on all sides of politics. We rely on it for accurate reliable and honest reporting. It is the first port of call in times of emergency and disaster information.

The Australian content in the shows that are screened are of a far greater quality than the standard commercial channels.

What has been done already to our public broadcaster is nothing short of appalling and cuts must be stopped. Instead a funding boost is required to return to the development of more quality viewing that is rapidly being eroded away.

I implore both sides of parliament to support our ABC now and into the future

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is the property of the Tax payer and should remain public

The ABC has been developed to its very high standard by the money provided by tax payers over many years. Governments have no right to sell it off for it to become another money making outfit. It provides clear and objective reporting, Australian based entertainment, quality children's programs and much more. Australians will not stand by and see the ABC privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Your Hands Off our ABC.

I am so fed up with this inept Liberal government. Who do they think they are. Spending tax payers money galore  
Not one of them could run a chook raffle if they tried. They lie so much & have the gall to say they are Christians. The ABC belongs to the people. It is the only TV station i watch. If the Liberals do sell it. They will give the money to their rich mates. Or give it to Murdoch to join his other media projects . We all have to save our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I rely on the ABC to provide trusted and reliable news, quality musical programs, and content which is designed to fulfil the needs of the listener rather than the imperatives of commercial providers, such as advertising. Life without the ABC is unthinkable.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC stays public!

The ABC is an Australian public institution, older even than the Liberal Party! It is a strong Australian tradition, loved and revered by all sections of society (with the exception of the Liberal hard right which have been allowed to infiltrate and take over local branches, Never should the ABC be turned private! It's like privatising God.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC stays public!

ABC teaches Australian culture and social skills and shows things to make us thoughtful . They dont use [REDACTED] to sell their news reporters like 7 and 9 do. I cant bear to let my kids watch women on tv who are so concerned with being tarty. All our utilities turned to [REDACTED] with privitisation, do not let us lose our ABC. ABC has a culture, a feel to it, which other channels don't achieve. ABC has an overall culture which shines through. Don't lose that to commercialism. Killing the ABC will be the final hurdle to people dumping tv for streaming services. You'll lose all ability to communicate to the masses. ABC is like a series of playschool that goes on until they're adults. Shows showing real kids sharing anecdotes about year 7 or year 12. We need that.

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VIC 3114 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

It is extremely important to have a non commercial station operating for the public good in our democratic society. The ABC gives us outstanding programming and news reporting that can be trusted. I am outraged that there is a proposition to privatise and leave us with commercial stations of much lesser quality.

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VIC 3015



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC TV and radio provide a unique environment for transmitting news, spreads culture, education and entertainment without the ads of commercial TV. I became an Australian citizen 5 years ago and I can tell from my experience of other countries, this is the best public broadcaster I know! Please save us from having ads everywhere and bad programs

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NSW 2204





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC publicly funded

The ABC represents, in the best possible way, a throwback to a bygone age. As the commercial networks race each other to the bottom, the ABC provides a haven of quality programming for the whole family, vital investigative journalism, political neutrality and a blissful taste of commercial-free viewing. It is vital that we maintain this outstanding bastion of quality broadcasting in a sea of commercialised mediocrity, and it is vital that public funding continues to guarantee its independence.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in public hands. It's not yours to sell.

The ABC is the only national broadcaster nationwide which is not beholden to commercial interests, and, as far as I can see, along with SBS, the least biased media organization in Australia. Apart from ABC TV and Radio National, there are so many other parts of the ABC which should NOT be commercialised, such as ABC NEWS 24, ABC Classic FM, ABC local radio, etc. etc. I will never vote for a political party which commercialises it. Please leave it alone. I believe that it is great value for my tax dollar.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT SELL OFF OUR ABC!!!!!!

The ABC, or Aunty as she is fondly known, is the most important source of news, information, and quality drama this country has. Having traveled the length and breadth of this country the ABC was the only way that my wife and i could keep up to date with news and current affairs. The quality drama that is still made albeit under vastly reduced funding, is still world quality.

The ABC was my companion through the internet when I was incapacitated in the UK for 7 months due to bad injury. Hearing an Australian voice from my local ABC kept me in touch with my then home in NSW.

Since the Liberals have been in power ABC in Tasmania has been gutted and although the staff that are still employed do a fantastic job it is only half of what it was.


Turning a radio on and not getting adverts every two minutes and good UNBIASED news, emergency situations updates, local indepth stories of everyday people is so important to the social fabric of Australia. To some people it may be the only contact with a human voice they have all day!

To know what a bushfire is doing or flood advice. When is a commercial station run by remote control ever going to be able to do this?

There are some things in this world that a dollar figure should not ever be put on and public broadcasting is one of those.

**LEAVE THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS WHERE IT BELONGS, WITH SUFFICIENT FUNDING!**

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TAS 7303 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP THE ABC IN GOVERNMENT HANDS

I am an ABC fanatic because they delve below the surface and present all sides to the stories. They are not presenting programs that please the advertisers/financiers but a balanced indication of what is happening in our world. A privatised ABC would need to please the financiers and shareholders. I refuse to watch commercial TV for the very reason that they spend more time pleasing their stakeholders than presenting a thorough and unbiased account of world and local events. KEEP THE ABC AS A NATIONAL ASSET!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

We need the ABC . If you privatise Australia won't have an objective tv outlet

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VIC 3195 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is an iconic institution that has served Australia well, providing independent news and information (unlike commercial media), quality programmes (on TV and radio) with the infinite tedium of advertising,. It is part of our democratic foundation. I take a extremely dim view of the shabby attacks on it and the attempt to privatise it. Yours sincerely

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Mt Lawley, Perth, Western Australia 6050  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep the abc for all Australians

Australia needs an independent broadcaster who's primary role is to provide for all audiences and the public good. We need an independent provider who can be trusted as the abc . We need an independent provider who is not driven by profit and can speak unpopular truths.

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QLD 4061 

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

Tonight I was listening and watching "The drum" with Ellen Fanning. This is an intelligent current affairs program that initiates interest in so many important issues. The presenters are strong, highly professional journalists from different political backgrounds who present the panel with intelligent, searching and sometimes humorous questions to stimulate the discussion. "Q and A" likewise allows for breadth and balanced discussion. "Four Corners" is another program with intrepid journalists and hard hitting content, honest and enlightening. On no other channel can these programs be equalled. Then there's the comedy, the series from the BBC, the wonderful Gardening program, as well as the bright morning show. I appreciate the balance and level-headedness of the political commentary, the encouragement given to Australian talent, the high level of the drama, dance, music and comedy programs. As senior Australians on limited income, the entertainment provided by the ABC provides us with quality and connection with the wide world that we could not otherwise afford. Life would be barren without it. I appreciate also the capacity given by ABC technology to catch up, or "binge" on various shows we may have missed. Its services to rural Australia for example through the amazing "Back Roads" program that has revealed so many jewels of small towns, the real Australia, and through the many rural programs that connect the Outback to the City are sufficient alone to justify its existence. It's the typical tall poppy syndrome emerging here. Pull down the beautiful, the intelligent, the brave, the creative, the spiritual, the visionary, and replace it with syndicated, biased and tasteless muck.

Why keep the ABC? Because it's worth it. Make the commercial channels live up to the standards of the ABC, instead of pandering to the lowest denominator witnessed every day and night on these other channels. If they were all eliminated, I would for one be very happy. Let the ABC and SBS in all their glory replace them. Already they dominate the fields for awards for journalism. Let's keep our standards high! Long live the ABC!

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NSW 2000 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

I have been ABC listener and viewer all of my life. Two institutions introduced me to the world beyond my own and both continue to do so. They are the public library and the ABC. In the complex world of misinformation and manufactured PR dressed as news I rely on the ABC for true independence and integrity. The digital revolutions and newer platforms for distributions means there are more convenient ways to listen and watch valued ABC when it suits me.

ABC is the most important public institution in the country.  
Hands off my ABC. The Australian public wants and needs it.

Regards

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VIC 3182



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping our ABC for the Australian public should not be in private hands ever

I am appalled by the notion that the Liberals are intent on selling our ABC to private consortium of dubious persuasion . We need 1 TV & radio service that is unbiased & prepared to change & challenge the status quo . There need to be checks & balances & both Liberals & Labour need to be accountable . Sadly we are served at present by parliamentarians who are more interested in selling our ports farms vineyards etc to the highest bidder & now they want to sell the ABC . Deplorable . We need to be governed fairly & honestly instead of the duplicity we suffer under now. Enough is enough.

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NSW 2100 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** THE ABC BELONGS TO THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC


I have lived my life with the ABC - firstly on the radio in the 1950s, when I was a child, and then in its various television incarnations of more recent years. As the news media in Australia becomes concentrated in fewer and fewer corporate hands, the ABC, in its role of independent public broadcaster, becomes more and more important to the Australian public.

Where else would we see the fearless investigative reporting of Four Corners? Police corruption in Qld would not have been exposed by the Fitzgerald enquiry without the ABC.

