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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is the most trusted and important media organisation in Australia.

To whom it may concern. I believe the ABC (and SBS) is a fundamental part of Australian society. For my entire life the ABC has been a leader in Australian produced content and also a leader in finding and telling the hard stories.

Having media organisations which are able to fearlessly report on government is a vital part of a free and open society. Holding our politicians to account is a vital function of the media and only the ABC is independent enough to do that without fear. The recent attacks on the ABC show that we have a government that is afraid of real scrutiny and will do anything to shut it down. We demand that the ABC is fully funded and that it has the ability to not only report on the facts of local and international news but that it also continues to provide meaningful, intelligent content that is Australian made and tells authentic Australian stories.

Just like Medicare - we believe the ABC is vital.

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

ABC must be government owned and stop the funding cuts. It's the most important media stream in the country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster

To whom it may concern, the ABC places an irreplaceable role in our society as an honest broker with regard to informing the public of current affairs. Without shareholders, a corporate employer or the vested interests of advertising corporates, the ABC is able to be relatively unbiased in its reporting. Our democracy would be weakened considerably if the ABC was privatised. It would be tragic! The ABC is a trusted news source despite the resentment of people with strong views on the Right of the political spectrum. Unfortunately such people are inclined to be aggressive in their intolerance of moderate or Left viewpoints. Their vehemence, if anything, points to evil in their motivations. If their views were reasonable, why would they need to demean, ridicule and berate their opponents? There will always be bullies, but as a society we must stand up to the bullies. If we don't, we sell out our children, society's poor, our precious and degraded environment, the outsider and all that is good. I will fight to save the ABC! yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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

I adamantly reject the possible privatisation of the ABC being suggested by members of The Liberal Party. The ABC is a bastion of our cultural identity that has ensured Australian voices and Australian content is made available to a wide audience. The success of the ABC is evident in that numerous productions are bought by commercial stations when they are popular and would otherwise never get a guernsey by profit-focused executives. If the Liberal government dismantles this public institution without taking it to an election as an agenda they are pursuing, they will be directly responsible for severing our cultural identity in a way that can never be overemphasised. With profits as the guiding force behind commercial decisions, we see less and less home-made content and more cultural intrusions by the bloated American media market that churns out material at far cheaper prices.

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

As a long time listener of the ABC, which is more independent of any of the other media channels I am exposed to, it would be a great loss to see it fall to partisan commercial interests.

The Liberal Party should rename itself to the Conservative Party as it has clearly lost sight of the meaning of liberal. The fact that it aligns with most things that the moronic Trump espouses too is an indictment of the lowest order possible, including the shutdown of any independent comment. Australia is on a fast slide to becoming a police state, driven by the right wing of the so-called Liberals.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. The very premise of the inquiry, viz., 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 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

We need a well funded public broadcaster!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We want to keep our ABC - it is OURS!

Wait! I watch the ABC because it has QUALITY that the other stations DO NOT HAVE! I hardly watch anything else, like millions of others.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep The ABC as a public owned entity!!

As a transgender person and member of the LGBTI community I wouldn't have never seen any queer representation on TV. Channel 9, 10 and 7 still just show content that overwhelming white and straight in all its programs.

ABC is one of the few channels where LGBTI people and people of non white backgrounds get representation in both drama and story telling.

The loss of the ABC would hurt our community as we would loose representation on TV That's no straight white able bodied people!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Nothing Commercial can replace our ABC.


The ABC Radio, Television and allied services. are the sources of most of our valued and quality informed. If the Government in any way reduces the ABC's intellectual power to educate and inform IT WILL BE AT THE MOST GRIEVOUS PERIL to all of us, progressives and conservative alike.

Do we really desire to become a more boring and less informed society? Even the proponents of these reactionary proposals would experience the resulting deadly damage themselves. DON'T GO THERE!!!

This proposal to reduce ABC funding has cataclysmic dimensions affecting any claim we may enjoy to be a thinking society.

Don't they see that?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC.

The ABC is my first source of news. It is the news I trust the most. If the ABC is privatised it will lose its independent voice. It's not a smart move, and everyone knows it.

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

It is imperative that the ABC remains a public institution that serves all Australians, regardless of political persuasion.

The ABC is the most important cultural institution in Australia, with dedicated, well-informed and professional journalists bringing their expertise to an extremely broad range of topics. It's value cannot be overestimated.

The coalition government's continued cuts to the ABC's budget will reduce the ABC's high journalistic standards and render it a mediocre and sub-standard organisation.

Please, please make sure it is protected and supported.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:54 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands and not starved of funds!

The ABC is a public constitution that broadcasts both in the domestic and overseas market. It has an audience across all ages, gender and socio-economic domains. It remains the first radio and television station of Australia. How anyone can say it is a left wing mouthpiece beggers belief. What is the criteria? If you want a true account then do a demographic, economic and social survey by those who have no political clout or personal interests before making unsubstantiated statements that are partisan by those wishing for its demise where it becomes a mini mouse without purpose. I suggest those opponents of the ABC have never watched or listened to much public broadcasting in places such as the USA or Russia. You are a lucky county having the ABC. They tried similar tactics in the UK with the BBC and failed miserably even going through a period of maladministration - the public would not hear of its demise!

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

I like to know that the reporting is independent  
I love Australian content  
I love the ABC it belongs to us as individuals. I like the fact that it expresses diversity.  
There wouldn't be the investigational reporting like four corners.  
It doesn't belong to the government it belongs to the people  
Look at what has been privatised and look at the mess that privatisation has caused eg prisons, electricity,  
Telstra, Medibank, commonwealth bank  
We vote for a government to protect our way of life and support our culture.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is important

It is vital to keep the ABC as a public institution. The ABC is able to investigate any subject without any thought to the advertising ramifications. The ABC provides integrity to the coverage of news and is not pandering to an idea of fear, celebrity, and sensationalism. The ABC is a platform for Australian dramatic and comedic talent and minor sports. Finally, the ABC provides a voice for all Australian in all parts of the country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep mABC in public hands

Is the Liberal Party disconnected with the real world?? I believe that they should disconnect themsel2ves with my world!! Disappear along with your crazy ideas.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** PLEASE leave the ABC a Public Broadcaster !

PLEASE do not privatise the ABC. It is our favourite station, our favourite shows, no ads ! We don't want to lose a station that we have been watching for sooo many years. As senior citizens we have lost much, please do not privatise our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** My ABC

I have been watching and listening to ABC for eons.  
It must not be sold. It belongs to us, the public.  
I am living in rural New South wales and rely on my ABC for local, regional, national, international news and information. That cannot be sold.  
My kids have grown up watching ABC and are still watching. You can't take it away.  
Privatisation is deadly. It's our resource. I am so angry at the thought of ABC being sold.  
I vote!!! I demand that ABC not be sold.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am discusted that the government wants to privatise the ABC all the commercial stations just aren't worth watching anymore,same,same.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP THE ABC FUNDED BY US!!!

No matter who's in government, a public owned TV station is vital! As public viewers we trust the reliable, independent programming and journalism championed by the ABC.

My children grew up trusting the junior programming, finding great joy and education in the various creative, inspiring shows broadcast by the ABC.

KEEP THE ABC FUNDED BY US!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC im Public Hands

ABC is the only TV and Radio we regularly listen to.  
ABC provides an apolitical unbiased approach to its reporting.  
ABC provides news that no other broadcaster does.  
Like all other public services that have been privatised the service level drops dramatically and there is little or no interest in providing a balanced approach. Private ownership will only concentrate on paying executives exorbitant salaries and providing little good quality local content.  
Listen to the people of Australia... not the few wealthy investors that are looking to make money at the public's expense.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands.

I am devastated at the threat to our ABC. 'Auntie' is the most trusted media source on TV and the radio. I can't really understand that any politicians would, even think of privatising such a valuable national resource. Why do you think that we are the envy of many countries? The ABC is the most trusted source of day to day news as well as in-depth discussion of important issues affecting everyone. In regional areas it is often the only source of news not only being there in times of crisis but enabling the voices of people from isolated areas to be heard and keep in contact with important events around the world and within Australia.. In spite of drastic cuts to its budget over successive years the ABC has maintained a high standard to ensure the people of Australia have the high standard broadcaster they need and expect. It is a broadcaster for all ages and interests. Such a service is essential if we are to maintain our democracy. I cannot imagine waking up without the ABC to listen to a fair analysis of local and world news. Publicly funded broadcasting is essential and should not be compared with commercial media that has as its aim profits and pleasing its sponsors.

I urge you to never consider privatising the ABC, instead promote its advantages and be proud that we have such a highly professional national media organisation as our publicly owned broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should not be privatised

Please do not allow the ABC to be privatised. The ABC is so important for representing the interests of Australia's and should be beyond the pressures of political and wealthy private interests. The ABC is a valuable part of Australian culture and the interests of Australia's and this would be compromised under the privatisation agenda.

Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

That sound you hear is the crumbling of the last bastion of civilisation. It is the sound of Auntie ABC being hacked to death by the cultural saboteurs of the Liberal Party, but here's another sound-the sound of the outraged public as you try to take away the only decent programme in Australia!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in our hands

I am 68 years old, my earliest memories focus on my late mother standing in our kitchen - I am maybe 5 or 6, the cricket is on the radio, or it might have been Blue Hills or the unmistakable melody announcing the news. The ABC, initially radio before the days of television, has announced the major events that have shaped my life and that of millions of other Australians; it has spoken with a voice that has reported without fear or favor, one that speaks without the constraints of business interests or lobby groups. Programs - news, current events, dramas & documentaries have become fondly familiar parts of our lives, children & grandchildren growing to the strains of the Playschool theme. It would be both a tragedy and an outrage for any further cuts to be made to the ABC or worse still to consider any form of privatization.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Because it's not theirs to sell

Because the rise on rich multi corporates propagating their own views as opposed to keeping the public interest open and free in communication diminishes tolerance and sees populations entering another medieval time period... If that hasn't happened already! With all the miss information of public information being streamed at the moment it is worse than the Catholic Church's propaganda of the 1st millenium (And yes I'm a historian)

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public hands

We are a wealthy, retired 60 year old couple - typical Liberal voting demographic, but utterly opposed to the proposal to privatise the ABC. It is the only mainstream media source which is not either biased or has a financial incentive to push certain media stories. We are old enough to remember how Labor (Bob Hawke in particular) attacked it for bias against government! It is the job of an independent media to hold all organisations including government to account and this will always include criticism. This is the current difference between Australia and China, North Korea or any other country where it is held acceptable by government to keep its citizens ignorant. This is part of a wider trend to reduce effective scrutiny of the policies of our current government and is therefore a threat to democracy itself. Finally, commercial media fails completely in comparison with the ABC for the quality of reporting, radio, drama, science, documentaries etc etc. It is at another level. Perhaps Rupert Murdoch, the Liberal party members and NewsCorp are a greater threat to Australian democracy than China.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

Our ABC is the only hope of a public independent voice in the provision of news and entertainment in Australia. Keep Australia Free and Independent.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must stay as a non profit organisation owned by us, the community

The ABC retains and supports independent drama, news and opinion. It's the only channel I watch, and feel confidence in it as it's not profit driven

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DON'T PRIVATISE THE ABC

Those of us with any level of intelligence want to keep the ABC in public hands. Without it, there are so many things that we would never know about. Most of us are sick to death of "reality" shows. The ABC is the only source of factual information. Anyone who wants to see it sold is terrified of truth in this fake news world. Commercial channels have no interest in anything that informs. WE want our ABC TO REMAIN IN PUBLIC HANDS.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I appreciate enormously the aim of the ABC to be apolitical. Understandably, many programs show a definite point of view; but the variety of points of view cross party lines and the lines of interest groups. This is a valiant endeavour of inestimable value to the ordinary viewer. To privatise the ABC would be to scuttle this beacon of light completely. We would be contributing to a greater impoverishment of integrity within the media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privatize the ABC

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation for me is an essential part of being an Australian. I don't know what I would do without it. Please don't privatize the ABC. We would be a lesser nation without it

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Wamboin, NSW

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NSW 2620




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep the ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

the abc has been a trusted source for information for decades but should it be sold it would be turned into a propaganda outlet like comcast or murdoc media! that cannot be allowed to happen as it would adversely hurt the australian people

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't touch ABC.Dont dare to do that.

