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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 for Australia's sake.

The ABC should not be privatised. They provide the best quality, unbiased, intelligent television available. We don't need another commercial television channel.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** NO ABC Privatisation!

ABC is the only trusted source I go to for news, kids, music and entertainment. I can stream ABC kids knowing the content is always high quality with no commercial agenda or inappropriate content. I read ABC news from my phone knowing it strives to present the news as it is in an unbiased fashion. When I want to support new Australian music JJJ is my go to. ABC is run by the people of Australia for the people of Australia. It is a disgrace to propose privatising the ABC. Get your act together Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberals/coalition and can this terrible idea immediately!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** My ABC

As a tax payer, I am a part owner of the ABC.

How is it even possible, let alone morally defensible, that the government can presume to dispose of my private property without direct consultation and agreement from myself and the 72% of the Australian public that regularly tune in to the public broadcaster. A broadcaster that has a higher level of trust placed in it than both the major political parties combined?

None of the commercial networks come close to providing news and current affairs of the standard of the ABC. How could they, their coverage and choice of stories is so obviously mediated by the need to please their advertisers and the conservative interest groups that benefit financially from these arrangements. Not to mention conservative politicians.

I thought this government was a strong believer in the sanctity of private property? Selling an asset wholly owned by all Australians to a smaller proportion of the population as profit-driven shareholders is not only wrong, it is a deliberate attempt by government to gain more control over public interest information. The LNP's goal of curtailing criticism is reminiscent dictatorships. If put onto action this sale is guaranteed to destroy one of the few trustworthy voices on Australian television and radio. Which is precisely what the ideologically and morally corrupt Young Liberals want.

The coalition, and especially the Young Liberals, are simply revealing their own revanchist determination to remove a source of criticism in their repeated calls for the privatisation of the ABC. This short-term, self-serving demand by a party that has so clearly demonstrated why we need press investigation and criticism of government, is anti-democratic, immoral, deceitful and probably unconstitutional.

Public broadcasting is, or should be, a human right. It is the only way to ensure that the public remains well informed in the most objective way possible.

It is patently impossible for profit-driven commercial stations, (obliged as they are to toe their advertisers line) to provide the imperative services the ABC does. Comparisons of efficiency and competition miss the point entirely. This is a service that most Australians not only accept the need to support through taxes but do so willingly because the commercial networks are simply not a viable alternative.

Hands off the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC privatisation

The ABC is an Australian institution committed to telling an Australian story without fear or favour while still providing core services to rural and remoter communities as well as diverse urban communities. This is a service a privatized ABC will never be able to do or want to do.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is our lifeline to reliable news and world affairs DON'T PRIVATISE IT

The ABC cannot be privatised because only a public broadcaster can ensure that information is delivered without prejudice and sensationalism. As a university lecturer I rely on the high quality expertise reporting of journalists and presenters on ABC radio and ABC TV to provide my students with quality, up-to-date and topical information. In a globalised and digitally and online based world, with fast paced news, I know that the ABC provides reliable contemporary reporting. As a private citizen I only listen to Radio National for intelligent, balanced and informative programs. From Arts to religion to politics, I only have to switch on my ABC radio to know what is happening in the world. DO NOT SELL OR PRIVATISE THE ABC!!!

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**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC stays as the only broadcaster that has any credibility! ... it is Australian .... it belongs to Australia !

You are well aware that the information/news we as Australians are fed is often skewed ...to say the least .... the ABC has provided the ONLY ... half credible source of news in this country ..... there independence from Government intervention and funding is crucial ..... they should NOT be held at gunpoint ...by any Government /party .... the ABC belongs to the Australian people .... not the government of the day ..... it is supposed to be seperate from the government ..... it is the only news and media source that is not controlled by corporate and often overseas interests ..... I find it incomprehensible that any ..... any ..... Australian would even think of selling the ABC ..... show a bit of integrity for a change  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC, it is not to be sold!!

The ABC must not be sold. It is a public gem. It provides a variety of benefits through its unbiased non commercial broadcasting. It has a range of shows and public interest documentaries. ABC news is thorough and detailed. ABC has depth of content and would not be manipulated like the other commercial networks. Never sell the ABC!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC provided me with quality tv programming throughout my childhood and continues to do so for my child today. No other broadcaster delivers similar content, and if it were privatised I am sure the ABC would cease to produce the quality and impartial content for which it is renowned. please do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the people's ABC in our hands

A Public broadcaster is a must-have if one is expected to live in a Democracy. I say this because private owned television and media outlets generally only provide one point of view...that is, of the owner of the broadcaster. The ABC provides a crucial pivot point in both attacking and defending the Government in power. Without that, we are left with nothing but pure propaganda or reality tv...both of which are detrimental to the Australian people. Therefore, please do not even consider privatising the ABC or we will head down the dark path that is the U.S.A which is a hollowed out, shrilling media cesspool. We as critical thinking Australians deserve better than that.

It's up to you to continue to protect what is valuable in this Country. Do not privatise the ABC and keep it in the realms of a true democratic system.

Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our abc in public hands

For the superior quality of programs provided as a right of the Australian public. To uplift the intellect in a manner as unbiased as is possible in today's world. No to privatisation. Yes to freedom of speech

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC should NOT be privatised.

A democracy will NOT function properly unless all voters have access to broad ranging and accurate information. Voters make decisions on the basis of information, which may be accurate or inaccurate; complete or incomplete. Australia is at present one of the world's functional democracys. A functional democracy rests on a few fundamental ideas and institutions. Separation of church and state. A justice system which is independent of political interference. A free press. An informed public, with access to accurate, adequate and unbiased information. It is here that the ABC plays a vital role: in fact it may be said that the ABC is one of the cornerstones of Australian democracy, in that it provides a counter balance to privately owned media, which provides information compatible with private interests. In my view (and I have been listening and watching the ABC for sixty years) the Corporation is ESSENTIAL to the democratic system which we, as Australians, are so proud of. I am happy to be contacted for a more detailed discussion. Over the years I have, on various occasions, been interviewed by ABC reporters. I have a high regard for the quality of ABC material.

Dr [REDACTED] Sandy Bay Tasmania, [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We NEED the ABC

I've grown up with the ABC. While I thought it was a bit "square" when I was in my teens, by my twenties I regarded it as a valuable and trustworthy source of information. And that's all the more so now that I'm in my sixties. Its honest reporting ensures Australians know the truth behind the headlines, and our commercial news organisations struggle to match the depth and the honesty that the ABC brings to every story it reports on. It's very important that we keep the ABC public.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keeping the ABC in public hands

The idea of privatising the ABC can only have come from people who are afraid of the penetrating news programmes it produces, such as Four Corners and 7.30.


It is the only source of news that I trust, and to sell it off the private media would be a very dangerous thing for our democracy.

In this internet era of instant, highly untrustworthy news, the ABC, and SBS are beacons of light that allow us to see local, national and international news, events and documentaries otherwise deemed unnewsworthy by commercial media.

Commercial TV is drivel, the ads are worse, and the print media is run by Big Business, who are greed personified.

Keep the ABC public, maintain our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must stay in public hands

The ABC must stay in public hands as it's the only true unbiased and fair news network in the country (most everything else is owned by Murdoch) and the only way to ensure we have an unbiased and fair new outlet is to keep it in public hands. Corporations are always for-profit (it's a legal responsibility for the executives to make money for investors) which means they will always favour policies and political parties who serve their needs, not the public's.

Keep the ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC SHOULD REMAIN OUR PUBLIC BROADCASTER

Eric Abetz and the Hard Right of the Liberal Party have it wrong if they think privatising the ABC is what the people want, WE DO NOT.