I don't watch commercial television - I watch the ABC & SBS. I know that they are trustworthy sources of information and this is very important to me.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is inherently important for Australian people to keep in touch with our community issues and to enjoy the many diverse programs (which have not yet been chopped by the coalition!) to inspire and delight the Australian public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC

It is imperative that the public receives balanced impartial reporting from a few trust worthy sources and the ABC is one of those. The Murdoch press is aligned with the LNP and does nothing more than attempt to brain wash the Australia public with untruths and biased reporting reflecting the views of the LNP party room. The LNP's objective is merely an attempt to shutdown a source of reporting which is not aligned with their objectives which is mostly certainly not to act in the best interests of the Australian public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

It would be detrimental to our country if the ABC were privatised because:

the ABC provides a service to the whole country from children to farmers to rural and city dwellers;

They examine important issues no other broadcasters will touch;

They are impartial;

They hold business and governments to account;

They Provide the most interesting programs and intellectual content.

The ABC belong to the public. We pay for it with our taxes. It does not belong to politicians. If they want to change it or get rid of it have a referendum to decide.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should not be privatised.

The President of Young Liberals, Harry Stutchbury, wrote a piece published in the SMH on June 19 which presented a poor argument for privatising the ABC. No doubt you saw the article.

The following shows why Harry's reasoning is faulty :

Harry Stutchbury's attack on the ABC is based on a superficial survey of the media landscape but, sadly, he has drawn all the wrong conclusions.

It's true that the ABC developed as a public broadcaster in the 1930s but is it "well past its expiration date"? Not at all – the ABC has moved with the times and has keenly embraced new technology - so well, in fact, that it's one of the complaints made by its commercial competitors.

It's true that online publishing and various social media platforms have created "a staggering increase in the variety of news media available". Smart phones do give "the capacity to access almost any media content".

Harry, that is the very reason why Australians want a reliable independent broadcaster which can consistently deliver quality journalism across a range of formats. No one else does that.

It's true that "privatising the ABC would not mean that it would be shut down", but how on earth could there be any guarantee then of it's being "fair and balanced"? A privatised ABC would be no more accountable than Sydney's yellow press.

It's true that media fail to provide properly for remote parts of rural Australia, but everyone knows that the only broadcaster which has regularly delivered in this area is the ABC, despite its reduced budget.

It's true that "increased competition has sent ad revenues tumbling", so where is the logic in turning a non-commercial player into yet another competitor for dwindling advertising dollars?

Let's not pretend that we will still have our ABC if it were privatised. It has succeeded because it is independent from commercial pressures. That's what public broadcasting is all about. It is clear that the NSW Young Liberals have misjudged just how committed people are to protecting a non-commercial news and entertainment source free of media tycoon and advertiser influence. Let's keep the ABC that way and long may it prosper.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Adequately fund our ABC and let it get on with it's job.

So far in Australia not everything is for sale, our ABC is and has performed a vital role for over seven decades in helping inform and shape the lives of ordinary Australians. Do we really want to end up like America? Appropriately and adequately fund our ABC and let it get on with the excellent role that it forfills within our society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:04 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands!

The ABC must not be privatised, otherwise there will be no unbiased source of news and information. The ABC plays a leading role in journalistic independence and is fundamental in the history of Australian broadcasting.

I personally enjoy the ABC News channel and watching the 7.30 program. I do not enjoy watching the equivalent programs on commercial stations, they aren't very interesting. I don't think it's very fair that the Coalition attacks the ABC for being critical of them. I think we are a very fortunate society that has an unbiased publicly funded broadcaster and it will be an incredibly sad day if the government privatises it. The very premise of the inquiry misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.  
Thank you for your time.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatize the ABC

Recently OPTUS tried to offer a national audience the FIFA World Cup. It failed, even when our Prime Minister tried to make them. SBS saved the day.  
Take note that your public, the people you are supposed to represent, still want entertainment options and leave the ABC and SBS alone. Surely the Liberal competitive ethos believes in multiple options so leave us this option. Please don't imagine that we believe ABC is reducing competitiveness - we've all seen how much you give in tax cuts to commercial tv channels.

Thanks for reading this,  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands


We are sick of seeing the same junk on commercial stations - all the crappy junky food ads, making us sick and broke!

The ABC is run by real people that comes through in the stories they deliver - real Australians not bullying multinationals!

It does reflect the real concerns of Australians - they are sick of the paid off politicians, and other stations trying to dumb down the community - which is why the government is so scared and needs to shut the ABC down.

We need to keep our independent voice!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's our ABC


Privatise at your peril.

The ABC is fundamental to our democracy and is one of our three most trusted institutions, along with the High Court and the Reserve Bank.

Neoliberalism has run its course and the people know it, it's just the IPA, Murdoch and his mouthpieces, and a bunch of loony right politicians not listening. Some corporations feel that they can profit from further privatisation of public assets, but the record shows that the sale of government-owned organisations has only created private monopolies and enriched a very few at the expense of ordinary citizens.

Be warned, the people will not stand by and let this happen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** WE NEED OUR ABC DESPERATELY!

With the commercial TV channels going from bad to worse, the only media that gives us a true picture of what is happening in Australia and the world is the ABC.


Privatising the ABC is just plain silly, it would end up in the same situation as the current commercial channels, starved for funding and full of rubbish.

To maintain the level of democracy that we currently enjoy in Australia, we desperately need to be well informed. Without the ABC, we will have only the diet of rubbish that the commercial channels dish up. And that can only get worse.

Shame on the so called "Liberal" Party. They are not liberal any more!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

To whom it may concern,

Thankyou for listening to public submissions on this important issue.

I'm really worried about the Coalition's ongoing attacks on the ABC because it is my most trusted source for unbiased, critical news and current affairs. The presenters on the ABC's programs aren't willing to let politicians from of any political persuasion avoid difficult questions- and they're the questions that the public needs answers to.

I also think it's really important that parents have an alternative for their families that is free of advertising. We should have the option of entertainment and information without constant bombardment from marketing.

Finally, I believe that the quality of the ABCs programming, which is currently high, will be very much negatively affected by privatisation. I believe that our ABC is a strength and bastion of quality that we should never be willing to sacrifice.

Thankyou for your time.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am a 77 year old pensioner.  
I only watch the ABC tv at night, and listen to ABC Breakfast in the mornings.  
I do not enjoy the commercial tv or radio, as I find them too biased.  
At least the ABC is impartial, and doesn't run commercials!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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NSW 2158



**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please leave our ABC alone - it belongs to the Public

The idea of selling off the ABC is a horrifying thought. It is a lifeline to many in regional areas as well as those in the cities.

I for one would be lost without it. A few years ago I was unwell and didn't often leave the house - ABC radio and television kept me in touch with the world and in the way they do best - in an unbiased, totally ethical way. At times I knew more about what was going on than my friends as I was tuned in all day long.

The ABC has been my trusted companion for many years; our daughter loved Play School, Bananas in Pyjamas and all the Children's programs. ABC drama is superb - the other free-to-air commercial channels just can't compete; the latest series of Mystery Road being a case in point.

As a taxpayer in this country I demand that the ABC stays publicly owned and I know many, many people feel the same way. The Coalition are running a concerted, right wing, untrue campaign simply because they can't handle being held to account for things they say and do - there is no such thing as a free ride and journalists are there to enquire and probe and question on our behalf and thankfully those at the ABC do that extremely well. They must be allowed to continue doing it without constant smear and innuendo and inquiry after inquiry. They are professionals who are just doing their job - holding those in power to account and they do that whoever is in government.

You simply cannot compare the ABC or SBS to commercial media and to do so is simply propaganda. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

The ABC is owned by the public, is supported by the public, is a lifeline for many of the public so please tell this government and any future government to keep their hands off it. The majority of the people of Australia demand it. If you do not believe me then see what happens at the ballot box.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public hands to preserve our democracy

The United States today is a clear example of the failure of privately owned media to provide unbiased reporting and the Trump presidency is the result. Scientists have demonstrated that people watching Fox news know less factual information about a subject after watching reports on that subject on Fox news. We in Australia are fortunate to have the ABC as an independent publicly owned broadcaster that limits the ability of the owners of media companies to disseminate news and reporting tainted to suit their agenda. Strong democracies need a strong and effective public broadcaster for this function. To privatise it would be to remove this protection democracy clearly needs. The entire world watches in dismay the appalling leadership of the Trump administration and their attacks on media organisations, we must all make the preservation of democracy a high priority and a strong independent public broadcaster in Australia is essential.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

We need a public broadcaster that is not driven by ratings, which is able to show niche programs that may not rate well. We need to be able to have programs that do not just appeal to the lowest common denominator. We need the chance to see local homegrown talent. We need an Australian perspective. We need to see our own cultural perspective. Commercial programming overdosed on cheap US cultural content.

Losing a public ABC means losing our culture.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why our ABC must remain the property of the people, not of shareholders.

Sections of the government criticise the ABC on the basis of fair and balanced reporting. Abetz maintains a privatised ABC could function in the interests of the public. A privatised corporation cannot remain fair and unbiased as it must favour shareholders who are inherently self-interested due to their financial exposure. Shareholders by definition are only a section of the population. Privatisation would be another nail in the coffin of egalitarianism or "the fair go for all" since the moneyed class would end up owning another tool of discrimination. These are the economic realities.