Don't dare to touch ABC .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatization of the ABC

The government and the opposition need to keep their hands off the ABC as it is not theirs to sell or dismantle

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I request that the ABC stays in public ally funded hands and is never privatised. We know very well what happens to true freedoms of the media once corporate bosses have the power to manipulate an independent authority. I concede that the ABC is often too leftist, but this I'd no reason why it should be privately incorporated.

I believe many Australians will vote against the Liberal party if it pushed for privatisation. Change that direction now and save face.

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SA 5254



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep the abc in public owership.

No privatising of the ABC. Malcolm Fraser would be turning in his grave as he extended public broadcasting by introducing SBS. The Liberals are becoming a party of facists.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please do not allow the privatization of the ABC! As you should be aware, that if privatized, agencies reflect the wills and wishes (be they political or otherwise) of their masters (owners.) It is my opinion, that the well informed questioning of the interviewers can cause concern to those attempting to answer the questions.

I think that one reason that political parties wish to privatize the ABC, is to infiltrate the T.V. system, and control what questions are able to be asked. PLEASE do not allow this to happen

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

To whom it may concern,

I was deeply upset to hear that the Liberal party is considering privatization of the ABC. The ABC is the fabric of the Australia I believe in. It gives a voice to everyday Australians and brings everyday voices of the world to us.

Please busy yourself with issues which are important and keep your neo-liberal hands off our ABC.

Regards,

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NSW 2031





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

The public have a right to have their own TV representation in the ABC without political and commercial pressure, influence and interference like the commercial channels. Why do the politicians want to muzzle the ABC just because they are interviewed and they might be caught out? It's all about the politicians sanitising the truth by gutting the ABC. So we must all BLOCK TURNBALL & LIBERALS FROM SHUTTING DOWN THE ABC & SELLING IT TO ONE OF THEIR MATES !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands!!

The ABC produces for the people of Australia unbiased programs and information for the Australian people.  
We are a democratic country and have a right to listen and participate in different views and opinions!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a public broadcaster

ABC Director was right when she told the nation that people are sick of the ABC being used as a "punching bag" and reminded the crowd the ABC is "more popular than the two major parties combined". We need the ABC for many and varied reasons - for the quality of its journalism and the content it provides which is not available on any other channels. The news is second to none, and the current affairs programs are vital for unbiased opinion. Landline is vital for those of us who live in rural Australia, and we love the high quality English dramas. And if you are including radio in the privatisation, where will we go for classical music? We will be voting for the party which keeps the ABC as a public broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands

I have lived in "Australia for 34 years and in all that time I have watched the ABC and SBS exclusively. I cannot stand commercial television with its vapid content aimed at the masses. ABC radio programmes are also a constant with me for their always interesting and educational and Classical music programmes which nourish the soul. I doubt any commercial station can claim to ever nourish the soul in this money grab society. If the ABC is tampered with I will be sorely tempted to leave Australia for a more enlightened country. DO NOT TAMPER WITH WHAT IS A VALUED SERVICE AT YOUR PERIL.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC NOT FOR SALE

To the Liberal National Party, please be aware the ABC belongs to the Australian people not any political party who happens to be in power and doesn't like the powers of a real free press making them answer for their lies, incompetance and most of all the corruption that is within our political system.  
SO MR TURNBULL YOU AND YOUR RIGHT WING SCAB PLOITICAL MATES NEED TO KNOW THE ABC STAYS IN PUBLIC HANDS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT YOUR EMPLOYER DEMANDS, THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Are you mad? How could you even think if privatising OUR ABC? It is more essential than ever that we have an independent media network. Rural areas rely on the ABC for information and entertainment. I love the ABC and would never even consider voting for ANY Party that wanted to privatise it. As soon as that happened it would be about ratings and revenue above all else. The ABC is where I see more women and minority groups represented on TV and radio. It is where I can listen to or view excellent programs that make me think and inform me as well as entertain. I can not bear to think of a privatised ABC. Just leave it alone. You have already done enough to strip it of funding and tried to silence it. What are you scared of? Keep your hands off. It belongs to us not you!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC Must Not be Privatised

The ABC, despite deep budget cuts, still provides us with the programmes that stimulate, provoke thought and discussion, quality entertainment, satire and Australian content that is superlative and unavailable on commercial channels. Consider Q&A - where else do we get the opportunity to hear what other Australians think and to openly challenge our politicians and other public entities; Excellent Australian dramas such as Mystery Road; wonderful programmes such as Backroads or Australian Story which allow us to connect and relate to our countrymen and women; ABC News and the 7.30 Report give us reliable and unbiased local, national and international news and analysis which I highly value; Investigative journalism is at its best in Four Corners and Media Watch is unique in its ability to critically analyse media across the board without fear or favour - where else could we get that in a commercialised ABC. I celebrate this magnificent organisation in the diversity it provides, culturally, socially and politically. It must never be allowed to be subject to the demands of advertisers and ratings or we will lose a vital representation of our identity as a nation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is was and should always be public

ABC has been an intrinsic part of my family across five generations:

- my nanna and grandpa loved to hear Australian stories and voices
- my immigrant father loved the news/four corners & Australian focus
- my mum & aunt have loved the Australian shows
- my children were raised on advertising free children's shows and we all love rage
- ABC features start up comedians, triplej is a soundtrack for my life & the journalism is interrogative and relevant
- my regional in-laws all appreciate the local content & I appreciate landline and understanding Regional issues

Our taxes have paid for ABC & I'm happy to keep paying. Privatisation of public infrastructure has not delivered cost reductions for our electricity & service is vastly diminished in telecommunications so you'd be hard pressed to outline the benefit in privatising ABC....unless corporations are the only interests the Coalition cares for.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I need the ABC

When we first programmed our television we only programmed in the ABC and SBS. The SBS was for us parents but the ABC was for us and particularly the kids. We mostly end up watching child friendly shows anyway and we did not want the children watching advertisements. I had read that children cannot distinguish between an ad and a TV show till they were about 8 years old. So not only did we feel relaxed about the appropriate choice of children shows but we could relax in the knowledge that they were safe from advertising. We also feel that the ABC can be relied on to produce shows that are not 'stupid' and that the cultural enhancement they provide will enrich our lives.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:52 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP OUR ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

Dear Members

With the passage of time we are constantly reminded of how we have forgotten the wise advice of our predecessors that “the price of liberty is eternal vigilance”. Sadly we have delegated this duty to elected officials who have failed to observe prudence in so many areas. The mantra of privatisation is a failed concept when measured against the outcomes of the banking Royal Commission, ICAC Reviews and various enquiries that time again reveal the failings of rampant capitalism without a heart. The ABC is one source the community trusts sadly way ahead of the body politic and time and again they partner with independents to expose behaviour that is out of line with community standards. The Liberals continue to drift mindlessly imbued with massive hubris and righteous beliefs in their infallibility. So tempt the forces of public opinion. Wake up Australia. The lucky country is steadily moving towards a political abyss.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC has always been criticised by the party or group of parties in power. Nevertheless, currently, every one of the ABC current affairs programmes has a LNP past or present MP on the panel, or a Murdoch employee. So any complaints of bias should come from the ALP or other opposition party. Given the penetration of the biased and now demonstrably dishonest NewsCorp empire, the ABC is the only mainstream entity attempting to tell the truth. There is no private Four Corners, and will never be.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must not be privatised!

Could not live in Australia without the ABC TV and radio!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is our only independent broadcaster. They are unbiased and they have some of the best programs on Australian television. It would be criminal to privatize it and commercialize it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

One look at the images of the liberal party council voting on the privatisation of the abc says it all - there's barely a female to be seen. So why should their resolution be seen as representative of the populace? They have no idea of how costly that decision will be.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I have always looked up to the ABC for the quality of their news, current affairs and investigative journalism, and for holding governments to account, be they Labor or Liberal. It is what inspired me to want to become a journalist! I also have very fond memories of watching everything from Play School to Dr Who as a kid. I would be devastated if the ABC were to fall into private hands. There is more than enough commercial TV out there with only commercial interests at heart. Please leave the ABC alone!



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands !

I believe that the ABC currently fulfills its brief to inform and educate, presenting a balanced view and quality programming not available on privately owned stations with vested interests, political and commercial.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABCin public hands

We need fearless,unbiased and fair analysis of politics. Programs of Aust. content. Increased funding and continued Public ownership.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC ours

The ABC as a public broadcaster belongs to me; not to a private entity or shareholder group. Its interests are those of the Australian public; its public ownership is a strength not a threat and gives all Australians an institution that provides a voice for all Australians. It must not be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Selling the ABC

The ABC is the best media outlet in Australia. It will not stay this way if it is privatised as the profit motive will mean biased news.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is for everyone - hands off!

Dear who it may concern,

It's time for our politicians to focus on real issues facing this country and frankly attacking the national broadcaster is not one of them.

The ABC is an impartial and crucial source of news and other information such as emergency warnings and advice. Without the ABC, news and current affairs risk being hijacked by commercial and other biased interests.

The ABC also has an important role in advocating for and supporting the Australian film and TV industry. I have watched and enjoyed many Australian TV series thanks to the ABC. It seems the commercial networks are too focused on washed up American soap operas.

Hands off the national broadcaster and leave the running of it to its CEO. Surely there are more pressing issues than attempting to censor the ABC.

Yours Faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

I have been watching the ABC for 50 year's. From 'This Day Tonight' the Two Ronnie's, Four Corners and many other quality programs over many years.

Such programs have never been part of commercial television. The documentaries, the wonderful series eg The Onieden Line, When the Boat Comes In and so many more.

The ABC has continued to move with the times, producing excellent series & documentaris that commercial tv wouldn't have a bar of.