The ABC is independent, factual and truthful, that is what the politicians don't like. Recently Allan Jones didn't pull one off, so relying on the commercials to manipulate public thinking doesn't always work either. I don't want Allan Jones, I want the truth and the facts.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:39 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!!0

The ABC belongs to the Australian people. It is not the plaything of politicians. I do not want commercials on the ABC or allow big media organizations to enrich themselves at the expense of we the people of this country who are the legitimate owners.  
Should the current Government succeed in trying to change its Charter, then they will be tossed out of power and not be back for a very long time .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC

ABC cannot be compared with other commercial media. ABC & SBS holds the line on what trustworthy news and entertainment should be. Try traveling to countries without a publicly funded broadcaster and see how mind-numbing tv can be. Such a disgrace that the liberal party could even contemplate privatisation of OUR ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public!

The ABC has for decades provided independent, high quality content. It is not encumbered with business or political interests in the public ownership model.

Today the ABC provides real content compared to low quality offerings GSM from the free to air commercial channels.

Those channels also appear to push political agendas.

Australia and our democracy is strongest with the ABC independent and public.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC in public hands it belongs to me my children and hopefully their children too!

The ABC is vital to our national identity and there are already commercial stations that can be manipulated by commercial interests. The ABC is as objective as you can get and i want my children to grow up understanding all sorts of information sources and i believe the ABC provides the most in depth and quality journalism available to Australians. The availability of news and local programs in regional areas is almost entirely dependant on the ABC both visual and audio and if it is sold off commercial interests will not invest in our areas for news which will isolate us further and add to the already glaring financial difference between living in the city and the country. I would take my children to rallies and demonstrate against this i feel so strongly about it and or closest city is hours away. Please don't be so money hungry and undermine a national treasure. It makes me feel the Liberals are to scared and challenged by the ABC to accept any criticism and too obtuse to hear support in any reporting.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

I don't want the ABC to be privatised. It's the only non compromised media outlet in the country. Journalists can still say what they really think not what they are told to say. Hands off our ABC Mr Turnbull.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC!!

I read a wide variety of newspapers and find it personally difficult to ascertain the true facts from the spin. All the commercial journals have their own spin or slant often for self interested reasons. I go to the ABC for a degree of impartiality and fairness. Of course the ABC has run some stories that have not been balanced, but the great majority of current affairs/documentaries etc present a fair view. If the government were to try to privatise the ABC there would be rioting in the streets. In my experience, people from all walks of life trust and value the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Long live the ABC

I believe the ABC is one of the major institutions that has made Australia a GREAT country to live in. Let's keep it that way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Public Ownership of our ABC

Our nation needs its Public Broadcaster which serves its owners, every Australian citizen and taxpayer. Our Public Broadcaster must not be sold, now or anytime in the future to commercial interests neither local nor foreign.  
It is OUR ABC that we have paid for, maintained, and supported over many generations.  
That must never, ever change and it is the duty of every Australian to keep it that way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Maintain the ABC's reputation as an outstanding public broadcaster

To the Inquiry into the ABC

The ABC has a well deserved reputation as an outstanding public broadcaster. We cannot afford to let this reputation be sullied by privatisation.

As a public broadcaster, the accountability bar is high. The public expect and demand well researched and balanced programming. The ABC has done this since its inception. From radio to television to orchestras to online media, the ABC is an excellent public performer.

Any move to privatise the ABC will result in a serious drop in quality, a lowering of journalistic standards and a contemptuous attitude towards the public's investment in its broadcaster.

I object in the strongest way to a process that would result in the devaluing of a public institution, the ABC, that has served Australia impeccably over 86 years.

Thankyou for your attention.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Always Keeping the ABC in public hands

I value the ABC for news and investigative journalism especially the 4 corners show. I grow up with the ABC and value the shows they have produced over the years. There is no other source of quality and factual news that uncovers issues that affect our community. England has the BCC and Australia has the ABC. It is a very sad day for our country/ community that people need to defend the ABC the ability to air both sides of the debate. The loss of the ABC would mean the Australia people have only one view that supports main stream news papers. The factual strength of main stream news mainly supports their point of view.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must NOT be privatised

I live in rural south-west Victoria and the ABC - both radio and television is my main main source of information and entertainment. It, along with SBS, is my source of informed news, comment and well researched documentaries. The ABC also presents entertainment that is far superior to most of the rubbish found on commercial television. As for radio, commercial radio is just too awful to listen to.

If the ABC is commercialised I will be completely without radio and television.

I am very concerned by the LNP's continuing attacks on the ABC. Already funding cuts have taken a toll on staffing and programs, and this funding must be restored NOT reduced.

An inquiry with the starting premise 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.

There is no doubt that privatisation would result in very much reduced services to rural areas which are heavily dependent on services provided by the ABC including its role as an emergency broadcaster which can be critical in times of fire or flood.

I am happy that my taxes contribute to SBS and the ABC and expect that any Australian Government will in the future realise the high value that Australians place on their public broadcaster.

In summary - do NOT privatise the ABC; restore its funding; treasure this most excellent broadcaster.

Sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should be for us all.

The ABC is a National Treasure. It is a Public Institution that should be celebrated. My family loves the fact that it gives us options and programs we never see on commercial TV. It should never be privatized nor should there be commercial content. I am happy to pay taxes that supports it. I am not a political member of any party.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I've been watching the ABC since the 1960's and continue to, it has non biased reporting, great Australian dramas no ads and its owned by the public. Public broadcasting plays a most important and irreplaceable role in our democracy. Please vote against privatising the ABC. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Australian hands

I listen to, and watch, nothing but the ABC. It is a rare and wonderful thing to have strictly unbiased news, fearless in depth reporting, great Australian drama and all the other amazing things that the ABC delivers to us including emergency radio when the going gets tough. To sell away such an incredible asset would be foolhardy and we will never get back such an important thing. There is a reason the private sector doesn't present unbiased news and media. They pander to commercial interests, not the national interest. I strongly urge you to ditch this stupid idea of privatizing the ABC for the sake of keeping just one media channel that is free of bias.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC all about Australia

The ABC does something that commercial broadcasters can't. It rattle the cages of all of us. It challenges us, out identity, our values, our moral code. It has grown with us but shines a spotlight on us. We need to protect the ABC from commercial operators who fear the truth, who choose mediocrity, who dumb down the issues, who seek to talalise rather than challenge and inform. Leave the ABC to the public domain. It's time to protect us from commercialisation.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC should not be privatised because the Australian media should not be monopolized. Citizens are relying on this media to give us access to information without being marketed to.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Fight Abetz and his right wing lunatics

Why do we have to listen to this sub human Abetz on the ABC at least once a month? It's time for the liberal centre to stand up and fight these white reactionary idiots. The ABC doesn't not need to be balanced, it has the whole of Murdoch + right wing press to fight. ABC please stop being even and fight the bastards - otherwise I'm leaving.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:38 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain independent and publicly owned

An independent and publicly owned ABC, as the least biased Australian broadcaster, is essential for the survival of real democracy in our country. It is a bastion of truthful political reporting, questioning and comment, and a source of scientific knowledge and conduit for serious music and the arts. The government which destroys this through privatisation commits suicide. ABC supporters are a much "broader church" than the Coalition is. Be warned.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public

If you want to know what it would be like without the ABC and SBS, go to New Zealand. The tv is terrible. The only commercial tv I watch is for AFL football or cricket. No company would do programs like 4 Corners, Gruen and great documentaries and great drama. If the ABC was sold it would be disastrous.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the AbC alone

I live in Broome, Western Australia and rely on the ABC to provide me with real news and commentary. We need unbiased investigative journalism to keep Governments of all persuasions to account. The alternative news sources in Broome are all commercial entities and do not provide this. There is a pronounced bias in the news as reported on the commercial television channels, the current affairs reporters are soft in their questioning of politicians and the West Australian newspaper and Channel Seven spend more time cross promoting than investigating. If the commercial television and cable channels are suffering because the ABC has provide better online entertainment and current affairs platforms it is because the commercial interest have been complacent, not because the ABC has an advantage. I do not want to have an Australia where the news, current affairs and entertainment I am able to access is dominated by commercial interests pushing their own political agenda. Refund the ABC and let us return to the days when we had decent drama shows and not the mindless pap of reality shows that currently dominates television channels.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is the heart of the Nation keep it like this!!!