But the real reason for the push to shackle the ABC is greed and antipathy. The charter of the ABC to be fair, balanced, unbiased and transparent is anathema to the conservative mindset which is schooled in privilege and privacy. Advantage over community is sub-consciously embedded in the notion of free enterprise, competition, economic rationalism and market discretion to the point of entitlement. A publicly owned and adequately financed broadcaster is a foundation of democracy and community. The loss of it would condemn the Australian people to advancing tyranny as the trend is in much of the world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEPING THE ABC PUBLIC


The ABC is the one of source of broadcast news, public debate, information and enquiry that can be relied upon to provide wide, accurate, unbiased and undramatised coverage of local, national and international issues, while providing wide, quality coverage of items of public interest, and quality entertainment. The service is such that it is definitely my broadcaster of choice, and to the extent that I largely try to avoid most commercial services. As a senior I have had long experience to make this assessment, and can only shudder at the thought that the service could be corrupted by commercialisation.

Certainly it asks hard questions of the Government, and so it should, but it is equally testing of the other parties. Whemn in Government there are many more targets, and if the Government cannot provide adequate answers then it is not the ABC that is at fault - rather, it would be if it avoided asking the testing questions.

leave the ABC alone, and ensure it has adequate resources to continue doing the great job it does..

As a lifetime coalition voter, this is an issue that could change my view, as it would be representative of a political entity that has lost its way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our national broadcaster should not be privatised

The ABC is a non-commercial national broadcaster of national and international prestige. It provides informed and well-researched news, and commentary, and caters for both young and old, with a rich diversity of programs. The ABC Kids, with its pioneering Playschool set the model for a British program of the same name, and its characters, and multi-faced, charismatic presenters have continued to display their talent in many other acting and other roles in the Australian media environment. The ABC and its sister broadcaster, the SBS bring the world into our homes, with unbiased, and critical information. I for one would be lost without the company and stimulus of RN and the opportunity to connect with the latest news, and have good quality documentaries, current affairs discussions, top drama and clever and fun satire to brighten my evenings. I would not want to be subjected to commercial television, when we can continue to enjoy the range of educational and entertaining programs offered by 'our' ABC.

A proud supporter of our national broadcaster!

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** LNP - hands off OUR ABC!!

Malcolm Turnbull, your party is out of touch with community needs. Australia needs a public broadcaster unfettered by commercial considerations and vested interests like commercial oligopolies. That is exactly what is wrong with the Liberal/National Coalition. It doesn't govern for the benefit of the ordinary people, just its own self-interest and corporate interests. We need the investigative journalists from Four Corners to shine a light on corrupt practices by banks; foreign interference in politics and security; cyber hacking by foreign interests and the appalling treatment of Aboriginal children in custody and the live export trade. We also want Australian content like Back Roads, Landline, and Insiders. And comedy shows to help us cope with your government's unjust cuts. Your Government needs to listen to what the Community wants rather than IPA and Young Liberals, and Conservative members like Eric Abetz and Tony Abbott and Barnaby Joyce. Be aware you will shoot yourself in the foot if you try to cut the ABC until it can no longer adequately fund its many programmes. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Why don't you cut the obscene amount of funding allocated to the Home Affairs Department/Sovereign Borders/Immigration Departments' callous mismanagement of Nauru and PNG asylum seekers. Australians want a just, transparent and uncompromised government!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be privatised

The ABC is an impartial, unbiased presenter of news, current affairs and Australian programs. The recent probes into banks, and financial services, and other important exposures all happened after 4 Corners and other ABC programs. It would be disgusting to privatise the ABC, and compromise the news Australians receive.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:03 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep supporting the ABC!

It's so important to keep this channel ours! Not just another privatised channel. We need ABC to be supported so in turn it can support Australian content and creators!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands of the ABC a travesty in the making

I wouldnt listen to any radio or watch any other TV programme other than the ABC and SBS. They are the most intelligent informed unbiased group of journalists and presenters there is in Australia. Shame on anyone who takes the freedom of these information providers away from the people of Australia. What sort of a democracy will we have if all the stations radio and TV are run by moguls who are so self interested and certainly not impartial they will soon be running the country. Mr Turnbull and his team are doing themselves and Australia a huge disservice. Commercial stations are biased and self interested commercial businesses

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC!!!!!!

I never want to see the ABC privatised, ever. I feel very passionately about this, and outraged that it is even being discussed!!!!  
I love the ABC on so many levels and rarely consider watching free to air.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I believe that the ABC should remain in public hands no matter who is in government. I have listened to the ABC for the whole of my life. I was present when Kindergarten of the Air was first aired. The ABC was part of my education at school, university and beyond and it still is, though its podcasts and documentaries. I cannot imagine a world with out my beloved ABC. It is part of our democracy. No government should get rid of it by selling it to a private body. The ABC keeps all parties on their toes and, we hope, honest. Just because a minor party, such as Pauline Hansen's One Nation, feels it has been criticised unfairly this does not mean that we should get rid of the ABC. The fact that the Liberal party even had a vote to privatise the ABC at its conference last week, and the vote was passed, is very disturbing to me. Even if the Liberal Party says the vote "does not count" and the ABC will not be sold off it sends a worrying message to Australian voters. We must keep the ABC in public hands to keep our democracy alive.

My children grew up with the ABC eg with Play School on the TV. It was wonderful to have a program which was not interrupted with advertisements. I try to watch Four Corners every week and have done so ever since it was first introduced. Four Corners has had some excellent programs which have uncovered some very disturbing situations through their excellent investigative journalists. If such a program went to the private broadccasters how would we know that they are not being paid by someone with a vested interest in a particular view. Also, I listen to the ABC news several times a day (I am now retired), I trust the ABC to provide relevant and unbiased news bulletins. Also, who would provide a updates in an emergency as happens with bush fires and floods? I am very very concerned that we keep my beloved ABC in public hands. I am prepared to pay more tax so that this happens.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public hands

Dear sir / madam :

The ABC is where young talent grows and flourish. From there, actors, musicians, journalists, etc get a chance to practice their craft. The other networks do not want unknowns "practicing".

We are already losing too much talent to foreign countries. We need a place where we can grow our talent and have a place for them to grow. The ABC is vital in this area.

In addition to this, it is the only news source that is reliable, truthful and unbiased. The other network news are full of hype and untrustworthy - no better than click bait. The ABC is respectful to its audience.

Please keep the ABC in public hands.

I will not vote for any party that will consider privatising the ABC.

Thank you,

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Dee Why, NSW 2099

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC in public hands

The impartiality of the ABC must be preserved at all cost. Governments are all too keen to flog off public assets. In the end we are at the mercy of private institutions like the Murdoch press and a skewed view on reporting.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

Please keep the ABC and SBS publicly funded bodies. These institutions should be there to provide quality Australian content, free from the constraints of being commercially driven, that as a community gives us cultural value and identity.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should not be privatised

I think you only need to look at the examples of recently when organisations that someone (Hawke and Keating) thought privatising Qantas was a good idea Telecom/Telstra (how many staff are they sacking). The ABC is already suffering from cuts to its budgets it used to be high quality viewing now it's becoming crap. You have turned SBS into a joke by adding adds the ABC is the one place where you don't have to have advertising shoved down your throat like Foxtel where you pay for viewing and still get adds all your doing is ensuring that more people who have access to reliable internet start viewing netflix this is unfair especially on those of us in regional Australia - Malcolm if you said you weren't going to do it then you are, it's like what Tony Abbott said he wouldn't do and he did and voters are silly enough to believe you. RIP the ABC, it's great the Lib/Nationals only ever think about city slickers and yet the irony is that the Nationals are supposed to be for regional country areas why are they supporting this?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I love ABC- keep it in public hands

To whom it may concern

I have watched with concern the ongoing attacks on the independence and integrity of the ABC for some time.

Of all the tax dollars I have contributed I am most happy with the value I get from ABC and SBS. What a wonderful, creative and informative service it is and has been all my life. The radio service is a particular gem for its wide ranging discussions and nuanced synthesis and analysis of a wide range of topics. You just can't get this on commercial channels.

Commercial stations have proven they are incapable of providing the sort of quality programming that the ABC does year in year out - the latest OPTUS bungle with the World Cup shows how commercial interests just can't deliver.


It beggars belief that this government cuts public broadcasting funds and give Murdoch \$30 million. The ABC is a community building service while our current commercial services are unimaginative, poorly delivered and show private enterprise in its worst incarnation. If they can't compete with the ABC then boo hoo. People are prepared to pay for decent commercial entertainment but the dross dished up to us by the free to air stations and Foxtel are not value for money.

Apart from that our public broadcaster is vital for getting the most balanced information about social and political issues. It is the most trustworthy public institution in Australia- god knows politicians, churches, banks and big business have all blotted their copy book big time in recent years. I can't imagine life without watching Insiders on a Sunday, ABC election coverage, Playschool, BBC dramas, Gruen etc. let alone radio national and extended podcasts. What an amazing community building enterprise in a sea of uncertainty and change.