I love programs like the Insiders, The Drum & Q &A, One on One. These are quality programs. I'm sure that if the ABC were taken out of public hands the community would be much poorer.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

It is extremely important that the ABC is not privatised. The whole world is heading in a far right direction and it is frankly terrifying. It should terrify you that the tv station that holds our government accountable is being voted by Liberal and far right parties for privatisation. If there is no one telling the public what these parties are doing, we are heading for more of a nightmare than we are already living in. This is of EXTREME importance, and frankly, if this goes ahead there really is no hope for Australia not becoming exactly like America - quite obviously following in the same footsteps that saw the rise of the Third Reich in Germany. This isn't alarmist. This is obvious to anyone with two eyes.

Please fight this dystopian tide sweeping the world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:51 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** PUBLIC ABC LIFELINE TO REMOTE AUSTRALIA

I have lived in remote Australia for many years and i say with utter conviction that ABC has been my lifeline to the world.  
Familiar voices and favouite programs have counteracted isolation and often loneliness on many occasions. Connection to ideas, news, arts, music, plays, poetry, literature and comedy makes remote living a possibility. As programs have been cut and repeats become more regular the richness of ABC, particularly RN, has faltered.  
As they say, walk a mile in my shoes, and try living in remote Australia without the national broadcaster. It's a chilling prospect and one that would make it impossible, for me at least, to live and work in the bush. The funding cuts have diminished this rich resource and privatisation would kill it's values forever. Increase funding to the ABC and recognise it's value.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC In Public Hands

With the bulk of the commercial media desperately trying to dumb down the quality of their media offerings, it more important than ever that the ABC remains in public hands. It is also important that the ABC is not subjected to a slow death by a thousand cuts. The cuts I refer to are the cuts to its funding which overtime will render it largely a paper tiger. In any democratic society it is imperative that you have an independent media, not beholden to commercial interests. A media that reports without fear or favour. A media that tackles the hard issues regardless of what the agenda may be. One of the most important roles of an independent media is to hold governments to account for their actions and performance. With the ongoing attacks on the ABC by sections of the far right conservatives and the recent call for full privatisation there has never been a more crucial time to back independent media. The commercial media will never be interested in providing services to regional and remote areas of Australia because there is no profit in it. The commercial media will always be prompting a conservative viewpoint and this is not in the best interests of our democracy or our society. The Australian Public must soundly reject this government or any government that seeks to stifle independent factual media. Keep The ABC In Public Hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** protect our abc

The death of the abc, means the death of democracy.  
This is straight from the dictators playbook.  
Be careful what you wish for.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should not be privatised

The ABC must remain in public ownership to enable a medium for independent journalism, uninfluenced by commercial interests or pressures.

It has a proud history which demonstrates its importance.

The bias and agenda of the News corp media demonstrates why we need the ABC as a media that wont fall to such low levels.

The ABC is able to produce reports such as 4 Corners and media watch that commercial interests would pressure to block or influence ...hence the importance of its public ownership.

In doing so it needs adequate funding and independence from political pressure as is occurring now

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in pulic hands

We are so lucky in Australia to have a publicly-owned broadcasting service that exists for everyone. It's a big part of my life and my family's life too - the TV programmes for little children - especially Play School; Triple J - our favourite radio station; and also the trusted news service and investigative current affairs. I don't think the ABC should be seen as an expense that has to justify its existence - I think it should be seen as a necessary institution, the backbone of the country.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeppour ABC in public hands

I rely on the ABC for entertainment and news. I listen to the radio, watch live to air TV and ABC iview; I am retired and live on my own; the voices and communication with ABC are the only ones I hear on some days. Programs such as Macca on a Sunday morning bring such delight and keep me connected with this vast country. Privatisation would narrow the range of program delivery and minimise our national view. Inconceivable!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC MUST stay in public hands

For democracy to survive and thrive, we need honest open information. Currently without a doubt, ABC comes close to delivering this.  
4 Corners, 7:30 etc. are key to a fair and balanced opinion and ABC does a great job.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands.

ABC deliver intellectual & thought provoking programmes, which the other channels don't provide. Also good humorous shows which are very important for the mental health of people. Not what the commercial channels provide, reality shows.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is ours; don't privatise


Commercial channels are beholden to sponsors and advertisers. Frequently they report as 'news' the launch of new products. We need the ABC to deliver our news independently and not be beholden to advertisers. When it comes to children and young people, we value Playschool (50 years strong), BTN and locally produced YA shows to not be littered with ad placement. Can we imagine B1 and B2 courtesy of Woolworths?!

ABC conscientiously delivers on its Charter. Not all programs are to my taste, but I don't expect them to be! When I hear an interview with a politician whose view I support, it can be irritating to hear that point countered, but that is the ABC presenting balance.

Not only should the ABC not be privatised, it needs more funding so we can have fewer repeats, new releases of Songs of Praise, Call the Midwife and great Australian drama and comedy.

We lost our utilities, telecom etc, don't make the mistake with the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should remain public and not be privatised

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write with deep concern about the Liberal Party Council's recent vote to privatise the ABC and a heartfelt request to ensure the ABC remains in public hands.

Australia already has one of the most concentrated newspaper systems in the democratic world (Flew 2013). Rupert Murdoch having a huge dominance in Australia's media landscape and consequently a considerable influence over Australian politics.

The importance of protecting and investing in the ABC as a public institution cannot be understated. The ABC supports equality in access, so important in a country like Australia with populations living in geographically isolated regional and rural areas and with increasing socioeconomic inequality. It also supports a diverse range of programmes, both reflecting and meeting the needs of Australian's socially, culturally and linguistically diverse populations and supporting exposure, respect and dialogue across these diverse groups.

The public nature of the ABC, in combination with other restrictions in Australian media policy, also ensure ongoing investment (including by commercial networks) in the local production industry - further supporting locally relevant content as well as local jobs - and continued investment in aspects such as children's programming. In my family, we currently have three generations of Australians who have grown up with or are currently growing up with Playschool. One of the most beautiful memories I have from recent years is my mother, sister, brother, niece and I all singing Playschool songs together.

More broadly and more fundamentally, having a public broadcaster in Australia is incredibly important for fostering democracy, civic engagement and participation, and social justice.

"A critical element of freedom of expression and media development, pluralism means choice for media consumption and production, as distinct from monopolization of offerings and opportunities. ... Pluralism often requires strong commitments on behalf of governments to public service and community media to provide for diversity. " (Trends in Media Pluralism, UNESCO, <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0026/002613/261370e.pdf>).


Privatising the ABC is absolutely not conducive to supporting the above aspects so fundamental to a healthy, democratic society. There is robust evidence from both within Australia and other comparable countries that broadcast privatisation reduces the diversity of content and importantly the extent to which programming reflects different voices and issues in society.

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. It cannot be compared with commercial media and yet the entire premise of the Coalition's inquiry into whether the ABC and SBS have advantage over commercial outlets misses this critical point. It is like comparing apples and oranges, so to speak. The ABC and SBS should not be privatised.

Your sincerely,  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatisation of the ABC!

Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. This role ensures that news and high level content can reach the viewer without having to be tested on commercial criteria. This critical function allows for free and critical debate, exchanging views without favouring any particular political ideology. It is key to provide citizens with opportunities to engage, interact and participate in their democratic participation. It brings issues to the fore that otherwise would not get any airing. As a tax payer, I am more than happy to subsidise this iconic Australian institution, and will vigorously oppose any privatisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public hands

Our whole family loves the ABC as it is! Our grand-daughter loves Bananas in Pajamas and Peppe Pig - and we always settle in to watch Four Corners to find out what is REALLY happening in our communities around Australia and locally. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. I truly cannot understand why any politicians want to change a system that has proven over many years to be what the public is demanding AND receiving. Leave it alone!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC public

Democracy requires a public broadcaster that serves public interest. Private media serves to make a profit for its shareholders. It serves the political and industrial leanings of its owners. Any matters of truth and justice come second to this.

We also need a public broadcaster to support emerging talent. Government funded programs can take risks that profit-driven media can't. I have listened to the development of JJJ presenters for 20 years. They are often atrocious when they start. Surely no one else would put them on breakfast radio. But over time, you hear their skills improve. So many have gone on to successful careers, deepening the pool talent of Australian media. Don't put an end to this.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be privatised

I live in the Southern Highlands of NSW and rely on ABC radio and television for my news and entertainment. Every morning I listen to Wendy and Robbie on 702 and dip in an out of programs all day. ABC News is also a daily staple as my main international and local up to date news source.

I am concerned that any move to privatise the ABC would compromise the journalistic integrity of the information made available on ABC platforms additionally, ABC's reputation for quality drama will be threatened. It is crucial that we are able to continue to see and hear ourselves reflected on our screens and on radio.

That the inquiry set out to see if both ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial broadcasters by virtue of the very fact that they are publicly funded misses the point. Public broadcasters play an important and essential role in our democracy and cannot be compared to commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:50 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

As political parties of all persuasions have been the subject at one time or another issues that the public need to know about with reports always without bias and well researched. We need a non aligned independent media organization something none of the private ones can never claim with commercial and ownership competition they always struggle with when reporting controversial issues. Never privatize our public ABC radio and television.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep abc in PUBLIC hands

The abc is uniquely Australian, more to the point rural Australia shot through a lens pioneered by determined Australians to share the real stories that matter, ask the REAL questions worth asking and critical of BOTH sides of politics!

I learned what Australian is really about, I'm born in El Salvador, I learnt the beauty of this country through the abc and sbs, while the nonsense on commercial networks bow to greed and a population enslaved rather than informed and able to think critically of the information put before it.

All that, everything the ABC stands for will be lost.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't kill democracy.

The ABC are the only news media who are not subject to commercial influence, (ie tobacco companies, coal miners, supermarkets, arms manufacturers and financial institutions. If the ABC is privatised then the big money will tell us what they want us to hear. This is NOT how democracy works. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I am a regular user of the ABC - both ABC radio and ABC television. I like the unbiased news and current affairs and the quality drama which the ABC offers although the later has been severely affected over the years because of budget cuts.

As someone who has spent considerable time living in "the bush" I have also really appreciated what has been offered by regional radio stations and regard them as an essential part of county life.

I would be extremely angry if the ABC was to be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a vital public asset.

The ABC is an important part of everyday for me. I listen to ABC radio and I watch ABC television almost exclusively. ( I also watch some programs on SBS).

I rely on the ABC for news as the most reliable and unbiased news source available. I do not subscribe to a newspaper as the only local newspaper is not worth reading. (Even a very conservative friend, who disagrees with me on a lot of things, agrees with that).

Without the ABC TV, a number of very important programs which make an invaluable contribute to public consciousness of, and debate about, important issues, simply would not exist. Commercial television would not produce programs such as Four Corners, Q&A, Gruen, The War on Waste, Media Watch and the Checkout. The list goes on and on.

The TV which my grandchildren watch is on the ABC. It is quality programming (for the most part) which makes a positive contribution to their development.

The ABC is also the only talk-back radio which can be relied on to provide a balanced and unbiased discussion of current affairs, free from the tendentious rantings of shock-jocks.

My primary source of news and current affairs on the internet, and one which I use often, is the ABC website.

If the ABC was privatised, or its operations curtailed, all this would be lost. The opportunities which it provides for public information and discourse and, with it, our democracy, would be seriously diminished.