I arrived to Australia 10 years ago, and since then ABC has been amazing instrument of information and knowledge about this beautiful country. Now with child is even greater as the smiles and all he learns from what ABC has for him. Makes me really sad to hear all of those values and ethics he is getting from what he sees there in this channel will change. Please i beg you not to do it as ABC holds the foundation for the future generations. Dont change!!! Please think about the children and young people and what ABC has done , what is doing for them already and what will do if you change it. I consider Australians a very resilient and resourceful people and it gets it from his national media channel.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC in Public Hands

We love and trust our ABC. Please keep in public hands and give back it's funding so it can function fully and properly.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Retain the ABC in Public Hands

The foremost public broadcasting services across the world reflect the best of those countries cultures, offering both unique and divergent perspectives, many of which are not provided elsewhere. In the recent report by the Scottish Broadcasting Commission, the chair Blair Jenkins said “Broadcasting is important to the economic, cultural and democratic health of the nation. At its best, it has a unique power and impact which can enrich our imagination and our thinking, and our space to share, discuss and challenge as a society.”

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should never be privatised

The ABC is the most valuable media organisation in the country. Even all the other organisations put together, do not provide the depth of news analysis, entertainment, information, childrens' services, indigenous programmes, local, national and international shows that the ABC does.

I am a volunteer crisis supporter at Lifeline. I constantly hear from people in very remote areas of this country how valuable they find the ABC. If the ABC did not provide country radio services, they would not exist. Lonely farmers, spending long hours on tractors, view the ABC as their lifeline. One man told me 'it's where I learn everything!'

A long distance truck driver told me he listened to radio national all day in his truck - it was from one of these programme series that he came to understand more fully what Autism is, and therefore understand his own young son better.


My country relatives in a remote area only get ABC television - no commercial channel will spend the money to provide a decent service. The ABC truly is the lifeline of this nation.

The liberal party proposing to privatise it and this is a travesty. The current government is doing their best to kill the ABC through 'death by a thousand cuts'. The ABC has survived such attacks and funding cuts before, but it can't survive forever.

The ABC is world class, we should be very proud of it as australians and our governments should be supporting it, not destroying it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

You cannot allow the ABC to be privatised, killing off their balanced reporting and entertainment which does a lot more with our funds that could be expected from a private business intent on profit making. This would be a step towards turning practically every source of news, information, and entertainment into a low quality and biased farce, which has been observed to be systemic in the rest of our privatised media. The cost to the taxpayer of the ABC is replayed many-fold in the benefit and improvements they make to the community and balanced discussions across wide ranging subjects. Quite frankly, the fact that the defunding and reputational assaults on the ABC have been allowed to get to this point are a disgusting representation of privileged factions attempting to destroy an institution that actually acts in the interests of the people that they themselves should.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

ABC belongs to the people.

It is part of our democratic right to have a public broadcaster able to question, expose, research, qualify and challenge topics and issues of concern to the public.

At times Government policy and programs will be challenged and this is the role of our free, democratic right to information and transparency.

Leave our ABC alone. Enough is enough!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC!

The ABC is the only truly independent source of news in Australia. To let it into commercial hands will taint its integrity and influence investigative reporting to follow the advertisers and owners agenda. Four corners had been instrumental over decades in uncovering corruption, abuse and secret agendas across both sides of politics. The ABC offers the ONLY alternative for thinking Australians. Keep the ABC in public hands where it belongs and where it has thrived for decades without fear or influence.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off privatising our ABC

I love the ABC.

I trust the ABC.

I cherish the ABC.


I am not alone-I am Australia.

Inner city and regional it is a source we turn to, a refuge we seek and a refreshing break from the deluge of commercialised hard sell of this modern world.

Any party planning to hang and quarter our beloved Aunty and sell it for horse meat will unleash a vortex of push back and anger that will spill out at the polling booths of our nation.

Bring it on-we have had enough of the death by a thousand cuts and are ready for a fight.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be privatised:

This essential unbiased broadcaster is Paramount to the preservation of The Australian Way Of Life as we have known it and would hope to have it continue as such,.  
It must never be sold off and / or privatised.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC should not be sold

In a Democracy we need a public broadcaster, that informs the electorate about all issues. The ABC also keeps us in touch with our British heritage. It has a higher standard than commercial stations. I also do not like being plagued by advertisements, which I do not want to see. The ABC also produces benefits for our economy and we do not want to see it sold. Everything that has been sold so far has been a failure, e.g. the electricity, public transport and Medibank etc. The people of Australia should decide, what services they want to keep in public hands not politicians.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The abc belongs in the public hands

Stop privatising everything. ABC is keeping the private companies honest and stopping them from charging observant amounts for news.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

We all love ABC as it's real tv and new, also current affairs, nothing like it on the other free to air channels.  
Leave ABC alone !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

I watch the ABC more than any other channel because I trust the information they distribute. The ABC is not aligned to any political party nor does it rely on advertising which can influence the news broadcasted. It tells things as they are. Leave it alone.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC - from Liberal voter

The bastion of truth and free speech. Leave the ABC in the public domain.  
I will vote against liberal a d coalitions if you threaten our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I am an abc listener and I vote


I am an abc listener and. I vote. My vehicles and sheds have all 14 radios tuned to 891 Adelaide except when football is broadcast and I move to radio national. All tv's are tuned to channel. I suspect they work on other channels but I ever try them. I am a voter in Mayo and will ask questions of Georgina Downer if she has a public meeting about her status in the IPA and it's campaign against the abc.

I am annoyed that so much money has been cut already from the abc.

The last time I got excited about an election was the last time you tried to decimate the abc.

I suppose I should be thankful to the Liberal Party for again motivating me to campaign against abc cuts and against your latest candidate parachuted into Mayo.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands

We live in Far East Gippsland, we are closer to Canberra than we are to Melbourne our state capital. We rely on the ABC for the service it provides. For our weather information to our farming and our deep sea fisher folk. This is done at a local level. Not as a part of a huge commercial network in a distant Australian or international headquarters. A commercial network cannot provide the diversity of programs from my favourite Classic FM which the ABC provides to JJJ for our young and young at heart. Please our ABC works best where it is in the people's ownership. Let's leave it there!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** We must save our ABC


I love the ABC. I move from ABC FM to Radio National and otherwise listen only to Fine Music as backup.

I know how good ABC radio is - am always relieved to return to it after travelling elsewhere.

ABC TV and SBS are my television programs of choice. I can't imagine life with a privatised ABC. I, along with family members and friends will vigorously oppose any move to sell off our national heritage as embodied in this icon.

For my part the maintenance of public ownership of the ABC, and a genuine stand to end live export, will determine my vote/s in upcoming elections.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands!

I actually can't believe I have to write this. This government knows no limits when it comes to selling off Australia's public infrastructure. May I remind you that public infrastructure doesn't belong to the government, it belongs to the people of Australia. By privatizing public infrastructure you are depriving the people of tax payer funded amenities for which we pay for. We, the people, own these amenities and they should never be put on sale unless a referendum deems it necessary. Tax payers also pay your wages and I'm am yet to see anything good from this government. I know who I will be voting out in the next election.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** DO NOT commercialise the ABC

The ABC is currently my most trusted source for news and current affairs programs. They host quality journalists who are not afraid to ask the hard questions and dig deep into australis critical issues of the time. The ABC must remain in public hands in order to maintain its independence and trust. Commercialising the ABC is one of the worst of a huge list of bad policy ideas to come from the LNP.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC not to be sold

I trust the ABC. Leave it alone , we the people of Australia own it.

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**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!!!!

Why to I want the ABC to remain strong. independent and in public hands?