Seriously, back off.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Tax funding makes the ABC a sitting duck

Funding by government makes the ABC a sitting duck. If the pollies dislike what the broadcaster does they cut the funding, the most powerful weapon to scare journalists who want to keep their jobs. Public funding is the way to go. In Germany there are ten public broadcasting corporations, funded from a licence fee payable by each household. Each station is controlled by a "Rundfunkrat" (Broadcasting Council) that is the supreme power. Those groups comprise what are called "socially relevant" groups. For example, one of the largest corporations, the Cologne-based WDR, has a Rundfunkrat of 60 members. It includes a few members of the state legislature, who are vastly outnumbered by other groups. Here are just some of them: women, business, theatre workers, human rights, children's aid, gay and transgender people, adult educators, journalists, victims of crime, data protectors, city partnership movement, pension funds, etc, etc. All the corporations put out programming for their target regions and in the evening all contribute to a national channel. At prime time there is no advertising. No-one can scare these corporations. Some have tried and fell flat on their faces. The system was originally a gift of the Western victorious allies to break the monolithic radio organisation the Nazis had set up for the whole country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in taxpayers hands only.

It is paramount that our ABC not be privatised in anyway. It is important to have a media we have trust in and is not biased according to the charter.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep my ABC in public hands

The ABC belongs to the community and MUST NOT be sold off. We pay for it and my money must be used for a strong, public owned ABC. You must not sell it without my permission which you do not have.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone.

Enough is enough with our government bailing out on all the things we have come to rely on. Look what they have done to Telstra the dirty dogs, they new that the NBN would bring it down :-)

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in Govt hands

The ABC remains a trusted source of news among Australians for just one reason - it's public funding model means it does not have to pull its editorial punches for the fear of losing advertisers.

Commercial media constantly self-censor in order not to offend advertisers, and their news and current affairs coverage is biased because of this.

In a mass society people cannot talk directly to everybody else. Communication, and a sense of shared values and sense of moral centre, is achieved though the ABC. This function cannot possibly be performed by a for-profit media beholden to its advertisers. The needs and beliefs of advertisers do NOT reflect the needs and beliefs of all Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep The ABC as it is.

Have any of the ignorant members heard of the BBC and how it is listened to and trusted worldwide. This broadcasting station has been valued for decades by populations all over the globe. The British government wisely knows it's worth. Take note and do not privatise our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC must be held in public hands to ensure balanced, quality, rigorous and relevant.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC needs to stay PUBLIC

We know and trust the reporting on ABC and can rely on receiving an unbiased story. We have witnessed other public assets sold off, never to be the same again. Dont let the same fate happen to the ABC. I sat with my children while they happily watched the children's shows on the ABC. Now my grandchildren are watching. Some traditions need to keep going as not everything can be measured in dollars.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:02 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC Public

Hi,

I am forty years old and grew up watching the ABC with my parents.

In my opinion it provides excellent coverage that I trust to be authentic and unbiased. Please Don't destroy one of the few Australian institutions that still exist by pushing for it to be corrupted by corporate and political interests. Those who wish for this outcome are not true Australians and never understood what it means to be one.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands and fully funded

The ABC is the only respected media outlet that exists in Australia, without it many royal commissions would not have been conducted and corrupt law enforcement agencies, government and politician would get away with murder. Without the ABC Australia would be ruined. The ABC is a huge asset to this country that cannot be undervalued.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep hands off our ABC

I grew up on ABC. It is a childhood staple for many Australians. Now as an adult I turn to the ABC for impartial, clear journalism and a real and honest representation for all Australians. Please don't privatise the ABC. It is perfect the way it is.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am horrified at the thought that the Liberal Party is even considering selling the ABC and thus eliminating the only public station apart from SBS that is impartial in its reporting. Free to air channels in private hands are at the mercy of their owners political leanings, the Liberal Party would love the ABC to disappear off the Australian landscape and in so doing leave no one to report on political machinations, abuses of power, any and all topics that we have been able, up to now, to get an honest unbiased report on.

As a taxpayer I demand that the ABC be left to carry on the fine reporting that the powers that be at the moment cannot abide, the Liberal Party would love the abc to disappear so that we the public have no more information coming to us that we can trust.

I find it hard to believe that anyone would seriously give this proposition a nano seconds consideration.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stop the Liberal Party's attacks on the ABC.

The ABC and SBS are an integral part of the Australian culture, and the ongoing and sustained pogrom by certain, often very high profile, members of the Federal Liberal party is an attack on the entire nation.

The entire 'justification' for this inquiry is just another blatant attempt on the part of these Liberal members to solidify their power over the nation and further punish and threaten anyone or any organisation that does not cower before them.

This is a deliberate and very public attack on the nature of Australian democracy. Don't let them drag the nation further away from democracy.

An independent and properly funded ABC (and SBS) are a vital part of the balances built into the heart of our body politic. Don't let them fall into the control of any group. They belong to the entire country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Dont privatise the ABC

To The Honourable Members of the Federal Government of Australia.

It is imperative that the ABC be retained in public hands. It must be properly funded to continue to investigate and report on issues of interest and concern to members of the community.

The ABC news service provides members of the public like me with information on a wide range of issues of national and international significance, as well as local content for each state. It's current affairs reporting has unearthed several uncomfortable truths recently which cause us to question and consider the ethics of some of our behaviours in society and in government. Some examples of this include livestock export, treatment of veterans by the Defence force, refugee policy, gender issues, waste management and consumer issues among others.

The ABC also has a wonderful record of producing excellent educational children's programmes and drama which feature Australians in Australian situations. Features such as Redfern Now and Mystery Road provide a window into the difficult lives of some people in our communities.


Content from other countries shown on the ABC is also of a generally higher standard than is seen on most of the commercial networks, whether it be comedy, drama natural history or other genres.

The ABC is also the only respite one has from idiotic commercial advertising, and mind-numbing reality TV programmes that seem to have become the cornerstone of commercial television presumably because it is cheap to produce and "gets people in". Do we really want our young people falling for the ideals behind The Bachelor, Home and Away, My Kitchen Rules etc. The aspirations of the players in the latter show are laudable but the behaviours displayed between contestants do nothing to promote mutual respect.

We need the ABC/SBS and NITV to continue to present ideas to Australians through good quality entertainment and current affairs programmes.

Please do not continue to allow the public broadcaster to be eroded any further by funding cuts and certainly not be privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

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

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is a national body that Australians know, love and respect. To keep the integrity of the ABC, it MUST NOT be privatised at all. I am totally against this move and would not vote for anyone who supports such a move. Australians are happy with the ABC as it is and privatisation means that the standards which are currently upheld would most likely be eroded over time by a commercial company. To uphold our democracy, we need to have an alternative to the commercial stations and this is our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise our ABC

The ABC is an absolutely vital institution in Australia, a country with an absurdly high concentration of media ownership. Its contributions to our culture are profound, its journalistic integrity alone has altered our political landscape countless times for the better. I fear to think what we would be left with if it were privatised. Surely, especially given current politics facing America and its election, the importance of transparent news reporting could not be underestimated?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public!

I feel very strongly that the ABC should not be privatised. Private interests are always about money making first whereas the ABC has always served the public interests. I have small children and the ABC is my go to for wholesome, positive & hope filled shows that we know, watch & live together. There is also a strong Australian voice which is really important. So much of the media is heavily influenced and drawn from non-Australian voices. Our ABC brings another valued and treasured perspective - Aussie narratives which which we can identify and dialogue. The ABC absolutely should not be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:01 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in the Public's hands

Please do not sell of the ABC. We need a strong independent ABC, who makes programmes for all audiences not just the lowest common denominator. The ABC makes excellent drama, gives new writers, directors, actors a chance. Being in the public hands, the ABC can ask the hard questions when needed without worrying about ratings and offending sponsors. The commercial channels are struggling to make ends meet as it is, another player would make their bottom line even worse. Have you watched their programs of late? Almost no Australian drama other than made up reality TV. Rubbish TV, rubbish Current Affairs - don't turn the ABC into rubbish.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC provides a unique coverage to ALL Australia. It does so with a lack of political bias which the commercial radio & TV stations fail to do. I want news etc. without promptings on how to interpret it. Under no circumstances should the ABC be privatised, and any party which attempts to do so will do so at their peril.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Reject Murdoch's assault on the ABC


The ABC is a national treasure and national icon and the push to privatise it is cultural vandalism and ideological madness!

We need a bigger ABC and not another private media outlet, God knows there are too many of these sources of intellectual and cultural rubbish and inane drivel already.

This push to denigrate the ABC is motivated by extreme right wing political and ideological apparatchiks and commercial media outlets, primarily the Murdoch press. If ever there was an "Evil Empire" then it has to be Rupert Murdoch's NewsCorp: do Australians really want Murdoch to be running the ABC? No they do not and I would urge all right-minded people to reject Murdoch's attempts at bastardising and destroying the ABC . National treasures and icons need protection so please take this into consideration when always considering the future of "OUR " ABC.


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our Treasured ABC - leave it alone!