I am aware that there have been continual attacks on the ABC over recent years. Certain individuals repeatedly allege political bias, but seem to rely on frequent repetition of this mantra in the absence of any substantial evidence. I believe that this is inspired by the basest of political motives.

I urge you to support the continuation of the ABC as a vital national institution.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should NEVER be privatised

The ABC is a fantastic broadcaster without it we would be moving even further down the American path. Australian democracy needs an independent broadcaster otherwise the Gina Rijnhart's etc will launch another bid to control the media.  
Please stop this constant attack on the best thing in the Australian media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC or cut its funding

I find commercial television (not including SBS) trivial, driven by purely commercial interests, dishonest in its manufacture of 'what the people want' ... to keep my complaint short, I actually find it unwatchable. The ABC, in contrast, is intelligent, well programmed and I do NOT think it is biased towards the left, rather I think that it offers what educated people consider to be balanced reporting. If there is one single issue that would mobilise me AGAINST the Liberal Party it would be any attempt to privatise the ABC, or to significantly cut its funding.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** LEAVE THE ABC ALONE

I highly value the ABC and the quality television and radio products and highly resent the concept that there is even the slightest consideration that it will be privatized. This is a voting issue for me and if the liberal party is going to support this, I would not consider voting for them. This is a bad decision and show poor judgement and questionable motives. LEAVE THE ABC ALONE

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** HANDS OFF OUR (not your) ABC!

We have had too many of our public businesses sold off to find that we end up with inferior products. Time you Learnt!! NO PRIVATISATION OF OUR (not your) ABC!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC Public

The radio I listen to is Triple J, Double J or 3D. All non-commercial stations.  
The news I prefer is from ABC. The TV I like to watch is mainly ABC or SBS.  
The reason is that I can not stand the "junk food for the brain" that is commercial tv/radio. They are not about the art, they are about the profit.  
A national asset and a national broadcaster should not be a political issue. In a democracy, is it not critical to have accurate impartial information?  
This should be a choice for the people, so if the government thinks the people don't want the ABC, they should put it to a vote just like gay marriage, but first, find out what is even driving this debate.  
Why is this an issue at all? Every public figure faces scrutiny and to destroy anybody negative is not government, that is dictatorship.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:49 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I have been watching the ABC since Bellbird.

I trust it.

Completely.

Many people will write about what the ABC journalists have achieved to better Australia, the excellence of the children's programs (BTN!) and how it's helped many Australian actors and musicians advance.


All true.

ABC recognised early, that Australia is comprised of men AND WOMEN of indigenous and migrant descent, and their excellent presenters reflected that.

The ABC gives the Australian public facts- not lies, and not influenced by media owners or advertisers. It must stay in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!!!

I'm worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC and cannot see how commercialising the ABC would help our society. The ABC has been a great resource for news and current affairs. I love watching shows which help viewers think critically about the way things are done. The ABC is function of public service and privatising it would be a terrible act. The very premise of this inquiry 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 8:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep my ABC out of private hands

We do not want a private ABC, we do not want a Fox News in Australia

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the Australian Broadcasting Commission

I haven't been moved by the potential loss of any Australian Institution more than the possible loss of the ABC. Indeed I'm shocked to find that any political party could support such destruction. The ABC in all its forms has always been a part of my life. I rely on it to provide me with both the everyday and also with special services that are not primarily driven by money. These would never be provided properly by a financially driven private sector equivalent. Please leave it alone, and stop trying to destroy it. I haven't been on the streets since the Vietnam Moratorium, but I will be by this issue and I'm very sure many others will too.

Just stop.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Privatisation

The ABC is an Australian icon. Not only that it provides people with quality and educational viewing with an Australian Focus. No other media company does this in Australia.  
The ABC is an excellent and innovative educational resource. It also provides quality media viewing and listening that covers a wider variety of subjects than any other media organisation in Australia.  
If the ABC is privatised it will no longer be able to provide the variety of service it currently provides. It will become another media corporation that has to cater for the general public and will not longer be able to cater to the diversity that is not main stream Australia. Everyone should be able to be reflected in our media, not just the dominant culture.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

What the hell is wrong with you morons? You idiots are afraid because the ABC keeps exposing you pathetic politicians for what you are, a bunch of crooked thieves. No wonder the public are fed up with you all. Leave the ABC alone!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the Abc in public hands

The abc is a unique broadcast with quality programs and no brainwashing advertising , having grown up with the abc, i would like it to remain in public hands for future generations of Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABX news is as impartial as we'll get. If I;m forced yo watch that commercial drivel it will be the last time I ever vote Liberal

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!!!!

I am strongly opposed to the ABC being privatised because of the following reasons:

1. The ABC is independent and free of any direct influence of an owner. For example the Murdoch press is generally considered to be influenced by its majority shareholders , while the ABC is widely considered to be independent.
2. The ABC costs very little on a “per taxpayer “ basis and offers wonderful value for money due to the fantastic variety of news, current affairs music and talkback all of which is free of advertising.
3. The ABC leads the way in so many innovative ways of communicating with Australians. For example the wide range of podcasts and iview tv programs.
4. The ABC employs a large number of Australians in a wide variety of career types whereas a privately owns ABC would likely try and maximise shareholder returns and reduce employees by getting large numbers of cheaply made programs from foreign countries.
5. I love the way the ABC saves me heaps of money every year as some concerts that I wish to see but am unable to attend (eg some QSO concerts) are recorded by the ABC and then broadcast later . I am then able to listen to the concert later via the ABC Listen App at a time that suits me

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

Our ABC is such a valuable part of our community. Thank goodness we have a news service untainted by commercial interests and not controlled by the Murdoch press. Programmes such as 7.30, Four Corners, Q&A, Australian Story amongst others, are essential viewing. Unfortunately some really good programmes have been axed and the ABC needs more funding, not less. How could Radio Australia be allowed to go, surely we should be reaching out to our neighbours presenting our viewpoint. The ABC is a uniting voice for all Australians whether it be TV, radio or online. I cannot support a government which cannot see the value of an independent presenter of news and producer of Australian drama for Australians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I love OUR ABC

To Inquiry Members

I respectfully submit that the ABC needs to remain a public organisation to ensure Australians have access to excellent current affairs, news and children's programs. My nieces and nephews loved ABC kids as do my friends' children.

I appreciate great local productions such as Mystery Road. The notion that the public broadcaster enjoys an "undue advantage" over commercial interests is a furfy and simply untrue. I, and my friends, would be appalled and devastated if the ABC was privatised. Please consider how much the ABC means to Australians of all walks of life.

Yours faithfully

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

It is very essential that the ABC remains just that - owned by people like me - the people of Australia who the ABC serves, and has done for decades. Australia needs this independent voice, uncluttered by commercial interests, to give both sides of topics which are of concern to the general public (me). I listen to the ABC to help gather information. This helps me make informed choices. Our democracy needs the voice of the ABC. We cannot compare it with commercial radio stations, or TV channels.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC as it is

It is imperative that the ABC stays as it is. It is the only broadcaster in Australia, both TV and radio that I give any credence to. We don't need another 'reality' TV network. We just need real reporting and that's what we get from the ABC. I can't imagine Australia without the ABC. I saw the speech given by the Young Liberal. He needs to open his eyes and his mind. His speech showed to me a person who does not understand the importance of the ABC to the Australian public and also indicated to me a person without imagination or vision! Keep the ABC as it is.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** dont touch my ABC

It is clear that you only watch the ABC, other wise you would know just how crap commercial TV is. There is a reason the 80% of Australians trust the ABC - it is because they know that private companies have no interest in sharing the truth or telling news as it is - they are companies - and companise main objective is to make money! The ABCs agenda is only to tell the truth and hence forms an independent pillar that maintains accountable government.

it is clear that a government would not want an institution such as the ABC telling and spreading the truth. it is clear that private corporations do not want bodies such as the ABC providing the general public information that maybe factually correct (ie harmful to profits). Do you really want Australian to become another USA - that is a failed state??


the ABC does an amazing job - you know that and that is why you are attacking it. well, it is not yours - it is ours - leave it and leave us in peace.

think of the future Australians - think of my kids!!

you can rest assured that any government touches the ABC will not be around for another term.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We must keep public funding the ABC!

The ABC is essential to democracy, providing critical appraisal of politics and current affairs, keeping us all honest and accountable with investigative journalism, upholding high ethical standards instead of serving commercial interests. The ABC supports local arts and culture and makes life worth living!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public hands

I object in the strongest possible terms to the suggestion that the ABC should be privatised. In fact, the suggestion makes me feel physically ill because it would mean that commercial interests, especially the Murdoch press, would dominate media and virtually provide only a single point of view on issues so that Australia starts to look like a dictatorship. It has been obvious for a very long time that the ABC has been under attack by the Murdoch press and also by the Coalition government in the form of frequent budget cuts and more recently multiple, farcical inquiries. The ABC has been my choice for news and entertainment since I was a child. My working class parents tuned into the ABC radio and television because of the quality of programming and because they didn't like having to be bothered by advertising. I have continued to much prefer the ABC - and the SBS. The few occasions when I have watched commercial TV have only served to convince me that the ABC is preferable: advertising on commercial TV obviously occupies more time than it is supposed to but there is no limitation imposed by the broadcasting authority, the volume increases, and what might have been a 90 minute movie becomes 180 minutes because of the lengthy advertising. It has become very noticeable that advertising even intrudes into what should be factual news programs. I want to continue to have quality Australian programs, such as "Gruen", "The War on Waste", "Back Roads" and all the ABC news programs including "Q & A". ABC news programs present the facts (not advertising!). Let's face it: the proposal to sell the ABC comes from the senators [REDACTED] and from minions of Rupert Murdoch who hate the ABC for providing a variety of points of view which damage their political prospects. Hands off the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privatise the ABC

We need a watchdog to make sure we don't slip into a Dystopian society where the rich keep profiting from the misery of others and where animals (including the live export of sheep to the Middle East) are allowed to suffer horrendously for heartless people who don't care about their welfare. People become the next ones to suffer because if wealthy people can murder innocent animals, and get away with it, their next step will be to profit regardless of the health and safety of people less fortunate. The ABC is like our conscience that helps to keep us in check.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't sell off our beloved ABC

I have already loved the ABC, my kids were raised listening to Playschool I never watch the commercial channels and think that the ABC adds enormously to the cultural quality of life in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't Privatisise the ABC

To privatise the ABC would be a travesty. It would allow the media to be further manipulated by corporate powers and would rob the public of an independent and well rounded voice.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

How dare the government even consider selling the ABC. It's public property. It is unique and one of the most attractive things about Australia at the moment. Its reporting is an alternative to government propaganda, fresh and uplifting. One doesn't have to sit through dreary ads. Let's have a referendum about selling the ABC. The ABC is more than just another media organisation. It is part of our cultural fabric, defining Australia. I am more than happy that they are supported by us, through government funding. Privatisation only ever serves the enrichment of a few at the expense of the rest of us.

The ABC, despite funding cuts, is an essential ingredient in the life of Australia and perhaps our most important public institution.