Its news is reliable, thoroughly investigated, well-presented and a lifeline in rural and isolated communities. The ABC ranges across all ages, cultural interests and many ethnicities - it strives to speak to, and to represent, all Australians .

ABC presents in the latest technologies and the oldest, talks to nerds, techies, and the totally non-techies. It has been nimble in maintaining its role in the forefront of technological change, and supporting its audience in its literacies.

There are NO ADs - yea! yea! yea!. We can trust the ABC precisely because it is not beholden to advertisers and we strongly need this balance with the commercial media. It is such a precious commodity - this independence from bribery, pressure, seduction - that is is essential that as a nation we support its high standards and independence.

We know privatisation is dangerous. There are many social institutions that should never be for profit - we all agree on schools not making profits, and that should apply further to all early childhood programs, to all educational institutions (look at all the problems created by allowing private companies to provide vocational education and training; to health, to aged care. to disability services.

The ABC is more popular that all major political parties: guess what will happen to the party that wants to privatise it!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The Australian Peoples ABC

Hello, I would like to make my voice heard to keep the ABC as a people/government funded media organisation. I would like it kept out of private ownership. I think of the ABC as a "baseline " where I can go to get unbiased news and entertainment. Some would say it is biased to one side or the other but it is still away from the influence of corporate greed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Retain the ABC as a public broadcaster

I live in regional NSW, and the ABC SouthEast radio is the ONLY radio we can receive, due to the topography around our place. Without this ABC radio, we would have no source of news from the outside world, and no local news of events in our region. I always watch ABC TV 4 Corners, as it's independent and fearless in its exposure of issues that we need to hear about. If the ABC is sold to commercial interests, I am sure that there will be no investigative journalism undertaken that will cast a light into the dark corners of corporate links with government; bank corruption; and various other scandals that the government of the day does not want exposed. This applies to all levels of government - local, state and federal. We need a fearless broadcaster in public hands, to expose the truth and keep governments accountable. After all, they are supposed to be accountable to the people, inconvenient though that is. Therefore it is very important to me that the ABC remain a public broadcaster, that it be adequately funded to carry out its tasks, and that it be free from political and commercial interference - that would be certain to occur if it were to be sold.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I am concerned. I am worried about the Coalition's attacks on our ABC because it reduces the availability of news, truth and accurate reporting.

The ABC needs to stay in public hands. So many Commissions and Enquiries have demonstrated that private industry will put profit above anything else, and private media will edit what messages it wishes to promote to the public, with no opportunity to independently verify such messages. Also the very premise of the inquiry (to see if the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets by virtue of being publicly funded) misses a crucial point. Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please do not privatise our ABC

Our family was brought up on ABC programmes, both radio and Television children's programmes. There were no commercials and the programmes were so good the adults enjoyed them too. Now we are in our 70s and both my husband and I only watch ABC television and listen to Radio National and our adult children still continue to watch and listen to the ABC. We are mystified by the LNP's accusation of left wing bias. We find the ABC to be truly honest and fair. We will never vote for the LNP again if we lose our ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave our ABC alone!

I strongly oppose the sale of the ABC. I have relied on the ABC for news and programs for decades and believe the significance of the ABC has roots deep within Australian culture contributing to the educating and informing our children and adults. The ABC is an unique part of our media that cannot be replaced as a commercial interest. I have relied on ABC programming for my child for the best part of eight years for programs free from commercial interests. This will be lost should the ABC be privatised. I have been informed and educated by the ABC which has a greater value than can be reduced to a commercial equation. A public ABC allows it to create Australian content unlike commercial interests driven by the latest trend. Mystery Road is a most recent example. I find it deeply alarming that the coalition government has effectively waged war on my ABC through funding cuts and repeated attacks by Mitch Fifield. It seems the Liberal government cannot abide criticism and is exerting undue effort to silence any ABC voice that speaks against government agendas. This wont do and you will pay for it at the ballot box. The Australian people love their ABC and we wont give it up without a fight.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC as it is!

All successful democracies have an independent government owned media. It cannot be left to private companies to be trusted to provide accurate and unbiased news and documentary programmes.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC alone, and both restore and increase funding for it!

My intellectual life and that of the entire nation would be grossly impoverished without the many ABC programmes offering considered, mature and well-researched debate, analysis, perspective and discussion on national and international issues: I do not believe this unique character would survive under commercialisation. The ABC has already been critically damaged by totally wanton withdrawals of funding over the past decade or more. That funding should be restored. I cannot bear to see any more damage occur (I am already miffed enough at the commercialisation of SBS, which I also opposed). I think of iconic programmes such as 7.30 Report, Four Corners, Media Watch (should be given a longer time-slot!), Compass, Catalyst, the much lamented Lateline, Q&A, Foreign Correspondent, Insiders, The World Today, Matter of Fact with Stan Grant, The Drum, and of course the News itself, including ABC News (24). I could go on. This is without even mentioning the high-quality drama series that we have come to expect of the ABC. I haven't time or space here to list in detail the objects of my devotion to ABC Radio, especially Radio National, but my protective feeling certainly applies across both radio and TV. No more compromises: the ABC deserves to be put front and centre of any national communications blueprint, and to be completely re-funded!

Public broadcasters are integral to democracy and freedom of speech, and to the quality of a nation's education and capacity to think, to make considered judgements on the many taxing topics of today. We must not dumb down this lively nation! I personally strongly object to the idea of privatisation of the ABC and this issue alone would drive me to vote against the government at the next election, although there are also many others to choose from! It really is Our ABC, and not the Government's to take away hands off!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to privatisation of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

The ABC provides a service to the people of Australia who are looking to have a wonderful, broad range of topics discussed in a partisan, intelligent manner. I am unable to participate in many of the activities that I used to and find that the ABC provides me with a stimulating interesting environment within my own home. I love everything about the ABC. When I feel contemplative and don't want to listen to a conversation, the Classic Music Station allows me to listen and learn about the music being played.[I am not from a background where classical music was played very often.] These programs have opened up the world to me. I have learnt so much from their programs, interesting topics which have increased my knowledge and given me a real insight into problems faced by many people-our fellow country Australians, our newly arrived immigrants, people with different views to mine.


One politician remarked that these programs could be accessed on the internet. NO they could not. The ABC have researchers who can sift through the miles of JUNK [and I mean JUNK] and opinions put up as fact by nutters. They can access intellectual research-which I couldn't.

I TRUST the ABC and over the years I have been horrified by the way politicians of both parties have denigrated the ABC when indepth anaysis of an issue has exposed lack of action, or neglect. [black deaths in custody, the Murray Darling fiasco]. I could give far more examples, but they are already in the public domain and it would take pages to cover. Over the years I have been appalled at the cutting back of the budget of the ABC-purely for political purposes: that is, unwilling to have matters debated in an intelligent, and wide way.

Please NEVER deprive people like me of this mostly intellectual, stimulus, some amazingly humorous accounts, and wide-ranging topics by people who are genuinely nice people. People who I LOVE to welcome into my living room.

In fact-INCREASE the funding allocated so that we do not have so many repeats!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I rely on the ABC for its thorough, independent and thoughtful news and shows. They have been a guide for the thinking public in how to think. Don't think that ABC viewers and listeners will be swayed by commercial input if the ABC is sold out. We will keep a keen eye on the government and make more of a fuss. You cannot silence the people. Thinking Aussies will not be silenced.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC.

As a consumer, I only watch the ABC and SBS for all of my televisions need which currently includes, the news, educational programs, comedy, and drama shows. I implore you to NOT take steps in any way or form to privatize the ABC.


I only trust news services that are ethical and peer-reviewed and find that the ABC and SBS news services are the ONLY honest and unbiased station available for Australians.

I would go a step further in requesting that you do something to uphold the truth and ethics of the other commercial stations such as Channel 10, 9 and 7. They should be made to uphold journalistic standards instead of delivering the current level of news and miss-information that they produce. In fact, I don't understand how you are attacking the ABC and even criticising it. Are you trying to hide the dishonesty of other stations by creating a smoke screen?