The ABC has been an integral part of my life since I was a child in New Guinea in the 1950s, growing up with quality kids radio, so remote from the Australian mainland. Before TV there were the radio serials, plays, the funny but informative programs (like My Word) and reliable news and weather. Access to all sorts of music. Later as a young mother living on a farm with little entertainment or access to neighbors or friends, the ABC kept me sane. Quality TV shows for my kids, "Kindergarten of the Air on the radio, interesting radio programs for me including great rural radio like The Country Hour. Later came Classic FM and beautiful music. Great TV shows including many made in Australia. Trustworthy news and current affairs. Later again, when recuperating from illness, Radio National kept me in touch with the world. Now back on a farm again in my older age - again the ABC is still my window to the world in so many ways. As I said, it is part of my life and that of all my family. Free of advertisements, always something for everyone. And it is not biased. It is always intelligent. If some people want to interpret that intelligent conversation about the world as biased against them, perhaps they need to look again at their opinions and try to be more open minded and better informed. Thank God for the ABC and the stabilising role it has always played in the life of ALL Australians. We need to protect it and keep it in the hands of all Australians to maintain our access to quality media. Shame on those members of the Coalition who want to privatise - and ultimately destroy - what is treasured by the rest of us.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisise the ABC at your peril

I grew up in a conservative household that listened to and watched the ABC. I have continued to see our national broadcaster as one that aims for the highest quality. The journalists and creatives that work there are mindful of their responsibility to the general public.

It was trusted to deliver children's programs, documentaries, dramas that reflected our national identity, news and current affairs that were not commercially-driven nor full of ads.

It underpins our intelligence as a nation. This intelligence is what the current Turnbull government and its ultra conservative allies feel so threatened by.

Commercial channels, a dismembered ABC, will not be a substitute. People will react. They will seek other outlets, and perhaps these will be even more of a threat to the antidemocratic trends in current policy. Think about the role Get Up has played.

No more funding cuts. Indeed, restore funding to a decent level.

The vision the privateers have is not a vision shared by the great majority of fair-minded Australians.

We are a wealthy nation. Shame on the Liberal Party for this penny-pinching anti-democratic mentality.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has been a powerful tool in my education. I am aware that I can rely on it for honest, balanced facts and fearless inquiries into the truth. For many years I was an at home Mum with a tiny home based business. The ABC kept me sane. I filled a survey at the time - and when I checked it over - 99% of my (all day ) listening was the ABC. Largely radio national, and ABC Sydney. I now have been forced to retire from the full time job I subsequently held. I have been diagnosed with multiple cancers. My chemotherapy regime makes me very tired. The radio has again come to my rescue. It informs and entertains me and makes me feel I am still in touch with the world.. My preference currently is for radio. But the TV I do watch is inevitably either ABC or SBS. I view, and the listen app, the wonderful ABC podcasts are invaluable. I swear that who ever sells off the ABC - or defunds it out of a workable basis - will lose my vote FOREVER. And I will make it my mission to convince my colleagues and acquaintances to follow suit. Its personal and important to me.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public.

The ABC must not be privatised. Public broadcasting is an important reflection of our diverse culture. The ABC provides an incredible breadth of media that is valued by a wide audience.

I have grown up with the ABC and hope to continue aging with it. From Play School, to Behind the News, then Triple J, Radio National and now online news. The ABC has been with me my whole life and taught me about the world we live in.

The ABC provides high quality and unbiased news and current affairs. Many times, the government of the day has acted in direct response to a Four Corners program. The Australian Government should be proud of the journalistic expertise within the ABC and not denigrate it for cheap political shots.

From the cities to regional Australia, the ABC speaks to us and tells our stories.

The ABC has proven to be an efficient organisation and manages to produce high quality media on a tight budget. Commercial media would do well to produce some good quality media instead of whinging.

I wholeheartedly support the ABC and am more than happy for my taxes to be used to fund our public broadcaster. The ABC teaches me and gives me joy.

SAVE OUR ABC.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** OUR ABC...keep it so !


The ABC is a useful tool in education, both in city and regional/country areas. Texts being taught can often be brought to life by material screened on the ABC.

I used their shows a lot for English, Media Studies and General Studies. The History and Science staff I know found them beneficial too.

FRiends I have in the bush have found the ABC the only source they have often for news and shows of relevance to them.

DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 9:00 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC deserves support and respect - not privatisation.

To Whom It May Concern. I am very concerned about the recent vote by the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC. I'm aware PM Turnbull has said this is not going to happen. Sadly, we have had assurances before, re cuts to SBS and the ABC, by then PM Tony Abbott. Those cuts occurred. There are two things that I'd like to comment on re privatising the ABC. The first: many older Australians value the ABC as a voice for their preferences in music, commentary and, dare I say it, general overall 'tone'. We, the over sixties, are not as racey, 'cool' or caught up in populist culture as the commercial radio stations assume most listeners are. We're a tad different. And, regional and rural Australians do value recognition of what is almost 'cultural difference'. I think the ABC 'gets it'. I am a 72 year old woman, I live in a rural town (after city living for many years) and I love Classic FM, Radio National and can't bear to think of the ABC being privatised. I've watched what's happened to Qantas and Telstra. Neither is a real success story. Please leave the ABC alone. And no more cuts to its budget. It is endeavouring to be balanced, it is way ahead of the pack in terms of programming and it truly represents so many of the music lovers of Australia. be proud of it for goodness sakes!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must NOT be privatised!

The recent vote by the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC is nothing but narrow-minded dogma. The ABC has contributed strongly to the maintenance of a civil society in Australia, bolstered the culture of a nation that is the world's envy and promulgated tolerance as a virtue to the Community. The Hard Right of the Liberal Party would destroy all this on the basis of illogical arguments and no hard evidence. They are not the Party of Ideas, rather they seek to destroy all opposition to their corrosive agenda.

This MUST BE STOPPED.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC a public service!!!

Why on earth are you going to privatise a public service like the ABC. I don't watch commercial television or listen to commercial radio. I find it crass and cannot stand the advertising. I enjoy the diversity of human experience and creativity of the ABC. I am a Carer and not able to afford theatre, concerts, music festivals and discussion events. I rely of quality of emergency reporting to keep me safe. I like healthy debate radio when driving my car. I

Maybe those that want to sell this gem of an asset can afford to access those services I cannot. What selfishness to take it away.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Opposing to ABC privatisation

There is no justification in commercialising the ABC. It is a national icon since it's very first day. By privatising ABC, the proceeds will not enrich the Government nor the public retention will send the Government broke. News contents produced by ABC have been of great learning for members of the public across a range of spectrums from the disadvantaged to most astute business minded people. The delivery of news have not only been informative but also educational that gave impact people's skills and knowledge in the area of science, politics, economy and social issues affecting national and international agenda. There are also enough private TV and media network. We need this for the people to have a sense of ownership of the media that is a part of our national spirit and icon.

The benefit of its current form outweighs all other considerations.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the ONLY free to air and online service kids that does not see my children as advertising advertising resource. Not to mention the Regional coverage that nobody else see as financially viable. Regional radio, youth radio, landline, the arts, the list of services that the ABC provides without financial influence or private bias is and should be valued far beyond the pittance they currently run on.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the peoples ABC in public hands.

I have grown up with the ABC for over 45 years. The ABC must be kept in public hands where it belongs. There is no reason or justification for privatising the ABC. I will never vote for any political party that even considers the idea and will encourage family and friends to do the same.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the Australian people

I am outraged over the repeated political attacks on and defunding of our own Australian broadcaster in real terms. The Abbott government was elected promising no cuts to the ABC or SBS but the Coalition then proceeded to ignore its own promise to voters. The ABC is where my family turn to get the most in-depth, exhaustive and unbiased news available in this country. Generations of us have grown up with Play School and all kinds of kids entertainment that delighted like Round the Twist . When we grew into teenagers we watched Countdown and then Rage . We listen to Triple J and now when we want to know about our own state we tune into ABC local radio especially when a bushfire is threatening or there is a state of emergency to know about. The national broadcaster keeps us up to date with international affairs, commerce, business, science developments, health developments and the environment which supports life on our planet among other things. The ABC has done its best to keep us in touch with the bush whether we live there or not. Funding cuts have resulted in programs like Bush Telegraph being axed. And Lateline was always the last word on Australian politics before we went to bed. It is no more due to the ridiculous and unfair cuts being exacted. Our family has members who are right wing and who vote left wing and in between. Whatever we vote we need and love the ABC and rely on its researched programs of all kinds throughout Australia. Once the ABC also broadcast in our region internationally, to increase our influence, but that was sold off to a Rupert Murdoch linked broadcaster. I would say the ABC is the most loved and respected institution in Australia. Selling it off would not easily be forgotten or forgiven. It might be like an old growth forest in fact: impossible to replace if a short sighted government dared to sell it off like a company broken up by Alan Bond for a quick profit. Please do not consider any kind of commercialisation or privatisation whatsoever in regards to the ABC. This organisation should be completely free of political interference to provide the best information service and in recent years it has not been. The interference is to the detriment of Australian life and to the detriment of our growth of drama, the education sector, communications and learned practitioner experience in all kinds of arts and media roles - and to Australian life itself. Stay clear of any changes to the ABC and restore all previous levels of funding as soon as possible please. The ABC should never act as a little money maker for a temporary government of any political persuasion. The ABC's charter is to provide a service to the people, and Australians value it immensely. It is one of the things that is priceless to the Australian way of life.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DON'T PRIVATISE THE BRAINS OF AUSTRALIA FOR GODS SAKE!!!!