Private operators compete for advertising dollars: the ABC does not

I feel the real reason the quest to sell off the ABC is to muzzle a free-to-air broadcaster who asks hard questions, speaks realistically and generally doesn't rehash propaganda of some media outlets or the mind-numbing reality shows of the other commercial outlets.

Not only do those who want the sell off need to broaden their circle they need to fact check.

We want award-winning journalism and independence – the ABC as it is now – but with more funds Australian voters want professionalism, trustworthiness and creativity of its publicly funded national broadcaster.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Plase don't privatise the ABC

I grew up in regional Australia with 2 channels the ABC and the commercial one. At school we had many educational programs provided though the ABC TV or Radio. After school Dr Who, The Goodies and a range of other shows kept me entertained. As I grew I came to watch the ABC news to hear about what was happening in Australia and the World. I also appreciated shows like 'The Investigators' to help me learn about my rights as a consumer and dodgy things to avoid. I fear that if the ABC is privatised many of the educational aspects of the service would cease to exist as they may not be considered popular to advertisers. Without the ABC my childhood education would not have been as rich as it was. Selling off the ABC for short term financial gain, or to satisfy political elements within the government will result in long term loss to Australia. We will loose a bit of our cultural heritage, an independent voice and many educational opportunities. For these reasons i ask to to not privatise the ABC.

Many Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC is one of the most precious assets the Australian people have. This Government has demonstrated by this vicious cut where its allegiance lies and it is not to us but to Murdoch and the media barons.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC as a fully funded government organisation

The ABC is more than just a broadcaster; it means more than dollars in the bank in so many Australians; Privatised it would certainly become the plaything of vested interests; It is not perfect but it makes scandals known to us that would otherwise be secret.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

To all concerned,  
I am writing to express my sincerest heartfelt belief that the ABC must remain owned and fully funded by the people of Australia.


How else can we ensure the independence and neutrality of content on the channel, other than with continued full ownership?

I dream of the day we also come to realise the removal of corporate influence over our political system. How quickly I feel we would see energy, healthcare and education take quantum leaps and ensure a healthy, prosperous future for every man woman and child on these lands.

For this moment, will you please stand up and protect our ABC. Ensure it's continued independent expression through only full public ownership.

My thanks  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A clever Australia

I have listened to the ABC all my adult life. Radio station 774 and particularly station 621 have always been a source of knowledge for someone who left school early. Programs such as the Science Show the Music Show, the medical and philosophical programs. I am firmly of the opinion that no commercial station provides an ongoing education available to all Australians. Commercialisation of the ABC would undoubtedly lower the standard of content

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC on public hands!

I believe that the ABC has been doing a great job so far and is a source of serious and unbiased journalism, if privatised we would lose our most trusted news source. Our country needs a serious non commercial channel, besides SBS. I believe that the reason why the ABC has maintained high standards is precisely because it is government funded. Despite continuous cuts to its budget it still maintains and adheres to high standards. Privatising the ABC would mean diminishing its quality and depriving the Australian public of a high quality channel and a source of objective and reliable information.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

We need an authoritative, independent public broadcaster not beholden to Government or commercial interests

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I have ALWAYS relied on our public broadcaster to provide me with perspective on many important issues. I do not believe that a commercial or private broadcaster will do this. This will totally destroy our right as Australians to have access to information free from vested interest. I want the ABC to remain as it is! If you want to raise my own taxes to do that, please do so!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I am appalled that the privatization of the ABC is being considered. As a resident of rural NSW the ABC to me is the voice of Australia.

I look at programs like Four Corners and the stories that it has broken, playschool and the 700 o'clock news. One of the things I miss most when going overseas is my ABC. It is not up to politicians to sell this to their mates.

It makes me bloody mad to think of it and I am a middle class, white male living in rural Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to remain in public hands. It's news programs use investigative journalism to tell us the news we would not otherwise learn about. The best shows are on the ABC. Like Mystery Road that i cant get enough of, vital children's shows that educate the kids by teaching them colours, numbers and letters as well as entertain with music, theatre and dance. No other channel brings the interesting and diverse shows we love to watch. The ABC does not aim to put money in the pockets of private owners. Dont ruin our Aunty. Hands off the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

We the people of Australia cannot afford to lose the ABC to the private sector. The ABC is the only media outlet that can call itself independent and uncompromising. In a time of social media and journalists hog tied to their employers ideals this is something we cannot afford to lose!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC out of private hands!!

I think independent media is key to an informed society. I rely on content on ABC to get info on current issues and topics relevant to my life. My children watch ABC kids and it's so awesome that they don't have to be exposed to constant ads and children marketing like in Europe and USA. We have an amazing and powerful thing going on with the ABC in Australia. Why throw it away in the big corporate bin??

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

I regularly watch and listen to ABC. Do not privatise it please! It will destroy it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC is responsible for the best independent, neutral and balanced reporting in this country. Its own charter outlines this brief clearly and all the journalists and editing staff work tirelessly on dwindling budgets to do this. I for one value this service and believe the public is both willing and able to pay for this service - it should not be privatised because that would undermine its journalistic integrity. Politicians are paid by us to do their job, ABC journalists should be paid well to do theirs. Keep your partisan meddling out of the ABC!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public broadcasters have an "undue advantage" My [REDACTED]

If you privatise the ABC you will deny all Australian children for ever more of advertisement free television and breed a generation of consumerist zombies (oh yeah that is exactly what the liberal party want's) you people are the absolute waste of society and are going to loose the next election based on your policy decisions and infighting the ABC is untouchable in Australia and if you try you will be relegated for the next century. GOODBYE.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

The public interest needs a public broadcaster. This is more true than ever as commercial broadcasters cater to target groups that boost ratings - hence "reality tv" - which excludes minority groups at both ends of the age spectrum. Imagine a future where everything is determined by who can pay the most.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** My ABC must not be privatised..

To whoever cares - obviously not the politicians - when I am in my car - I only listen to the ABC - I hate commercial stations for their absolutely mindless prattling, and the ads - I hate ads!  
I listen to all 3 ABC stations on the old Medium Wave, to the exclusion of all the others.  
I watch ABC TV, as both me and my wife have turned away from the commercial stations, as their news and commentary is 3 sec sound bytes, all spun to suit the particular media owners' political persuasion.  
The ABC used to have the best relatively impartial news broadcasting, and even now, struggling as it is with the Right Wing board elected to help break it down from the inside, it still trumps anything from the other stations.  
I am not a left or a right wing person - I fiercely believe in people, decency, democracy, the right to choose, good leadership and statespersonship, much of which I have not seen in our politics for many years.  
Remember - back 71 years ago when the ABC was started, it was to give impartial comment free of machinations of any political party!~  
The Press at that time - with some 27 media owners, all wanted it closed down as soon as it started, and this has never stopped!  
If it is sold off to private concerns, I will go further online, and be part of any group who has the LNP and it's idiocy, in it's sights, and will work as hard as you all say You do, to bring about the decimation of your party!  
It is time that the people of Australia understood deeply that we elect our officials - as much of a pain in the arse as they regard us to be once in power - THEY WORK FOR US - not the other way round!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should stay in public hands

The state has an obligation to give citizens the possibility to make informed decisions. This can never be done by a private entity because there are fundamental ingrained reasons for conflicts of interest

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC has been a part of my life since I was a child. I feel it is important to keep the peoples ABC out of private hands otherwise it becomes just another boring reality TV broadcaster, airing ads & programs to drive its profit agenda. People trust the ABC and that's become rare these days. Hands off please, it's not yours to sell.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is where I spent 25 years of my life

Enough is Enough the governments over the years have sold off too many of the taxpayers Assets just because they haven't been able to handle the budget correctly. The trouble is there are too many party politics I said once that we should have a board of management run the ABC with people from all walks of life that has the ABC in their best interest.

Many a time I was going to apply to go on the board after I retired but my health wasn't the best over the years -I feel that I could have contribute a lot towards the stability of the ABC I saw and heard a lot over the years and there was a lot of things happen that should not have but everyone makes mistakes. The ABC was run well when Talbot Duckmanton was General Manager he ran a tight ship after he retired it seem to fall in a heap in places. I felt at times I should have applied to go on the board but my health was against me.. I would have had a lot to contribute regarding the regional stations. I say no to privatisation of the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** PLease Do Not Privatise th ABC

The ABC is a very important public watchdog. Neither of the major parties, nor for that matter any party likes it when the ABC takes them to task, but the ABC is one of the few broadcasters in the world whose credos include not allowing their journalists or presenters to express their own political opinions. OK, so they sometimes grill you when your political rhetoric is dodgy. Well, why not stop, to put it mildly, telling fibs and half truths and committing all sorts of tricky manoeuvres to bamboozle us? I bet you cannot do it. So, quod erit demonstrandum, we all need the ABC in public hands and beyond political influence. Please leave it alone and give it more funds.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is the most trusted and most important cultural institution in Australia. It is a national asset of which we can be justly proud. It performs an incredibly important role in our democracy, as well as helping to maintain, shape and develop our national identity. The present government seems to be hell bent on an ideological attack on the ABC, the motives about which we must be deeply suspicious, seeming to be mainly about sensitivity to criticism, and responding to pressure from the ABCs commercial 'rivals'. The ABC is a cultural space which is largely free of the commercial impulse - an impulse which judges and values everything in market terms. It is also far more adventurous and artistically daring than the commercial alternatives, of which we have an abundance already. Instead of worrying about protecting huge media empires from bogus notions of undue advantage, the government should proudly support the ABC financially and politically, as the vast majority of Australians are happy to do.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do Not privatise the ABC

As taxpayer i want my tax dollars to go to a non profit media outlet

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** maintain public ownership of the ABC

We need to maintain public ownership of the ABC.

It is our radio, our television and we are proud of what it gives us. It's loyalty is to us, the consumer whereas a privatised ABC would be responsible to its shareholders, not the general public. It would be a huge loss to our society if the ABC is privatised. Please don't do it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC

The ABC provides public services and community connections which will not be provided by private broadcasters. Examples are the rural services and classical music broadcasting. Not all of us can afford to attend concerts in the capital cities and some of us are too far away to contemplate such a thing. The ABC keeps us in touch with our Western culture and civilisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A Healthy Democracy requires a well funded & public ABC

As a regular listener [and watcher] of ABC Programs, in my view it would be a disaster if the ABC were to be privatised, or suffered further debilitating cuts to their budget.


As a trusted source of independent news, the ABC is indispensable. Government members should know that it isn't just citizens of regional Australia who value the work of our national broadcaster, but city and town dwellers too. While I occasionally watch commercial broadcasts [for sport and entertainment], I would NEVER rely upon the commercial networks for reliable news coverage.

I also find the digital offerings of the ABC an invaluable supplement to their audio and free to air offerings. While I'm aware that both our major political parties have found the current affairs programs a challenge at times, a healthy democracy requires a critical analysis of the policy offerings of the political class.