If you were to stop funding the ABC and it was to sink to the levels of the other stations mentioned above I would seek to source information from independent sources and remove myself from all commercial TV sources completely.

I hope and trust that you will consider the rights of the Australian population. Perhaps you could hold an inquiry into the dishonesty of commercial stations instead of wasting your time chasing an ethical station that works for truth, honesty, and justice.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC privatization

The ABC is an important public service for the unbiased dissemination of information of public interest, like the Bureau of Meteorology is for weather information and forecasts. Ceding this service to the private sector will inevitably bias news and related information towards the interests of those controlling the private media. This will undermine our democracy. I thus strongly oppose any moves to privatize the ABC, and advocate a dramatic reversal of recent policy to cut funding to the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC for democracy!

ABC must remain in public hands to ensure the delivery of reliable accurate news as essential for a successful democratic society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** its public owned leave it alone

look at what all the private stations produce COOKING Shows HOUSE BUILD Show and TRIPE based Soaps. Do we need the ABC to turn out like this

Just because the ABC has to broadcast the truth and not Murdoch style lies like the private stations this does not give the liberals the right to sell it because the Liberals dont like the way their self serving lies seem to be exposed more

live with the truth liberals suck it up

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:35 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must not be considered too expensive to keep .

The ABC like the BBC are trusted news sources that I feel inform me with the true facts without bias . The ABC over many years have successfully brought to light many injustices in our society that privately owned news sources have rarely done .

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please don't privatise the ABC!

I have moved to Australia some years ago from Europe where I lived in both Germany and the UK. In both of these countries, I always very much enjoyed the high quality and sincerity of public broadcasting, especially the news and documentaries. I was therefore very happy to see that Australia also had high quality public broadcasting, the ABC. I think the ABC plays an incredibly important role in public life in Australia and this is only possible because it is public and therefore free of immediate commercial considerations. If the ABC is privatised it will just converge to other commercial broadcasting companies and would no longer be able to play this important role. Therefore, I am strongly opposed to privatising the ABC - please don't do this!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I trust the publicly funded ABC more than any politician's promise

I listen daily to a ABC Radio National and 774 stations and regularly watch ABC TV Channels 1,2 and 4 programs in the evening. The quality and diversity in content, professionalism and intellect of ABC journalism is far above the mindless trivia presented by the commercial broadcasters.

Blatant political bias can be cited far more often on commercial media than the ABC.

Privatise the ABC and you will lose the support of many of the people who take time to care about Australia's quality of life and its future as a democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

Liberals you have absolutely got to be kidding. The ABC provides reliable, unbiased and honest reporting and programming. We watch it almost exclusively every day.

If you privatise the ABC I will never vote Liberal again.

Keep it in public hands- this is one service the government absolutely has to provide. Just the fact that you keep talking about this makes me silently vow to never vote Liberal again.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** don't sell ABC

I wish to express my grave concerns regarding the potential sell off of a great institution. ABC is synonymous with trusted, respected journalism and quality programs. You know and I know, that if it is sold off, not only will the caliber of content certainly decrease, but also the breadth of scope. Regardless of your political agenda, there is no other station that doesn't subscribe to the mind-numbing programs that are projected currently as entertainment. I urge you to reconsider this foolish decision. If it's about money, tax big business. ABC is a unique and a necessity in an otherwise generic world.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must be kept in public hands!

For as long as I can remember, the ABC has been a source of fair and impeccably researched news and current events programs like Four Corners, entertaining and educational content for children and schools, quality drama and comedy productions, and knowledgeable sports coverage without interruptions. As a result, I have always trusted "Auntie". Successive cutbacks by the Abbott and Turnbull governments and attacks by right-wing pundits have undermined the ABC's role as Australia's public broadcaster; but not the trust that I, and others, hold in it. It's \*our\* ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's OUR ABC

In times of emergency, we can trust the ABC to remain impartial and cautiously optimistic. Those of us who live in a multicultural society - not an economy - know and understand that OUR ABC will stand up for the rights of minorities without fear of reprisal. Those of us who hold a balanced view of the world look to the ABC to remain unembedded and present the facts as they stand. Over the years OUR ABC has presented local issues that are important to local people and communities. OUR ABC communicates fairly, openly and is accountable to us, the people of Australia. There was a time when liberal thinking meant compromise and liberals believed in a mixed economy - not corporations running the world. Fear and loathing of things and people who are different has taken over the mindset of the Liberal Party. It's not a pretty picture at all. Leave our ABC alone.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is our only unbiased News Source.

No attempt to privatize the ABC is acceptable to most Australians. It is our only bulwark against takeover of our Democracy. Private news organizations have editorial policies set by Owners not by the People.

Our Democracy is under threat from Multinationals and other vested interest Corporations who have only the bottom line on their balance sheet as their only aim, the people don't matter.

The ABC must must MUST remain in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC Enquiry

The ABC's value as a public broadcaster is clearly seen when compared with the commercial channels content across the board. News on 7, 9 or 10 fits in between the advertising and often becomes advertising. The ABC news and political reporting is fair in my opinion, and without the loud mouth no-it-all far right "commentators" who only serve to dumb down important issues. We have seen what Murdoch has done to news reporting.

I value the ABC (SBS also) and am disappointed with the funding cuts.

Please respect the value we have in our public broadcaster.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC for we the People and not in hands of private ownership

The ABC is our country's Treasure.  
It is my life line; it is my 'Window' to the World by keeping me up to date, by Finest journalism on offer, the amazing diverse programming available in Australia. The ABC provides us with the only journalism which is unbiased( not controlled by rich men who 'own' the news nor dictated to by commercial interests.) Without our Beloved ABC Democracy is really in trouble.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I can't imagine an Australia without an ABC. It has been part of my life forever providing great quality comedy, drama and especially current affairs. I believe that commercialising the ABC will mean a poorer democracy for all. The ABC must remain public for Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC

I value the quality of the programs on the ABC with presenters who are intelligent and well informed. I really appreciate the News program on 24 in the mornings with Virginia, Michael and PK (who includes reports on my favourite sport, netball) - the banter is fun and the quality of the interviews is very high. I also find programs like Home Delivery, Gruen and Gardening Australia entertaining as well as informative, without being skewed by any advertising/sponsors. I am worried about the attacks on the ABC and the risk that all the media will become totally subject to big business interests We need a public broadcast service for many important reasons. Save the ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our ABC will not be privatised!

I don't recognise Australia anymore I embarrassed to be an Australian. How much further to the right can we go and still call ourselves human. John Howard and your mates you are just PIGS.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public ownership

A publicly owned ABC is essential for people who live in rural Australia. Private companies will promise to deliver as good as the public broadcaster but after a couple of years we will see them cut parts out of the broadcaster to "make it more efficient"! With profit built into the enterprise it can ne3ver be as good as the present publicly owned ABC. Keep it that way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

The public are sick to death of any government privatizing or selling anything..The ABC belongs to the people of Australia.Keep our ABC in public hands !!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:34 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC provides programming for everybody via radio and TV - always has, always should. Leave it alone! It is OUR ABC not the government's!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is very important to me. This public broadcaster is far and away superior to any commercial enterprise I have heard, seen or read in Australia.  
The repeated attacks on the ABC are ideologically driven and somewhat worrying. The only trustworthy news source as far as I understand it is the ABC. It is not driven by commercial interests.  
Of course the ABC should stay in public hands. Public broadcasting plays an important, not to say irreplaceable role in our democracy and cannot be compared with commercial media.  
It is inconceivable that our trusted and loved public broadcaster should be commercialised.

Sincerely,

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NSW 2480




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC!