I can longer listen private radio stations because they trivialise and dumb down public discourse over serious matters for a healthy public mind. The ABC encourages sane public discourse and the country will be full of more ignorance, prompting even more polarisation and hatred. The only way forward from this growing scenario is informed discourse and you will kill that if you privatise the ABC!! You will be very, very unpopular amongst people who think.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise our ABC

I have been watching ABC television and listening to ABC radio for sixty years. During this time I have been educated, stimulated and informed. Commercial stations offer entertainment and are obviously influenced by their need to please sponsors. They cannot be independent. We need to have an independent broadcaster to enable our democracy to flourish.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc for the people

I'm 33 and I have always looked to the ABC as a source of credible news and reporting, quality shows and offering something none of the other broadcasters good. I've already noticed a difference with the more recent funding cuts and I fear this would be the final blow. Please leave the ABC alone to be the shining light in Australia TV and radio it always has been. I don't want to have to explain to my kids how great the ABC USED to be.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC the way it is.

Who will provide the ABC does? Play School, Landline Q&A, 7:30, Four Corners, Back Roads, Catalyst to name a few. Then there are all the wonderful Australian made dramas. The ABC news which actually contains news will not exist. What we will get are more programmes like MKR, House Rules, The Bachelorette, I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out and too many more. There will be hardly any programmes that inform people what is going on in their own country. I will never vote for a government that wants to destroy our freedom of speech.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC out of private hands

ABC is about Australians for Australians. I have watched 4 corners, insiders, Q&A, Breakfast News, 7.30 Report and many more for years and years. I wish to continue watching programs that are developed in the best interest of the public and not in the best interest of the owners.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public and for the people

The ABC is the only TV station that I watch as it is not full of ads and skewed by commercial interests. Please don't take that joy away from me and privatise the ABC as I pay taxes and want my money to go to ABC.

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NSW 2085 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the people of Australia

How can a political party make a decision to sell off what they see as an asset when it doesn't belong to them. The ABC is owned by the people not the politicians. I am 82 and have been watching and listening to the ABC all my life. I trust the ABC news and current affairs programs because they are not the view being pushed by an ultra-rich commerce driven mogul. How dare the Liberals think they have the right to decide the fate of our national treasure! I have a lifetime of memories of the ABC from listening to Blue Hills when I was a child to appreciating the stories presented by 4Corners in the present. I feel very angry that a few politicians can only see the ABC as a revenue source to be cashed in. This outrageous idea will not be taken lightly by the general populace.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is a trusted, independent institution, providing education to children, news and current affairs, rich cultural programs and acts as a vital source of information in the bush and outback.

If the government considers the ABC to be critical then they have sensibilities that are too delicate for them to be in power.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC primarily and SBS secondary are the only two broadcasters I implicitly trust to provide us with unbiased and well researched news and analysis. I rely on television, radio national, the local ABC radio station and ABC Classical FM for entertainment. The ABC is unbiased because it is a public broadcaster, not needing to please commercial sponsors. How many times have Four Corner programs been outstanding in their forensic research and been the basis for Government enquiries and Royal Commissions. The children's programs have had an important role in the development, education and entertainment of my children. Home produced dramas for adults are always outstanding, often challenge social norm and institutions. I think a privatised ABC would not be able to maintain this standard as it would be beholden to a commercial entity; bias and sensationalism would become part of the ABC as it has with the commercial stations. We need to enhance public funding to the ABC to increase local produced content. I cannot imagine my life without ABC, our public broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The bias of news from privately owned media is totally unAustralian. We need the ABC to keep the bastard honest. It's the only place to go for unbiased and true journalism.

From the moment I can recall watching tv it's been the ABC. All quality kids shows, playschool, sesame st, was the start of my learning. The joy of the goodies, Dr who were to follow. And as an adult the ABC is the only place to go for quality news and current affairs programs and for comedy.

No Government has the right to take away our only publicly owned station.

Please do not allow them to take away the only good station left.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands.

How much poorer this nation would be without the Abc as we know it? How much richer would we be if we had the ABC as we knew it before the cancer set in resulting from previous funding cuts. One can only shudder at the paucity of serious drama, of journalism, of debate that reflects the diversity of our people should the grubby hands of private profit get a grasp of this institution that belongs to us all - not just a select bunch of scavenging shareholders and CEOs.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC alive and public

The channel never changes in our house...


The ABC has been part of life from the educational programs we watched in primary school, through the cricket when it wasn't exciting, the news that was actually news, childrens television you could trust without the sell sell of advertising.

Selling off must never happen it will destroy the ABC.

Telstra was such a success not...

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT PRIVTISE THE ABC

The only media outlet I trust. Even the news broadcasts on commercial channels are distorted, sometimes laughably so. Do not privatise the ABC. We need it to retain our democracy and freedom of opinion.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Australia's own network.

As an Australian, the ABC has always been a part of my life.

Its the channel I first saw Faulty Towers on and ads free to boot.

It's the channel that has kept me informed with honest courageous reporting about news and current affairs without bias towards corporate interests who only care about themselves not the public.

This is our Australian ABC, a national treasure.

And as an Australian I oppose any attempts to destroy it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep hands off the ABC

The ABC should never be sold. It is important for rural Australia, for its investigative reporting and open reporting. Look at other Corporate News - keeping us dumbed down they only report what is in their owners interests. In the interests of DEMOCRACY leave the ABC alone it is a vital source of "the other side of the story" You may not always agree BUT at least it gives you a chance to hear both sides of a story. It has integrity not "false news".

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC plays an important role in our society in terms of information and education. It provides a point of difference to commercial channels which is precisely why it should stay. We don't need another commercial channel. It seems that people who want to change it are afraid of criticism of policy. However, in a democracy this just isn't on. I've Read some critiques of the ABC which state that it isn't neutral politically. it's hardly a hotbed of Marxists so I think this is a rather cowardly argument and if we want real diversity, we can't just have commercial media who tend to reflect the interests of the powerful and wealthy. The ABC also provides programs the other channels don't so please do not destroy it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not allow the ABC to be privatised

Dear Inquiry Members,

Our ABC is very special, and one of the main reasons why it is special, is because it has not been privatised. Our ABC tackles controversial issues in ways which may not make everyone happy, however in a diverse society, this must be expected.

Our ABC is unique, special and valuable in its own right, because it has not been privatised. We have our private broadcasters and we would be throwing away a valuable part of Australia's broadcasting freedom, if the ABC were to be privatised.

Inquiry members, please do not allow the privatisation of our ABC.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC as a publicly funded body.

To take away the right of the public to have a publicly funded broadcaster is unthinkable. We need this voice to provide a platform for those who cannot afford to pay to display their art, their scientific theories, their philosophies and their views.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC must remain in the public hands... A public media company is necessary to balance the influence that privately own media has over the population.  
The ADC must remain in public ownership.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** THE ABC IS FOR EVERYONE, NOT FOR PROFIT!

Hello,

This is just an issue that should not need to be debated. The ABC is the only channel I ever watch and the only channel I will allow my children to watch as it does not contain insidious ads. The quality of its programs is exceptional, but it is the lack of loud, irritating and a lot of garbage time just plain evil advertising that is an antidote to the other channels. I will weep and weep if this is entertained further. Enough! Not everything needs to be for profit!

Yours angrily,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:58 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** "he market

Most Australian media is currently in the hands of very few wealthy people - "the market" as Eric Abetz call it. "The market" will therefore pursue an agenda which is to its own benefit, and should it gain control of the ABC, it will ditch so many cultural and niche programs simply because they cannot ever show a profit- these cover arts, minority sports, and rural interest.

Additionally, there needs to be a voice for alternative political viewpoints, as "market" dominated news services will always work in the interests of big business. It is vital for the preservation of democracy that the ABC continues to show a strong independent voice in the pursuit of truth and honesty.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** What's next privatise the Police and the Judicial system!

What shameful hubris! To use your position as representatives of the Australian public for personal use/gain-to silence a critic . If we had effective honest media control one might understand but the narrowness of ownership and opinion in the private media is appalling , thus making the ABC even more important as the voice of many rather than the few. Bias is all in the eye of the beholder, what's more important is that the ABC and SBS give voice and representation to many Aussies rather than the few who are wealthy enough to own a paper or tv station, or willing enough to abuse their position of privilege. The ABC is an Australian icon and institution that is loved by generations of us-it should be independent of politics and independently funded. My vote and now my activism is for an independent ABC! One must ask how ethical it is for the government of the day to have any influence over such a body. yours sincerely [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatising the ABC? Be damned!

The ABC is an important part of Australian culture - the very difference between it and the commercial TV networks is BECAUSE it is funded by taxpayers and not by commercials. Privatising the ABC would destroy its essence and Australia would be a much poorer nation in so many ways. The various ABC radio and TV channels supply trusted news services as well as important documentaries, sports commentaries, dramas, comedies, etc, etc.

I fear that all of this would change if the ABC were privatised because it would just become another commercial network.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off ABC

The ABC represents the very heart of our Australian democracy- 'hands off the ABC.'

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is good for politicians.


As a doctor working in some other countries, I quickly became grateful for the existence in Australia of medical litigation. Unpleasant though it is to have the potential threat of litigation ever present in the background when working in Australia, I witnessed the untrammelled negligence with which medicine was practiced in some other countries where patients don't have recourse to legal remedies. That accountability in the courts is partly responsible for the medical profession's self respect and the community's confidence in the advice treatment they receive here in Australia.