If the current Federal Government wishes Australia to remain a healthy democracy, the ABC should NEVER be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a publicly owned broadcaster

The Australian people are being 'dumbed down' by the mindless pap that the numerous commercial channels serve up - 'reality' TV and the like. Why add to their number. ABC journalists are known to - and have been audited as such - to put public figures of both the left and the right under scrutiny. Both sides of the political divide have poured vitriol on the public broadcaster - remember Bob Hawkes carry on back in the eighties. This shows that Aunty is doing her job and if politicians of whatever shade can't hack that, they can stop sucking on the public teat and go and get a 'real' job in the private sector where, as they are fond of claiming, they would be paid better anyway.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC Network in the Public's Hands

Australia cannot compare the ABC to commercial networks !! It is a broadcasting medium that is truly free from commercial influences, it is from Australians for Australians and a trusted Australian owned media body. Many programs are likely to be lost if the ABC is privatized and a particular concern for me are the two areas that are valued most - children's programs and straight forward news & current affairs programs. I cannot imagine what my 4 young grandchildren would watch if the current programs for children disappeared - what about shows such as Bananas in Pyjamas and Peppa Pig! The children would really be upset if these shows went missing and they provide children with such great ideals that they take to heart in the way they treat each other and other children.

Current affairs and news programs are always purely that - happenings through our news that we know we can rely upon in determining what is happening in our country and overseas. Again a necessary program provision that many Australians rely upon to understand what is happening in our world.

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 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is an amazing resource and fulfills a need in society that would be permanently lost if it was privatised. It would then be the same as the countless private channels we already have. Please don't sell this valuable public resource that brings the last remaining intelligent and creative programming left that is truly Australian.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be privatised

The ABC is the only radio station I listen to (~14 hours per week) and 90% of the TV I watch is the ABC. The rest is mainly SBS. I virtually watch NO commercial TV and don't listen to any commercial radio. The ABC is the only source of unbiased Radio/TV media in this country. It is critical that it remains independent of commercial interests.

The independent ABC sets a high standard and is fundamental to maintaining a high level of intellectual debate that is crucial to the health of our democracy.


In these days of a large portion of the population relying on social media for its information and ideas, our democratic structure is at threat as never before.

A publicly funded ABC is our society's best protection from a decline in standard of debate and the ominous pressures of rampant commercialism.

The ABC should not be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We the public want a public ABC

The ABC is the only media organisation that has such a diverse range of programs and information in the public interest. I can't understand why mature adults would want to change this. We all pay our taxes - through the GST if nothing else. I'm happy to know that my taxes support public broadcasting that is superior to all else. I can't stand the ads - even on the ABC - and like to know that the diversity of our ABC reflects the diversity of a multicultural Australia. The ABC - especially Radio National - has so many different cultural programs - from law to religion. Only a publicly accountable well-funded, well-informed, well-staffed mature ABC can carry on an Australian image of fair-go for all. Privatising the ABC and Australia loses its soul.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is my lifeline -- keep it in public hands

I'm retired and enjoy many of the ABC programmes.


I moved to Australia 33 years ago & have been enjoying the ABC ever since! It helped make me the Australian that I am today.

I do not watch commercial television, they don't have the programs and they don't have the Australian content that I want to watch.

Please continue to keep up the quality and good work of the ABC -- keep the ABC in public hands & independent.

In the era of FAKE news, we need the ABC in public hands -- to serve us, not commercial interests.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The public broadcaster needs to stay public

Hello

I am disappointed to hear that our politicians are even considering the abolishment of the ABC. We need a public broadcaster in our democracy. Please do not go down the path of privatisation. It would be a blow for the country and hard to reinstate once lost.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC independent and non-commercial!

I have listened to and watched ABC radio and television now for over 70 years. It has been wonderful to have the stimulation and cool objectivity of the ABC news and current affairs over the years and the enjoyment of quality drama and music from a source which is free of commercial advertising. Over the years the ABC has maintained a balance and objectivity which has always been an embarrassment to whatever political party is in power, and that is as it should be. I have travelled and lived overseas and I can say without a doubt that the ABC is the best public broadcaster in the world. If I had to nominate one institution in this country which should be preserved above all others it would be an independent and non-commercial ABC. Political parties and economic fashions like the hard right and the looney left will come and go as they always have. Just let us have an independent and non-commercial commercial ABC and our country will continue to be worth living in.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I live in a regional area, and from childhood the ABC has been an important conduit to the world. From early childhood programs through to in depth, honest, non-sensational current affairs programs, the ABC has many lives far more richer. Where else in the world would you find a program like Q & A, that allows questioning of a diverse panel, complete with viewer interaction via televised twitter comments, covering important topics of the day. Exceptional constructive discussions of topics that matter.

It is a fact that non commercial television offers a less bias and and less sensational view of current affairs.

The ABC offers diversity in the media, and more diversity leads to more choice and a richer offering of media services.


If the shoe was on the other foot, and all commercial stations were asked to change to imitate the ABC, would that be fair. I would suggest not. So why is it fair to remove the independent ABC from the Australian cultural fabric? Simply, its not!

It seems the Liberal party is at odds with the ABC, as the professionalism of the journalism has exposed issues that are against Australian values and ethics. It is an attack on democracy for a government to influence the reduction of media coverage of such issues, which would result in voters making less informed decisions.

On a more personal note, I am extremely grateful for the ABC's mental health week. The content on the ABC's programs during these weeks have provided myself with a far greater understanding of mental health issues. And this has importantly helped me understand my sons predicaments and challenges as he suffers from metal health. Thank-you very much ABC! Such issues would not be discussed in depth on commercial television!

Regards  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I was born in the country and my enduring memory is sitting around the 'wireless' listening to the ABC which informed us and brought us the latest in the news and ideas. The ABC on radio and television continues to do so and to take the ABC out of public hands would be a criminal act. It is OUR ABC. Leave it alone!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a publicly owned institution, you have no right to sell it.

[REDACTED] you stinking fowl smelling [REDACTED] Liberals.  
Go back to your cave and disappear.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

Dear Sir/Madam,

When my children were young I was happy to let them watch Play School and the other ABC children's programming in the knowledge that they were not continually bombarded with unwelcome advertising. They both benefited from the insights gained from "behind the news" and my husband and I regularly watch the news, 4 corners and 7.30 report as the only one we trust. I consider ABC RN radio an intelligent friend and almost constant companion.

To compare the public broadcaster with the commercial outlets completely misses the point and is a nonsense, its role is completely different, it serves the rural community, it stands beside us during emergencies, it is the only truly balanced reporter in Australia despite the ramblings of the far right. It would be a tragedy if the ABC was privatised and I urge this inquiry to endorse the ABC in its current form and by the way why don't you recommend its funding be reinstated to decent levels to allow it to continue to perform its vital role in our democracy .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in our hands

Keep the ABC in non commercial hands. It can't be tainted by commercialism.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone.

Quality television not to be polluted by private interests. It's the premium broadcaster and shows massive value for money. Its worth every cent we currently spend. I will switch my vote if you dare to dismantle this iconic Australian institution.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I am intelligent and older citizen and only ever watch the ABC .Its served me well and is all i need as far as news current affairs drama and comedy . Its not yours to sell you have no mandaye for that.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

As a nation it is extremely important that the ABC remain funded by the Australian Government. It must also remain independent from direct government intervention. Although over recent years the Government has done its best to curtail its affect by reducing its budget substantially.

Australia no longer has a truly independent newspaper so the ABC is last bastion to provide independent news and current affairs. The Government of the day might not like what reporters have to say about their party's actions but it usually the truth and needs to be aired. There is no other television station willing to put the effort into in-depth reporting such as the ABC's 4Corners program plus others. It is essential that it should remain a statutory authority and that its funding should not be reduced.

Also they are last organisation to produce excellent quality drama and comedy TV series, thus providing many writers and actors jobs. All the commercial channels now relay on relative TV programs because they are cheap and easy to produce. Heaven help us if our total TV viewing is only based on reality TV programs and re-runs of old dramas etc.


My children now in their thirties grew up on programs such as play school which was not only entertaining but educational. The commercial TV channels were never able to copy this type of program for children because they didn't have the funding to do so.

There is also the radio side of the ABC which you may think doesn't have many followers but I can assure you that amongst my liberal party supporting friends they all listen to ABC radio.

Also for Australians working and travelling overseas there is now no opportunity to catch up on what is happening in Australia because Julie Bishop cut the Australia Network budget in 2014. It also means that Australia is no longer promoted effectively internationally.

I strongly URGE the Liberal Government not to come under Pauline Hansons spell and sell off our (the peoples) broadcaster. This will be cutting your own throats because I think your research would show that the majority of ABC supporters are probably liberal voters.

You can't say Australians have freedom of speech and then shut down the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep ABC public please

ABC is the only more or less quality broadcaster, with SBS a distant next. commercial ones are mostly rubbishmostly rubbish

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Oppose any move to privatise the ABC

The ABC is vital to country and regional viewers and cannot be privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC. No privatisation!

An independent unbiased broadcaster like the ABC is what this country needs to move forward with public and private matters. The last thing a strong organisation like the ABC needs is private interests., Say like the Murdoch's to influence the information that is sent out to our nation. We need the coalition to protect the ABC as an independent organisation for the integrity of current affairs reporting it delivers and for us to believe that the coalition aren't the bad guys. Going the way of the Trump. If you continue to push this agenda liberal/coalition party. You will lose my vote. Hands off the ABC

Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands !

Public owned media, independent from government or corporate influence, is key to our democracy. This is why we need the ABC to remain under current management structure, with the appropriate budgets to deliver on its mission, which is to inform the Australian public in a fair and independent way about things that matter to us, as well as to deliver quality entertainment !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Say No to privatisation of the ABC

The ABC has a long and proud history of public broadcasting in Australia and bringing to the country's population relevant and informative radio and television programs. The proponents of privatisation have vested interests in claiming political bias (Eric Abetz and his far right group, Pauline Hanson's One Nation, the ultra-conservative IPA think tank, and the Murdoch press). The Murdoch press also has a financial interest in seeing the demise of the ABC.

Please keep the public broadcaster in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:44 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Concern about Liberal Party support for privatising ABC


I am deeply concerned by the recently publicised overwhelming support of the Liberal Party Council to privatise the ABC.

The ABC must be independent. If it is privatised, it will be at the mercy of its rich and powerful owners, who no doubt will have their own agendas which may not coincide with justice, transparency and impartiality.

My husband and I NEVER watch news bulletins from commercial stations - they are just a waste of time. We can sit and watch the ABC news - and also SBS - knowing that we can trust what we are hearing. The investigative programs that the ABC has, such as 4 Corners, have made an enormous contribution to our society for many years. I live in the NT, so the report on the juvenile detention system in the NT is one that comes to mind immediately. This report was a powerful catalyst for the subsequent royal commission and has led to real, sustainable change.

I urge this inquiry to listen to the many, many Australians who know that our nation would be much the poorer if the ABC was privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our trusted ABC.

I am an avid ABC tv watcher at home and always listen to ABC radio when in the car. I started listening to the ABC when I was a child living with my parents in Casino NSW in the 1950's. I have always understood the ABC presented fair and unbiased news as well as much content devoted to sports, regional issues and children. This was long before other media outlets covered these interests. It is still, I believe, the only outlet which provides, to the best of its ability, honest news. If I hear some item of interest somewhere I will turn to ABC to find out the truth about what is happening. The problem with commercial news is the bias provided in every report based on the political, religious and cultural beliefs of the ownership and management of the particular outlet. Look at the effect Rupert Murdoch has on which news is reported and how it is reported. These biases can obviously be up for sale to groups or individuals who have a desire to influence public opinion. In Donald Trump talk commercial stations give fake news mixed with accurate reports which makes them unreliable. I don't trust them.