Commercial channels are filled with mind-numbing advertisements for pseudo-pharmaceutical rubbish, interspersed with ancient repeats or over-saturated colour cheap game shows for bogans. On the other hand, the ABC has almost always concentrated on quality programs, many produced in Australia. The ABC aims to inform and educate, whereas commercial networks throw cheap, gaudy, noisy, garbage - much of it from USA - at the lowest common denominator. The ABC encourages viewers to deeply engage in new ideas, whereas commercial television is simply noise and coloured screens in all rooms of outer suburban houses. Haute cuisine versus fast food.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise the ABC!

It's very important for Australia to have a public broadcaster.

It keeps a minimum amount of Australian content. This is very important because, as an educator, I see some children speaking in an American accent.


Having a public broadcaster provides Australian jobs. More jobs are created at the ABC due to lower wages.

A public broadcaster can do television shows of interest to regional and marginalised Australians.

There is more content on a public broadcaster because there are very few ads.

Please keep the ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave the ABC in the public's hands

One of my first memories is listening to ABC classic radii with my grandmother. And the memorable overture before the news that feels like it hasn't changed for 25 years of the station's 85. Thousands of people have grown up with the ABC as their soundtrack, including me. It is the station that covers the national disasters, the cricket , ANZAC day, Australia Day and a host of other seminal Aussie events. Because it is as part of Australia as Vegemite and Eucalyptus. And I believe it should remain that way. Keep Australia's original broadcaster in Australian hands. Do not privatise the ABC. It will be A Bloody Catastrophe.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC the way it is, no privatisation.

ABC Classic FM keeps me sane. I have it at top volume seven days a week as I drive to work. It lifts me out of the horror of what the plague of humans is doing to destroy the natural world. It has a feel of cooperation, not competition (this latter is a feature of the capitalist business world). It must stay that way.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off the ABC

Australia does need another privatized soap box. Australia needs the ABC. From Play School to Q&A, the ABC is fundamental to providing a world view... not a Packer view or similar.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to the proposed privatisation of the ABC

We need independent news organisations. The ABC has always filled that role in Australia.

I love the ABC - from their trustworthy News services, interesting and varied drama and life-style shows, amazing radio options and their fantastic children's programs - it's my favourite station and the only one that I choose to watch and listen to.

Please keep our ABC independent and trustworthy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC

My husband and I almost solely watch the ABC. We find it informative and fair in its news and current affairs type programs and there is a great variety of other types of shows. It is essential that we have a free to air public broadcaster that maintains independence. We are very disappointed with the Liberals latest attacks on the ABC.

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NSW 2281



**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is a national treasure; it celebrates Australia's uniqueness

The ABC is one of Australia's most important public assets. When I lived in Darwin and travelled in remote areas, it is what kept me in touch with the national and local news and our local and national cultural heritage. During my recent year at the Princeton Institute of Advanced Study, I was exposed to a great variety of offerings from the American media. I was constantly impressed by how our ABC was so much better than American public broadcasting or commercial broadcasting. It provides excellent TV and radio news and in depth, stimulating discussions about books, film, IT, philosophy, human interest, history, public affairs, politics. It also trains the best presenters in other media. The list goes on and on. It supports local film and television offerings, local authors and thinkers. The ABC promotes so much of our culture - music, theatre, sport, Aboriginal culture, health and scientific research news. It is crucially important as a means of providing quality information to the public. This information is vital to enabling us to fully participate in a democracy and to play the role of engaged citizens. We don't need the kind of split that has occurred in the US.

I am well aware that certain Liberal politicians are very biased against the national broadcaster. I have overheard them making uninformed comments (revealing that they misunderstood basic aspects of interviewing practice) at Canberra airport. They seemed to think that interviewees' views were the opinion of the ABC. It is clearly a favourite hobby to slag off against the ABC which I find objectionable as it is so ill-founded. Basically, I do not understand how they can be so ignorant of the crucial role that the ABC has played historically and continues to play at the core of the culture that makes us Australian. I recommend that they read Ken Inglis' history of the ABC. The National Broadcaster celebrates Australian distinctiveness and enables us to consider how we might improve as a nation. But it is also an institution that makes me proud to be Australian. To take it out of public hands would be devastating. And yes, such a move would make me far less proud to be Australian. The politics of print media that is commercially owned is very distorted while the TV is often extremely superficial and trivializes or sensationalizes issues for pure entertainment value. The ABC bends over backwards to be balanced. It should not become a political football. I can't help but think that the many cuts being made is akin to an unscrupulous developer running down a beautiful old building before they gain permission to allow it to be demolished. We should never demolish the ABC, an institution that informs, enriches and unites the nation.

Submission by Professor [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

It's very important to me to get unbiased news and current affairs on both TV and Radio. The ABC is a vital part of our democracy.

If my radio is not on local ABC or RN I'm probably watching a program on ABC TV.....The Drum, ABC news, 7:30, Gardening Australia, Media Watch, Q&A, Julia Zemerio, Back Roads, Media watch, The Weekly, Grand Designs, Hard Quiz and so many more....

Increase funding to the ABC I say ,and keep it in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Uphold the independence of the ABC.

Please don't even consider privatising the ABC. While it can sometimes seem a bit filtered and selective, it is amazing how even its detractors while often use it as a reference point for their arguments. It is the closest thing to impartial that we have by a country mile.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

My family, including my elderly parents, my husband and I, and our two adult children who are in their twenties, have been watching programs on the ABC for many years and continue to do so. We enjoy the higher quality of ABC programs, as well as the more diverse range of programs compared to commercial broadcasters. Most importantly, we trust the ABC to provide more in-depth analysis and more balanced viewpoints on news and current affairs than commercial broadcasters who provide shallow news and current affairs coverage.

We enjoy Lateline, QandA, Four Corners and the 7.30 Report, which all provide interesting and often different perspectives on issues. These programs provide far more in-depth coverage of issues than the commercial broadcasters.

We enjoy various entertainment shows, including Gruen and the Weekly with Charlie Pickering, where we learn and laugh.

We enjoy learning about and increasing our understanding of regional and rural Australia on various documentaries and weekly programs, including Landline.

Our children and our friends' children grew up with Playschool and many other beloved Australian-made children's programs. As parents, we felt comfortable with these programs as they are wholesome and Australian - and most importantly, advertisement-free! Our children were able to access quality television without also being indoctrinated by commercials pushing junk food, junk drink and junk toys on them. Having lived in America for several years and experiencing the poor children's television choices, we wouldn't trade the ABC children's programs for anything else.

We are very concerned that the Liberal Party Council has voted to privatise the ABC. We understand the Liberal Party is trying to distance itself from the Liberal Party Council, but knowing that members of the Council are members of the Party, we are concerned that there are further emerging attacks on the ABC and will result in its privatisation.

Privatisation of the ABC will mean that we will have no trusted independent national broadcaster that we can rely on to provide news and current affairs. We will lose many quality, locally produced programs. This will impact employees as well as the many members of the broader arts community that contribute to ABC programs. We will also lose a vitally important and trusted voice in, and advocate for, regional and remote Australians.

The ABC has been cut to the bone and any further cuts will jeopardise its viability. We love the ABC just as it is - publicly owned and funded (although we'd like to see funding restored to reasonable levels) - it is a wonderful Australian asset!

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ACT 2612



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC!

As an Australian of advanced years who has been kept well-informed and entertained by ABC radio and television for more than 50 years, in both urban and remote parts of the country, I want to express my wholehearted support for our public broadcaster. This venerable institution needs to be supported with more generous funding and protected from privatisation. Keep our ABC in public hands!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC public

We want public broadcasting not more advertising.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

We ordinary everyday people love the ABC. It is a trusted source of genuine news and investigative journalism.  
If you privatise Aunty you do it at your peril. Opposition benches coming up!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

Essential tool for accurate information and education

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Australia's ABC publically owned and funded

Ultimately private news and media outlets are funded by large corporate entities. These entities can not help but have a view about politics, the economy and society that reflects the interests of their business and share holders. For this reason we need a diverse mix of media and news "owners" to ensure the fullest possible airing of perspectives about our country and its direction. Having a news outlet owned by government makes a powerful contribution in our country to adding to this diversity in of perspectives. To view media outlets just through the prism of "competition" ie do they have a level field to compete within, completely misses the larger purpose that media plays in a well functioning democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC is NEVER to be privatised!