Similarly, a free press fulfills that role in Australian politics. Without an open political process subject to analysis and criticism from an independent media, politicians will lose trust and democracy will suffer. It is important that today's politicians tolerate scrutiny from investigative journalists working for an independent organisation in order to preserve the democratic freedoms we enjoy in this country. Commercial media are conspicuously restrained by conflicts of interest when reporting any issue because of the need to foster commercial sponsorship. The ABC is one of the most important pillars of democracy in Australia. It belongs to the community. It is not ethical or wise to promote the privatisation of the ABC for reasons of short term gain.

Like the medical profession, politicians benefit from the existence of accountability. The wider community desperately needs government to be accountable. Those in government should be aware that their role is enhanced by a healthy and critical independent media as represented by the ABC.

Neither is it theirs to buy or sell. Australians want to keep their ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I know that from time to time both Labor and Liberal/National parties complain about the ABC and that this happens regularly when each party is in power. That is good. We now have a situation where the Liberal/Nationals are so angry at having to answer to questions posed by ABC journalists that they are voting to privatise the ABC. There is no real justification for this and it is being driven by the embarrassment individual politicians experience when appearing on the ABC. The right wing commercial broadcasters make it so easy for them. In my view this is the very reason that the ABC should remain in public hands. Is there any privately owned broadcaster that is not almost fervently right wing? We have to have balance in our society. We cannot have everything driven purely by the profit motive because that leads to situations that we now see with the right wing shock jocks and in another environment, the banks.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands!

When I think of the ABC, I mainly think of Triple J. I am devoted to Triple J, because I love Australian music, and I am so proud of the fact that our National Youth Broadcaster supports and fosters Aussie talent to the extend that over 50% of our Hottest 100 - the world's largest music poll - is home grown music. In most countries - I travel annually to South Africa which is a perfect example - people don't know or like any local talent, and they're culturally poorer for it. Music brings us together, and it allows us to showcase our culture internationally. Initiatives like Unearthed (free upload service for new young muso's to get discovered), the One Night Stand (a free full-scale festival in a tiny rural town each year) and the Girls to the Front initiative (which takes place during the week of International Women's Day each year and champions females in music and radio) are unique and irreplaceable in creating a digital community and sense of well-being for isolated people, for whom Triple J is a lifeline. This would all be lost if ABC was privatized. No commercial entity would be interested in propagating local acts, promoting new young talent and connecting people across the country when there's more profit to be had in playing auto-tuned, crass and mindless American pop interspersed with constant ads and inane, blokey commentary. Hands off the ABC and ESPECIALLY hands off Triple J!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Stop the attacks on the ABC


I watch ABC News, 7:30, Four Corners and Foreign Correspondent because of the high quality, independent, trustworthy journalism. The airwaves are dominated by trashy tabloid news and current affairs and a modern, democratic society needs a counterbalance. I also watch many other programs on ABC, again, because of the high quality and because of the Australian and other non US content. Commercial TV bombards us with trashy series and movies from the US saturating us with US culture. Commercial TV makes a minimal contribution to quality, diverse TV programming and therefore to our need for intellectual stimulation, education and cultural enrichment.

These things are important to me and I am diametrically opposed to funding cuts to the ABC, past and future, and to privatisation of our national broadcaster.

The proposed inquiry into the ABC is a thinly disguised attack on our national broadcaster from conservatives who feel threatened by the ABCs fearless exposure of their ideology, hidden agendas and corruption.

The inquiry would be yet another misuse of taxpayer funds. There is no point in comparing public broadcasters with commercial ones. Both have a place in our society and they play different roles. This inquiry should not go ahead.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

How dare you even contemplate selling off our ABC. Honest, factual, brave, funny, educational and most of all unafraid! Trying to muzzle the truth is shameful.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** do not privatise the ABC

It is interesting that no matter how much media power and wealth other broadcaster have they always want even more.

The more power some people and groups have they always want more. There is no upper limit for them. Turning Australia into a de-facto dictatorship is the goal of the political ultra right and ultra left.

The ABC has rightly taken to task and exposed (again and again) insane ideologies and ALL political parties with their ill considered planned actions and real evil actions and exposed the monstrous egos and limitless ambitions of those who want to be in 100% control of all Australian's lives and assets.

Sadly the ABC is one of the few democratic non political voices left in Australia.


All our political parties hate any scrutiny, exposure of malpractices and wrong doings and incompetency. Many politicians are blatant takers of incentives (bribes) from the super rich and companies and in return politicians in current power have or will try to pass legislation that does not benefit the whole of the people of the our Common "wealth" .

Instead the ABC has exposed the tactics of some groups and individuals who have millions and billions in "Panama Papers" stolen from the people of our Commonwealth coffers by hook or by crook.

Therefore ABC and other watchdogs must be fully funded and fully protected and empowered more instead of being castrated by the likes of the Liberal Party Council.

Many young party members are petty dictators in waiting and have backing from many power groups who dislike democracy and do not wish us to have a fair chance by the ordinary person to have a better life.

The ABC must stay fully independent and protect the ordinary Australian from the onslaught of evil doers on our hard fought for democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why we need the ABC

I have grown up with the ABC. That doesn't mean I take it for granted or believe everything I hear. It gives me the news. Not a personal opinion. It doesn't have to bow to an owners preferred point of view. It doesn't have to answer/ jump to the advertisers requests. I like the fact that every party in government criticizes the broadcaster and when in opposition their criticisms seem to melt away, This is the sign of a real time healthy national broadcaster. To lose the ABC is to lose a cornerstone of public information which is free to all. There is an audience for commercial news stations - but while they are tied to being an entertainment they will never be competition to the national broadcaster.

Realize the fundamental value of this national broadcaster - any degradation will be a huge, and permanent loss to Australia at large.

Thank you for listening.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Vandalising the ABC is UN-Aussie, Stupid, Unthinkable, Anti-Culture

I cannot believe that so-called intelligent politicians could even seriously consider attacking with an political axe - one of the greatest social institutions we have in our land.

It is a world class project in communications for the good of all in so many areas:

Music

Arts

Science

Bookd and Writing

Film

Discussion

Big Ideas

Debate

Youth

INTELLIGENT Childrens Entertainment

& THATS just for starters....


The Liberals are either - TRAITORS to their founders (from Margaret Guilfoyle and onwards) - or outright VANDALS who will stop at nothing to shut down the voices of REASON and the PEOPLE - the VOICES that the new breed of Liberals HATE and oppose! Why? BECAUSE the new Liberals are a conceited, self serving, vicious breed of narrow minded people with large nests they are desparate to feather - at ANY COST!

You are condemned by your own incompetence.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

To those responsible. I rarely watch television or listen to the radio, but apart from an occasional sport program I never watch or listen to any media outlet apart from the ABC or SBS. The suggestion to privatise it is appalling. It is one media outlet that is not in the hands of people who want to personally profit from it.


It was Isaiah who wrote:

Justice is turned back,  
and righteousness stands at a distance;  
for truth stumbles in the public square,  
and uprightness cannot enter'(59:14).

For the common good please do not privatise the ABC>

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our wonderful ABC in PUBLIC hands!!!

The reason I watch the ABC and SBS is the DIFFERENCE between those stations and the commercial media. These stations offer a huge variety of QUALITY television that represents ALL points of view. Groundbreaking, award winning journalism from the likes of 4Corners, add to that the 7.30 report, Q&A - programs the likes of which you see less and less of on commercial television, and more and more of LIGHT TV full of reality shows. These stations are ultimately about about making money and dumbing down the audience and NOT about providing quality and visionary content. Britains BBC also stands high in quality of content. We can not let the ABC be taken over by corporations.....as it always ends up about making money which compromises content. We should be so proud of our national broadcaster and the fact that more and more people are tuning in!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

What can we do without our ABC ???

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
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatize the ABC ... NEVER!!!

Privatising ultimately means commercializing.  
For me, the ABC has an excellent balance of news, current affairs and programming, without the commercials. It's far superior to anything the commercial stations can offer.  
Consequently, the ABC is what I watch. Never commercial television!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public Broadcasting is vital to our democracy

I live in regional NSW and the ABC is the only radio station we can reliably receive. My family and I are also avid viewers of ABC TV and value the news and family friendly viewing available. We also believe that 4Corners, Foreign Correspondent, the 7:30 Report and the News24 are the most trusted sources of news and information in Australia. Our Public Broadcaster is a fantastic return for our taxpayer investment and cannot be compared to the commercial media that seek profit over substance. The ABC plays an irreplaceable role in our democracy and cannot be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is an essential voice in the media melee

As a proud Australian I have been distressed to watch the gradual whittling away of the ABC by this and previous coalition governments.

The current moves regarding privatisation of the network are more than frightening. I implore the powers that be to allow the ABC to continue its work through quality journalism such as Four Corners, 7.30 and the like. We have already lost Lateline and other worthy programs. Please no more!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC- A public good

The ABC belongs to the people of Australia and the right wing of the Liberal party does not have the right to privatise it. The only organisation or party that would oppose the independence of the ABC is a party with something to hide.

Peddlers of ignorance and miss-truth, and those with vested interest fear transparency and inquiry. The ABC is the only truly independent investigating service that can serve our democracy. Without the ABC the people will be less informed, have less trust in the government and without a spot light on inappropriate behaviour large corporations and vested interests in government will be able to hide their actions. Tearing down the ABC is the preparatory actions that lead to the ability of a group to usurp the will of the people. This is a very scary slippery slope!