The problem with the ABC (as seen by some) is that it reports accurately on issues which political, faith and interest groups don't want to be reported in an honest way. Many groups in our society want some issues to lie undiscovered or be reported in a less than honest manner. This results in resentment when the truth trumps media spin. The best way to overcome this, and to deceive the public, is to attack the ABC by taking away funding, changing the mission and continually criticising the organisation.

I feel, in lieu of a royal family, we have a tradition of an honest and open public broadcaster which can fearlessly give the real news, admitting fault and apologies when errors are made. As far as political news is concerned, I feel happier when the current sitting party (whichever party that is) is railing against the news as presented by ABC, as this let's me know the news hasn't been bought by some group and allowed to be perverted.

Now my granddaughter is 5 years old and I see her enjoying some morning and afternoon programs on ABC which are educational and aimed at her age group. I feel I could never vote for a party that tried to destroy (privatise) the ABC or to cut their funds to a point where they could not function to their charter. We have come to learn that the truth can be presented in some less than honest ways. I believe Australia's reputation as a free country rests heavily on a free and honest, publicly owned national broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF THE ABC- LOOK TO YOUR OWN POLICIES TO INTERFERE WITH, NOT MY TV VIEWING.

What can I say? The announcement from the recent Liberal Party National conference was unbelievable. This is what they really think and really want to do. I like the balance of the ABC, funny I often see it as giving far too much time to fanatical extreme right wing views, Gerard Henderson on Insiders and so on. Australia needs a national broadcaster that is free and keeps doing exactly what it does now. A great balance of programmes and advertisement free. If there is an emergency they are there as the trusted voice of Australia. It is only the very insecure, money grubbing diltants who urge for a pay subscription service. Thise who fear the ABC can just turn it off and go to pay to view or the commercial channels. I love the ABC and want it it retained just as it is. Liberals on the other hand need to take a good look at the sad bunch of extremists that they have been highjacked to become. I am embarrassed to,say that I was even approached to run for election for the Liberals. That was when LIBERAL stood for something. Fortunately that is what MY ABC STILL STANDS FOR!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the Commercial hands off our ABC

To me:

The ABC is a vital cornerstone of our democracy.

The ABC is the cultural heart of Australia.

The ABC is my educational tool, especially Radio National.

The ABC is diverse, multicultural and crosses all ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

The ABC provides balanced and unbiased news and current affairs that just is not available elsewhere. How would we ever have known about what the Banks have been up to or Institutional abuse but from the ABC.

Who would be speaking up for those in our community who are marginalised without a properly funded independent ABC? Not the commercial stations, guaranteed.

The ABC is a unifier in a world driven by divisive and harmful politics.

I see myself in the ABC but in no way do I see myself in the commercial stations.

The level of journalism in the ABC is second to none in this country.

We need the ABC in our current world more than ever to bring us unbiased and relevant news and to bring people together.

The presenters, mostly speak normally and not in the shrill manner I hear whenever I am unfortunate enough to see commercial TV.

There is no price on the ABC, it is invaluable and without it we would really be a very poor country. When I listened to RN this morning and heard Eric Abetz being interviewed by Hamish McDonald, he was really called out for being a total hypocrit by Hamish who made the point without uttering any word of his own opinion as is required. The commercial stations are full of people airing opinions that are just that, no facts involved.

If a Politician won't be interviewed by the ABC I see that as someone who cannot withstand scrutiny, they stick with interviews which are entirely friendly and never have hard questions put to them. I do not want to see the ABC turn into a weak and mealy mouthed organisation.


I would like to see the ABC better funded and be respected by all politicians, it is healthy to hear both sides objecting to the ABC but at the present we have the LNP doing their best to rip it apart because they do not like to be scrutinised it appears.

I love the ABC to hear the Liberal Party voting overwhelmingly to privatise it is one of the most disappointing things I have heard from them ever.

I beg you do not even think any more of privatisation. Our country is too valuable and precious to be without the ABC, it would indeed be a sad day for democracy if this were to happen.

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VIC 3032 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is the only broadcasting media we can trust to NOT be affected by private gain influences. The ABC is the most honest reporter of matters which affect our nation. The ABC also provides the truest news and information whilst having the best entertainment and educational programmes for the wider community.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The only station my husband and I listen to and watch and believe is the ABC and SBS. The rest is fake news/ rubbish. I have 3 degrees, live in a multimillion dollar house and run a business employing 20 people. That is the Liberal demographic. I will not vote for a party who would threaten the only source of intelligent reporting, available in Australia. Currently watching Gruen.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC belongs to the Australian People and should remain so

Recent events in the Liberal Party Council and at the IPA suggest that the ABC should be privatised as it does not provide any economic benefit to the Govt. (paraphrasing, but that's essentially what the argument was).

This could not be further from the truth. The ABC is the most trusted Govt body in the country. It delivers factual news (something a lot of commercial sources dispense with), and supports the film, tv, radio and online industries in this country by it's strong support of local content. For every 3 jobs in the ABC, there are another 2 outside the organisation providing support.


Many of these non-ABC jobs are in regional areas where the ABC films local Australian content. None of this will survive if the ABC is privatised; this much is obvious from the dearth of local content on the commercial networks.

We all know the Liberal party is anti-ABC as the ABC is one of the very few news sources willing to call them out on their non-factual statements. Strangely, the ALP also claim ABC bias when they are in power. For this reason alone, we need to keep the ABC in public hands, away from the sway of media moguls with an agenda.

Far from being privatised, the ABC needs MORE funding. In an increasingly toxic political environment, the ABC stands alone in their ability to cut through the rhetoric to the actual facts of the matter, free from commercial influence.

Finally, rural Australia relies on the services that only the ABC is willing to provide. To commercialise the ABC would be the death of any of the important services deemed not commercially viable. The bush would lose its voice and be relegated to be forgotten by those in Canberra.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC alive and in public hands.

I have been listening to ABC RADIO

I am 85 years old have been listening to ABC radio since I was a young girl. I loved ABC for schools that we listened to in our classrooms, I was an avid Argonaut ([REDACTED]) and still have couple of book prizes I won after accumulating enough Blue Certificates. No commercial radio station has ever come close to providing the quality programs to those still provided by the ABC. My television viewing is practically exclusively confined the the ABC and SBS. THE THOUGH5 THAT AN Australian government can even consider its privatisation apalls me. It should be backing the ABC every step of the way!

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NSW 2283




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep our ABC in the hands of the public

I feel the ABC is effective as a public company with informative news and international stories. Advertising should be self-promotion and government notifications. To Commercialise it, it may lose its independence from the other networks.

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NSW 2756 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC a corner stone of our culture


The ABC provides one of the few genuine representations of Australian culture left in a globalised market place

It provides us with a sense of identity unfettered by rank commercialism and dose valuable work exploring Australian life and culture free of commercial interests

Long live our cultureral identity and long live the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public hands!!!!

My husband and I love the ABC and its programs. We love to watch 4 Corners program and our grandchildren love to watch the ABC kids stations. We have one grandson who is disabled and his mind is still that of a preschooler (and will always be that way) who loves to watch Bananas in Pyjamas and all the young kid's programs. It gives us unbiased programs. Which we don't have on the privately owned commercial stations. Public broadcasting plays a very important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and should not be compared with commercial media. Please do not sell our ABC to a commercial owner! Please keep it in the public hands.

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NSW 2285 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the SBC in public hands

Please ensure our ABC remains in public ownership. I for one am more than happy to pay my 11 cents a day or whatever the cost is to ensure this happens. The ABC sets the standards for free to air television in this country without which the standard of programming would decline even further. At the moment the ABC is the only relief from the rubbish reality television shows, poor quality news and current affairs interrupted by constant bombardment with advertising often permitting the current affair shows themselves. Any government that wants my vote will ensure the ABC remains strong, in public ownership and without constant reductions in budget.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No Privatisation of the ABC

The ABC is the ONLY communications network that does not bombard us with biased advertisements. It covers both city and metro areas and provides a mechanism of independent accountability of our governance and government that DOES NOT have media Moguls pulling the strings and giving us a biased, untruthful version of the facts. Furthermore, the programs meet the needs of most of the population. Sure some MPs get themselves entangled with the mistruth but then surely that is what democracy is all about.

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NSW 2076



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep OUR ABC in public hands

Hello

Please please do not privatise the ABC. i remember many a time watching Dr Who as a child and then Play School. Knowing my three children watched programs on the abc gave me a sense of security and i was comfortable knowing they would not be bombarded with inappropriate viewing and advertising. I now listen to abc radio as well as watching informative television. It would be so detrimental to media in general. Further- you were not voted in to privatise the most informative unbiased media platform we have in Australia. The only media with integrity.

Please do not sell the ABC. keep it in public hands!

Thank you

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SA 5210





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must, like the BBC, remain a government funded utility

It is the only free to air station to be independent from outside influence. Its documentaries and investigative programs are educational and unmatched by other channels.

They are instrumental in motivating our multi billion dollar tourist industry and the cost of funding the ABC should be measured against it's contribution to the economy. We cannot let it become just another part of the overseas owned media giants with agendas that are seldom to the general good of the Australian people.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Every day of the year I rely on ABC radio and television for news. It's the only news source I trust. It's the only trusted news source my family relied upon for decades. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.  
Don't privatise the ABC - keep it in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in OUR hands, the PUBLIC.

The only decent programmes are on the ABC. There is a good balance of facts, entertainment, opinion and no adverts.  
How much will that change if commercialised!? Bias will enter the programming and there are already enough commercial stations.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:43 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is a national treasure. It has the best independent journalism and great shows. I, and many other people I know, say NO to privatisation of the ABC. Keep our ABC in public hands.

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QLD 4871 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Rigid right, keep your hands off our ABC

The thought of not having a public broadcaster for Australia is spine chilling. What country are you trying to make us like?? The ABC give balanced and far more accurate information to the public than most of its commercial counterparts, also have far more professional and knowledgeable journalists. I was brought up in a regional area where my father was a farmer and grazier. The country hour and evening news and weather were extremely important for farmers then as I am sure they are now. Disaster and emergency messages should also come from a reliable broadcaster. Our children 's early introduction to play school, words and pictures and Sesame Street were educational and enjoyable to them and remembered fondly, with the next generation of children in our family enjoying the ABC as well. Not everyone can afford cable tv and there is little enjoyable to watch on commercial stations. I would put up with some adverts but not another commercial Murdoch company. Keep up this push and you will be voted out!! Please think carefully about this. It reeks of" if you don't hear what you like from the abc , the only option for you is "shut down the abc!

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SA 5072



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC should not be owned by them

Save OUR ABC. I grew up watching OUR valuable ABC and I have fond memories of each of my three children and four grandchildren watching ABC over the years by choice and with much pleasure.