The ABC is a vital part of Australian culture. It is the one constant that can be relied on for objective reporting irrespective of the leanings of the Government. That is why it has its own charter. As the politics of the day is pushed to the hard right, public criticism of their behaviour by the ABC seems a pill too hard to swallow by these same polities. As we saw yesterday in the news the overwhelming vote at a recent Liberal Party meeting was to sell off the ABC. Well you don't have a mandate for that! Australians needs to have a balance discussion on views in the news and as we see from the Murdoch Presses that doesn't happen in his papers. The fact is that there are very few newspapers or TV stations that do not lean to the right in politics. We need a broadcaster that offers factual criticism and commentary no matter who is in power, whether it is the party right of centre or left of centre we are entitled to and demand an independant ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC needs to stay in public hands because:  
It provides valued services to a wide range of Australians - e.g. reliable local news, early reading services like Reading Eggs, good quality age appropriate children's television without advertisements, development of new programs and innovative ideas, investigative journalism. I have worked in the education sector and the ABC provides valued services to schools that are not provided by any other broadcaster.  
The ABC is the main service that I use because I find it accurate, reliable educational and informative.  
The ABC provides a counter to the Murdoch press monopoly of newspapers in Queensland.  
The ABC employs and trains a wide range of personnel and these skilled people add to the economy.  
The ABC provides services to all Australians - it's my ABC - leave it alone. A public broadcaster provides an invaluable service to a democracy. The ABC focused on issues and ideas that private broadcasters are reluctant to address. It is vital that we continue to have a source of news that is not influenced by political parties or by commercial interests.

Kind Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I rely on an independent ABC

I live in a bushfire zone where the ABC is the trusted source of emergency information. The ABC has the best coverage to distribute consistent news about bushfire emergencies and only the ABC has the experience to reliably deliver this life saving service. I do not believe a privatised new casting service motivated entirely by the need for profit could provide the 24 hour, 7 days a week coverage that is required in emergency situations. Please keep the ABC in its current structure and current funding arrangements.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise our ABC

Privatising the ABC will mean our national broadcaster cannot reveal things which our governments wish to hide. It would be like a "patriotic" arm of government. Similar to a dictatorship - no chance to reveal to the public what may need to be distributed. It would be just another commercial enterprise, hamstrung by those with power and money. Please keep our ABC in public hands.

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NSW 2250



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the abc in public hands

The idea of not having a public broadcaster is abhorrent to me. The ABC has proven over the decades to produce great drama and comedy but MOST IMPORTANTLY to stimulate public debate and carry out quality trusted investigative journalism on a wide range of topics. A public broadcaster is an essential component in a modern democracy. The group that proposes to eliminate it exposes themselves as unable to submit to public scrutiny and in a true democracy this is of extreme concern. I could not vote for a party that proposed such a cowardly action. Sincerely [REDACTED]

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NSW 2089



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a national treasure

I am writing to express my passionate belief that the ABC must remain publicly funded and free of commercial ownership or influence. It provides Australians like me with unboasted news and information that I rely on every day.

I use ABC radio, television and the ABC Listen app for podcasts.

I also rely on it for emergency information as well as for classical music.

It is unthinkable to me to be without the ABC.

Yours passionately,

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Treasure our ABC

Commercial stations have been compromised by their ownership in providing fair, just and meaningful by reports and comments in a search for profit rather than informing and educating Australians. Privatising the ABC will subject Australians and our democracy to blatant administration by those operating for personal gain. Don't destroy a linchpin of Australia's democracy and social advancement to others goals at a time we need independent opinion more than ever and in the process destroy good journalism. Have those in power given realistic consideration to the way ABC support other cultural needs such as music, cinema etc..To those wanting privatisation: **OPEN YOUR BLOODY EYES IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE REGARDED AS TRAITORS>**

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands, please.

I am a 53 year old Aged Care and Disability Support Worker who grew up with the Australian Broadcasting Commission on our kitchen radio and lounge room TV. When my family and I lived in the Pacific for 10 years, Radio Australia was essential and much appreciated for news of home and elsewhere. Only a publicly funded broadcaster will talk to the little, ordinary people and bring their stories to the Nation. I have been interviewed by RN and 3LO for my work with people with disabilities. My daily listening has taught me so much about Science, Politics, History, the Environment, Human Rights, the ARTS and thousands of other fantastic subjects that I feel certain I would not get if the ABC was privatised. Please, we as free Australians, with our admired democracy MUST KEEP OUR NATIONAL BROADCASTER IN PUBLIC HANDS - PLEASE DO NOT EVEN CONSIDER PRIVATISING OUR ABC! Yours passionately and sincerely, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Coalition

It's not yours to sell, it keeps holding to account the standards of the free to air stations , well have nothing left soon that hasn't been privatised by this underhanded coalition of lies. Life just keeps getting more difficult under this bunch of thugs sinking ever further down the hole and trying to take Australia with them

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WA 6064 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC IS OURS

ABC gives me a viewpoint which is not commercially driven. It keeps people in power honest, and also journalism honest.

If ABC is sold then we as a country are losing one of our most valuable assets.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Why the ABC must not be privatised

The ABC is the only Australian broadcaster whose editorial line is not dictated by the whims of private owners and can thus lay claim to objective and informative reporting. It is the only broadcaster with a modicum of quality Australian content, that fosters local creative talent and that tells Australians about Australia. It can do this because it belongs to all Australians.

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ACT 2614




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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please protect our ABC. It belongs to us all!

The ABC has played a critical role in my life. Without Classic fm I would not have been able to share my love of classical music with my son. We listened every day from when he was a baby. He finished his degree at the Sydney Con last year with first class honours. He is now playin violin with a state symphony orchestra. I couldn't be more proud. We still send each other texts when a piece of music we love or a new piece he wants me to hear is being played on ABC radio. Please - this is our ABC and we love it! Keep it ours!

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

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NSW 2785



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC In Public Hands.

We feel the ABC should remain in Public Hands, not sold to the private sector.  
The people of Australia need to know there is no political interference on how a news article is produced.  
The people of Australia deserve truth and a balanced view when reporting on all aspects of society.  
The people of the Country deserve to be serviced to the same degree as those living in metro areas.  
The people of Australia deserve a broadcaster that covers a diverse range of issues and provides programs that entertain, inform and educate.  
The ABC does all this on funding that is forever being decreased.  
The people of Australia are disgusted with Governments who take away assets that are paid for by our taxes.

KEEP THE ABC IN PUBLIC HANDS

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WA 6056 


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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public ownership

I would be personally devastated if the government were to privatise the ABC. I deplore the standard of commercial stations and the rubbish television that we must watch interrupted by constant commercials and advertising often permitting the shows themselves. The ABC is the only relief from the garbage shown on the commercial stations where one can watch high standard programs, quality current affairs free from bombardment by advertising. Any party seeking to privatise will certainly not get my vote

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save the ABC

My reason for wanting to retain the ABC is IF it happened what would replace the unique features it provides  
- NUMBER ONE BEING ITS NATIONAL COVERAGE

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hand

I believe we need a truly independent broadcaster that is not influenced by the incumbent government or the political affiliations or otherwise of a multinational corporation.  
I believe the ABC in its current state achieves this.

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WA 6156 

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

I am a loyal ABC viewer who appreciates having a local TV channel that offers viewing without commercial advertising. The ABC news and current affairs programs are particularly important to me, as they do not sensationalise like the commercial stations. I do not watch commercial television, instead preferring ABC and SBS. Please continue to fund this Australian icon.