I oppose the privatisation of the ABC would prefer to see its funding increased.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** HANDS OFF THE ABC!!!

The ABC is precious and we need to keep it just as it is - with all its various expressions. I and many many others will fight tooth and nail to keep it in its current form. If politicians are worried about bias in the ABC then privatising it is hardly a way to ensure this is not going to be an issue... Government will be completely incapable of controlling it if it is privately owned.

Only a publicly funded broadcaster can ensure national coverage - a privately owned one will stop broadcasting if it was not economic.

The ABC is such a treasure for so many people in Australia, the Liberal Party seems to have no idea of the backlash they would have to deal with if they tried to privatise it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

A free and Democratic country needs a broadcaster who is not influenced by a puppet master (Murdoch for example), Government or commercial bias.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The ABC is the only truly independent broadcaster in Australia. Privatising the ABC will compromise impartiality in reporting not only on political issues, but matters of general public concern that do not need to be sullied by corporate interest. If the ABC is in any danger of being corporatised, the Liberal Party will be decimated.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public!

The ABC is my most trusted source of news, whether it be the 7PM bulletin on ABC TV, AM and PM programs on ABC Radio Melbourne or the website, I know I can rely on the ABC to deliver impartial and relevant news. ABC also produces quality Australian drama and comedy and is not afraid to experiment with innovative approaches which wouldn't find a place on commercial TV.

I'm concerned the Coalition is considering privatising the ABC. This should never happen. It would end up as just another commercial network, with uninteresting news which are sometimes hard to differentiate from "infomercials", radio programs led by shock-jocks who drive their own agenda and a TV station on endless repeat loops of imported series.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not commercialise the ABC!

The ABC is a much loved institution in Australia that reaches all parts of the country and appeals to all ages. Where else can a parent turn for trusted material for their child? The offerings from the commercial options pale in comparison! When commercial channels are pumping out rubbish cheap reality TV, the ABC is providing quality local drama.

The ABC gives a voice to local issues and provides a invaluable service that no commercial entity would bother to cover as there is no profit margin! There are many sectors of Australia that would be poorer if the ABC was left to be controlled by greedy commercial entities!

Personally, I hardly watch commercial television as the quality of material and the conservation bias and fear mongering is just ugly!

The ABC must stay public, if the government wants to save money, don't give the big corporation the tax break they don't deserve!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC belongs to the Australian public. We need and rely on the ABC for objective and balanced reporting; for local advice about emergencies such as bushfires; for disinterested coverage of a wide range of topics, as it currently does, without fear or favour.

Our country's survival as a democracy depends on our public broadcaster. Without the public owned ABC we would not have the freedom of thought on which our country's freedom depends.

To suggest privatising the ABC is scandalous, and it seems to me, the product of minds which can not bear criticism or being opened up to the light of day.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should not be privatised

The contributions the ABC is making to digital media is laudworthy, far superior to anything the market seems to be able to bring about.  
and if Doctor Who starts to have ads in it I'll just wait for the DVDs and buy them from the BBC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC public

I do not wish the ABC to be privatised because too much media is already private and private organisations are focused primarily on making money, certainly not quality. The ABC has created quality content and broadcast good choices from overseas. They are a trusted public organisation and a treasure to be protected. Privatising the ABC would be a shameful backwards step for Australia and I urge you to stand against such a move.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** STOP THR ILLEGAL PRIVATISATION OF ABC

Enough is enough!

Please rep your hands from our ABC - it belongs to all Australian people, it is financed with our money and it presents our ideas, it is about us

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC publicly owned

ABC television and radio are a huge part of my day to day life. ABC presenters and reporters are my trusted news sources. The ABC can be relied on to conduct thorough investigations into topical issues. There are programs for the city person and for rural folk. Drama programs are high quality and I value the Australian content. I was extremely distressed when I learned of the Liberal Party Council vote to privatise what I consider to be one of our most valuable and irreplaceable assets. I cannot praise Aunty enough. Keep her in public ownership and stop cutting funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

What good reason is there to privatise our long standing public broadcaster? To make a quick dollar? What about generations of Australian's which grew up watching Australian made kids programmes or adults which tune into in depth current affairs shows?


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

Media experts believe it is "suitably arcane camouflage for an inquiry whose real purpose is to put pressure on the ABC over its news service" and is "likely to provide the Turnbull Government with ammunition should it wish to mount an attack on the ABC's scope of operations".

I quite enjoy 4 corners and Gruen transfer which I fear will be axed

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect the ABC from Private Ownership

The ABC is entwined in the very DNA of modern Australia. It is an integral component of all discourse in Australian politics as well as our intellectual and cultural heritage. The ABC stands apart from all other media sources because of its charter to independantly present news and discussion on all aspects of Australian life, without fear of or favour to any one interest group in our society. To think that our nation would be better off in the hands of a cartel of profit driven interests is misguided or even malign. The manufactured outrage about bias and partisanship leveled by some of the parties proposing private ownership seems hypocritical given that the Murdoch Press is held as an example of what the ABC could become. The fact that these groups are so entrenched in their hatred of our national broadcaster is very likely proof that the ABC is doing its job. Don't let a cabal of wreckers destroy one of the "crown jewels" od Australian culture.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is not for SALE

Hands off our ABC!!

We are horrified that the Liberal Party would even contemplate such a heinous action.

Why would you take away the only unbiased media outlet that Australians have?

Why would you condemn us to the drivel on commercial channels?

Is your aim to totally dumb down "the clever Country" to the Cash Cow unnews ? To the over dramatised so called current affairs programs where stories like Barnaby Joyce are featured as news worthy?

We are disgusted with you and our votes this election will show this unless you change your minds pronto.

We only watch ABC and SBS because they are the only stations where news and current affairs are intelligent. Where documentaries tackle the hard questions. Where dramas have plot and character

development so that a person with intelligence can actually engage in the program. Where comedies are funny...again with plot and character development. ( Compare "Upstart Crow" to "Big Bang Theory")

Pay TV you say??? MORE OF THE DRIVEL THAT IS FOUND ON COMMERCIAL STATIONS. Why would that be? Oh are they run by the same persons that run the commercial stations?

I worked for 33 years, hubby for over 40. We paid our taxes and expect to have ABC unsensored and providing us with superior entertainment.

It is totally unbelievable that the Liberal Party would even waste one single thought on privatisation of our iconic ABC.

Think again and get your claws off OUR ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABA out of private ownership

The ABC is an integral and independent part of the Australian media landscape. It is the people's resource and should continue to belong to people. It must never be taken out of the people's hands. I, my family and friends wish to give you the clearest message that we are not interested in any misleading, flawed and unwarranted enquiries into whether the ABC has an unfair advantage over cashed up, biased, commercial outlets who are not accountable or representative of the population.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** fighting for the ABC

I am writing to you for this submission to say that I watch and listen to the ABC always and would not like to see the ABC privatised it is my daily dose of always of the most unbiased news and reports which covers all over not only national but also international news. My loss would be great if the ABC was privatised. as none other news outlet covers the news and current affairs like the ABC. There should be an inquiry into the ABC as it has been proven that there is no bias in all what th ABC does

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** hands off our ABC

Public broadcasting is a service, not a commodity. We have always relied on the ABC to deliver content across Australia - rural and urban - and in an age of increasing globalisation and corporatisation of the media, we need to protect our national broadcaster. It delivers news that we trust to be unbiased, despite the current paranoia of incumbent government. We need to value and promote our cultural identity, and keep telling our own stories. We don't want to return to the times when the accents in our screens were British...or reach the stage that they are all-American. Keep your hands off our ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the best impartial news organisation in the country. It provides balanced news, great quality content - both fiction and non-fiction. In addition the ABC provides an essential service during emergencies, which a privatised ABC is unlikely to provide.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:55 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

a democratic country needs at least one media outlet, that reports without fear or pressure about what the ruling governments do or intend to,so everyone is be able to make up their own minds, without being brainwashed by a privately owned media source  
the conservative government that runs Australia at the moment would like to stop any kind of criticism, they act as if they are the rulers of this country, not the representatives of the people of Australia  
the ABC puts her finger on these things, we need a FREE PRESS  
long live democracy, long live the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC as it is, it does a better job than the Government finding grat and corruption.

Keep ABC as it is, it does a better job than the Government finding graft and corruption.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public Hands.

The ABC has been the backbone of country Australia for many generations. It's is absolutely essential that our ABC stays in public hands. Programs presented by the ABC are relevant to our Aussie way of life. They are informative, factual & not loaded with commercial proper gander. I grew up in the bush & ABC always had a role in our lives, presenting current information-historic & educational facts for all Australian, adults & children alike. Dislodge our ABC in its current form is like taking the backbone out of our culture. Please leave it alone! It is our Past, present & future shaping of our lives. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise our ABC

The Liberal party is gas t becoming the UNLiberal party with offensive party platforms that include selling the ABC to commercial interests.  
Great for the Murdoch press and the hard right which thinks anyone who disagrees with their views is a left wing radical.  
No privateisation of the ABC, not now, not ever

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone

Been watching the ABC for more than 40 years (I am from Malaysia). Keeps us well informed. It is my staple diet. Cannot do without the wonderful contents which feed me.

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