They have all gone on to become intelligent talented discriminating adults and teenagers. I attribute their success in part to watching quality ABC children's TV and not American inanities. They loved Play School, Peppa Pig and Charlie and Lola and speak very good English ever so slightly inflected with Charlie and Lola's accent which occasionally gives them such worldly advantages as abilities in making announcements, speeches and general high language and literacy skills.

In her recent speech ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie spoke in defence of OUR irreplaceable ABC. She told the nation that people are sick of the ABC being used as a "punching bag" and reminded listeners that the ABC is "more popular than the two major parties combined". It would be highly unfair and even unAustralian to sell or remove in some other manner (such as starvation of funding) OUR ABC created by OUR taxes for the wide and varied interests both general and sectional of OUR Australian people.  
Leave OUR ABC alone.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC must remain an independent body which remains untouched by commercial interests. We know when services become profit driven, it is only large, popular programs which are provided. Regional Australia would be at risk of receiving the current level of communication services which should be available to all Australians. The standard of journalism and reporting is also unbiased and delivered with an integrity which is often not provided by commercial interests.

Please don't sell the ABC, we all deserve to keep some form of national, independent telecommunication service, and I love our ABC :)

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't sell the ABC

Dear Sir

Please don't sell the ABC. I consider it one of the most important institutions in Australia. I arrived here in 1977 through my husband's job with two young children and felt quite disconnected. Then I discovered the forerunner of Radio National and I didn't look back. I was educated about Australia and the world. I also discovered the forerunner of Classic FM which was wonderful. My children watched Playschool and there were good things on television. I've continued watching and listening to ABC through years of Four Corners and Australian story. The radio continued to offer important things especially PM when Mark Colvin was on. I don't consider the ABC biased - in fact I believe they go out of the way to be balanced. This isn't the case with commercial channels and programs.

Regards,

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NSW 2096





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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep our abc in public hands

The ABC plays an important part in my daily life for trustworthy international and local news both on to and radio. As a single mature person I find the abc offers a range of current affairs such as foreign correspondent, 7.30 report, 4 corners- high quality independent journalism is so important. As is comedy, such as mad as hell and programs such as Gruen. Most importantly the both local and national radio is vital in emergencies as well as bringing a sense of community and inspiration.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

I am 63 years old, female, educated, a mother, partner & retiree after a very senior career in the Commonwealth Public Service. The ABC has always been my go-to source for objective news. It seems even more important now to keep the ABC in the public domain when fake news proliferates & journalism has been so disrupted by social media. There is no other trusted source in Australia for objective, high quality journalism. The ABC should be protected in the same way the BBC is protected in the UK. Both are icons & will continue to be a reliable & trustworthy source of 24 hr local & global news. Why would any government want to privatise such an important media institution?

I add my voice the millions of ABC viewers, listeners & readers who believe their tax payers money is well spent on such an important institution as the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not sell ABC

We need a broadcaster not tainted by financial interests. Do not sell.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** A plea for the ABC to continue in public hands, as do other national public broadcasters internationally

I arrived from England in 1952 as a young boy of 7. From the beginning the radio was important to me. I had a violent stepfather and it was my escape into another world of adventures and friends through such programs as the Childrens Hour and The argonauts. Though the years I have listened to all stations and programming, depending on my interests or needs. I often have preferred it to Television. I have listened to commercial stations, but they don't offer the sort of format they used to do many years ago. Ads are usually yelled through the speaker with terrible repetition! They also dont offer the choices I have from the ABC. I dont go for the modern music on JJJ, although JJ is fine. I enjoy RN, but also enjoy local radio. Then there is ABC News or what was NewsRadio. But they really need more funding to provide a better service. I'm sure I'm only representative of many other peopl, older and younger than me, with a variety of interests, who could say similar things.

For these reasons alone, for the sake of ordinary people like me, I submit that you allow Our ABC to continue and not just continue, but thrive. I thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our property alone.

How much more are these grubs going to privatise. They do not have the right, these things are the property of the Australian public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands and stop trying to destroy it!

I have been best informed in all ways by the ABC since I was born. As a child of rural dairy farmers who were off all services grids such as water, toilets, sealed roads and many other town services, the ABC was our lifeline. It was then and it is now. My father who is now 91 still watches Landline. Yes it replaced other rural information, profiling and sharing programs. Don't get me wrong - this is a man who was also hoodwinked by Alan Jones crap.

As for me and my friends and family, ABC is my preferred channel because I find it to be objective, genuine, community spirited and keen to support our cultural history in a positive way. Finally, to those who want to destroy this Australian icon that has been so slashed in recent times. I have no interest in Fox. I have no interest in Murdoch. I revile most of the reality TV shite.

You have really stuffed your agenda and I sincerely hope that it will be the end of your time in power. How little you remember and/or respect the history of this esteemed media organisation and its dedicated professionals.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep your bloody hands of the ABC 😞

The ABC should remain the hands of the public. There are some things that are just too precious and valuable to sell and the ABC is one of them. It provides a national service available to all Australians. One that is not skewed to meet commercial parameters. It is a voice of the people and for the people. The news service and investigative reporting is world class. We need the the ABC for the excellent programming for those who do not enjoy the mindless programs on the commercial stations. If you privatised the ABC you would never get my vote till my dying day. Get you F\*\*king hands of the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public nonpartisan hands

The ABC brings balanced knowledge , wisdom, reflection, culture and diversity into my life through the radio and TV every single day. I would be personally devastated in the ABC were ever privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public hands!!

I am an almost exclusively ABC viewer/listener. I live in a rural area and depend on the ABC for emergency warnings/broadcasts, for my news and entertainment....I DO NOT like commercial radio or TV. 34 years ago my daughter loved Bananas in PJs....that gives you a small idea how long i have supported the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:42 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Proposed Privatisation of the ABC

The argument that the ABC should be privatised in order to level the playing field with the commercial broadcasting services is a false argument based on the concept that a private corporation is capable of providing a better service to Australians.


In the example of the BC v the rest the only reason why the commercial providers provide any broadcasting services which are worth viewing or listening to is because the ABC forces them to come up to the ABC's high standard.

Given the above I believe that a large majority of Australian's recognise this fact and any attempt to privatise the ABC will attract the ire of a significant number of Australian voters. Given that an election is due I believe that the Coalition risks an electoral rout if the Coalition continues down the path that it started down.

so by all means establish an Inquiry into the merits of the ABC and SBS and I for one will not vote for the Coalition candidates in my electorate.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.This is essential.

The ABC is a great public institution. It will be a tragety of enormouse proportions if the ABC is taken over by private enterprise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC to remain in public hands

Australia needs the ABC. Australia's most trusted news source for a good reason.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is quality, don't flog it off.


The ABC delivers a wide range of programs which my family find both very enjoyable and highly informative. We have children aged 3 and 5 and are so glad of quality kids programming which is educational as well as fun but most importantly free of advertising.

As tax payers we are happy to see our Contribution going to make programmes that wouldn't fit the narrow vision of most commercial broadcasters and media. The ABC plays an vitally important role in enriching the culture of Australia through its arts coverage, drama production and rural programming. Not forgetting the ABC's high quality news coverage. I would be happy to see more money be given to fund the ABC not less.

We listen to radio, view programs using on demand services and access podcasts.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of ABC

The ABC has nurtured many new talents who have gone onto success on the commercial networks. Until commercial entertainment, particularly Television shows it is capable of developing diverse Australian talents, privatising the ABC will be a major threat to our ability to tell Australian stories.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a Public Body


The ABC is a national institution that we should be proud of and funding to ensure it retains its high standards. Instead, we are seeing the budget slashed, and it under attack from those who don't want it's scrutiny.

This is an institution that produces the shows we need - for children, for teens and current affairs. It's internet and radio services are vital as it provides a launching ground for new talent and new developments, none of these would be funded by commercial entities.

Most importantly, the ABC is a public entity who produces programmes and materials in the public interest, from news and current affairs to teaching resources to children's radio. It also works in the public interest, instead of working for commercial interests.

In this time of fake news and populist policies, this is so very important.  
Please save the ABC, and actually fund it properly.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is an investment in our democracy

I am appalled beyond belief at the destruction of the ABC. Votes in the Young Liberals are no surprise. The ABC is already being denigrated thanks to constant attacks by Pauline Hanson and the right wing of the Liberal Party, resulting in massive cutbacks to funding. When was this part of your election platform last time??? Malcolm Turnbull used to be such a friend of the ABC, always happy to be interviewed and appear on its programs. Not any more. The journalism on the ABC is inspiring. They try so hard to be balanced, unlike the politicians who find it impossible to put the good of the nation before themselves. I used to enjoy listening to Radio National all day every day, but now I am forced to change stations because there are so many repeats thanks to the funding cuts. Even when I change stations, I often have to listen to repeats which has forced me to the commercial stations which is just the intention of the Liberal Party. If you want to sell our ABC, then take it to an election and see what Australians think about that. I am so tired of a few right wing members who dominate their states because no-one else will join the Liberal Party driving this country. The Liberal Party needs to have a concerted drive for moderate members and be the party it used to be, instead of trying to emulate Donald Trump and his cronies. Hands off our ABC, and think about our country and democracy.

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WA 6027 




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect the ABC

Please do not even think of privatising the ABC. it is part of our Australian heritage and provides a balanced assessment and critique of Australian affairs. It represents and enhances democracy. It provides a balance against selfish narrow views.

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NSW 2576 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:41 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone.

The ABC is one of the most long lasting, significant and admired aspects of culture and influence in this country and the idea of interfering with or sabotaging it is outrageous.

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NSW 2111



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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should not be sold, we pay tax to keep our asset .

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QLD 4870



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** keep ABC in public hands

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No privatisation for ABC

The ABC remains committed to communicating interesting and healthy content for the young and marginalised. Please do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I do not want to live in a society that stifles free speech and democracy. We need to value and encourage public debate that seeks an informed approach to complex public issues. An unbiased media plays a critical role to inform and encourage public debate and transparency. Please act in the public interest and protect independent journalism.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

I enjoy watching the ABC. It matches my interests in current affairs, drama, documentaries and comedy. I detest the commercial channels with the constant interruption of advertisements and poor reality entertainment. My grandchildren love ABC for Kids and always request it when they're with me. I have never minded paying taxes to upkeep the ABC. I could never support a government who privatises the ABC. Please do not do it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC!

To whom it may concern,

I grew up with the ABC and some of my fondest memories were watching ABC programming such as Playschool when I was a kid. I continue to watch ABC programming on tv and feel angry that the current spineless government has defunded the ABC to the tune of 84 million dollars on top of other cuts that this pathetic attempt at a government has made over the last decade. Despite these savage cuts the ABC still manages to produce world class news and current affairs programs such as Four Corners. The ABC is something that I and millions of others regard as a national treasure. One can only hope that the ABC is never privatised. After all we only need to see what has occurred with Optus and their dismal attempts at covering the football World Cup right now to see the pitfalls of privatisation. One also has to wonder why the Turnbull government has given over 30 million dollars from taxpayers to Murdoch and Foxtel. Is that not giving them undue advantage over the ABC and SBS.

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