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VIC 3006 



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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC out of private hands

Democracy in this country is under attack now, privatising the ABC will hasten its demise. Honest politicians welcome criticism - dishonest ones just want to shut it down. I regret the demise of Don Chip - he is definitely needed in the country at this point in time.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in the Public's hand's

We need the ABC left as it is please don't make it a private station

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC as a public institution

The ABC is trusted by far more Australians than politicians  
Most Australians have grown up with the ABC  
The ABC provides coverage for all the country  
No private organisation will provide all these services.  
Four Corners or 60 Minutes?  
7:30 or Home and Away?  
Q&A or Masterchef ?  
Public ownership or private partisanship?  
I know what most Australians would want

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Ensure that the ABC remains as a public broadcaster.

I'm alarmed that the Liberal Party's hard right has now come "out of the closet" in regard to their plans to commercialise the ABC.

In an age of "fake news", the politicisation of various government agencies and concentration of media ownership in the hands of owners pushing their right wing agenda, we NEED a fiercely independent national broadcaster.

The standard of content broadcast by the bogan channels is frankly appalling, we need a quality, impartial medium to promote mature and objective public debate. The vast majority of the Australian population are by nature "centrist" and a publicly owned broadcaster is needed to challenge extremist views on both ends of the political spectrum.

Further the ABC can promote and defend Australian values whereas commercial ownership runs the real risk of further homogenisation of our culture at the hand of foreign owners.

It's important that the real motives behind this push by the far right is exposed for what it is.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Make our ABC even more independant

In this era of 'fake news' and a weakening support for democracy, it is essential that we have an institution independant of private interests AND independant of the government of the day. It is as bad to politicise the ABC as it is to politicise the public service. The funding model of the ABC that we have is not as good as a more independant source of funding like the BBC. A mandated source of funding such as used for Medicare would be better. Democracy is a fragile beast and the public's right to know is essential to inform our vote. So don't even consider privatisation and do better by making it more independant of the government.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our great ABC public and well funded

The ABC , both as TV and radio, is such a core part of my life that I can't imagine what Australia would be like without this trusted broadcaster. It must remain public, independent of political influence and have its funding restored. Programs like 7:30 and Four Corners cover stories that commercial networks never cover. And radio: where would we be without the amazing, cheap and yet do professional RN and all the podcasts we can now access? Australians live our AbC and we won't stand for these attempts to privatise and emasculate it!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must never be privatised.

The Chairperson,  
Government enquiry into the ABC,

The ABC must never be privatised. It is a vital aspect of Australia's free and democratic society. It is also a pillar of the Fourth Estate, which keeps all governments of every persuasion under review. I will never vote for a party that is threatening the existence of the ABC or severely cutting its funding.

The ABC is one of this country's great institutions and must never be privatised.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

Since I arrived in Australia fifty years ago, I have been a dedicated ABC watcher and listener. My late husband was likewise a very keen devotee. We both felt that the news, as provided by the ABC, was backed by accurate research and delivered by professional news readers. The familiar introductory music drew us to watch the 7pm news nightly and usually the Current Affairs programs that followed. Today my routine is still the same. I would not dream of watching news on any of the commercial channels. My 2nd choice for evening news, if I happen to miss ABC news, is SBS as it gives an excellent coverage of world news. Throughout the day I listen to ABC Radio for news and weather updates and some of the interviews with interesting and creative people. I would be lost without my ABC in its current format. Please respect my point of view and do not privatise the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the abc in public hands "mongrals"

I love the abc with a passion

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No to privatisation of the ABC

The ABC is the one TV station that is able to invest time and resources into quality journalism, Australian drama and comedy, without needing to pander to the mainstream in order to pull ratings and appease commercial interests. Every powerful democracy in the world has a quality, well-funded public broadcaster - the attacks on the ABC are pure and simply attacks on democracy to the benefit of commercial interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** It's the people's Broadcaster, so bugger off


To the interfering murdochian sycophants,  
You, by opening your mouths and your actions you are proving yourselves to be too ignorant to run the ABC.

It is the ABC's job to explain to the people why the Israeli's can penn Palestinians inside a concrete barricade and shoot them without facing the world court or an international invasion to prevent an humanitarian disaster. But the ABC is too frightened of losing corporate govt funding to do this - these would be the same corporations that would control a privatised ABC.

Either by omission or directly the ABC already supports US training of ISIS, the imprisonment of truth-tellers (Assange), the false accusations of poisonings by Assad or Putin, propaganda against China and North Korea etc - privatising the ABC would only make it a full on plutocratic propaganda machine. Free the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC a publically owned broadcaster

It is crucial that the ABC be retained as a public broadcaster. All around the world, the media is being manipulated by the opinions of the few. By having a publically owned ABC, it keeps a voice for the people that the 1% does not value.

My family has a long history with the ABC. My great Uncle was the first newsreader for ABC News (James Dibble) and served as a voice for the public news for a very long time. It would be devastating to see his legacy disrespected by selling off Australia's broadcaster to the highest bidder.

Please. Save the ABC and save the independent voice of Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is invaluable and needs to stay in public hands

Hi politicians

I'm an upper-middle class Australian in my mid 30s. I'm a swinging voter. Privatising the ABC is a huge mistake. My kids absolutely love the shows on ABC kids and I regularly enjoy ABC news and programming without the adverts and often with more meaningful content than commercial channels. Australians do not want the ABC privitised!! Try to do so , and you will see how strongly Australians feel about this issue at the polling booths.

Please keep The ABC in public hands for my generation and future generations of Australians.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public hands.

Do not privatise the ABC. I want unbiased news and reporting not influenced by the views of a private owner with vested interests.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep The ABC in Public hands

The ABC is a crucial part of our Australian identity and must not be Privatised!  
We do not need or want another dose of sameness as is dished up by commercial media.  
Australians have grown up with ABC programs on TV and Radio, and future generations should be able to enjoy and be informed and inspired by the diverse programs offered by Auntie.

Privatisation of the ABC should never be on the agenda of a truly representative Australian Government

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:31 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't change the ABC

The ABC is invaluable in providing quality investigative journalism, local stories and information and analysis of national and international events, as well as entertainment without the curse of advertisements. I, along with other ABC viewers, would be both extremely sad and angry if there is any thought of privatising the ABC, or changing its mission in any ways. There have been numerous audits which have found the ABC to have a balance coverage of politics. It seems politicians who are against the ABC do not want scrutiny or intelligent analysis of issues.

The Murdoch press is against the ABC for the obvious reason of not wanting its worldview and power challenged.

WE NEED AN INDEPENDENT ABC>

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC sell off

Simple: anything which is privatised means someone is making money.  
So there will be inherent aim to make more money.  
This means bias.  
Keep the ABC in public hands.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Preserve the independence of our National Broadcaster


Only an ABC, which is public and not-for-profit will remain an independent voice in this country. In addition, this institution needs adequate funding. The vicious attacks and funding cuts of successive Liberal governments are deeply concerning me, my family and all of my academic and medical colleagues. The Europeans say jokingly: to be a civilised nation you need an airline, a beer, a TV station and a football team. Civilised citizens can also live with investigative journalism, open debate and other things, which the current incarnation of so-called Liberals so vehemently oppose. Hands off the ABC, do not underestimate the Australian people (again).

Regards

Professor [REDACTED] MD, PhD

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public and owned by all of Australia

The ABC as a publicly funded broadcaster is the only media which is fully independent and provides a service to the whole community. It is able to provide the only in depth coverage of news, and analysis of the government policies which is a requirement for an effective democracy. If this government interferes with the independence of the ABC, or sells it to private concerns this government will be the destroyer of real and honest criticism which is needed to keep politicians from governing by decree. It is only the self seeking power mongers in the liberal and national parties who want to grab power for themselves and rule by force. Leave the ABC and fund it properly so it can carry out its work all over Australia. Do not turn the ABC into a punching bag which is what is happening. Politicians who want ot control their electors are evil.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must never be privatised or become the mouthpiece of a particular Government

The ABC provides numerous services from the one broadcasting unit. All of these are provided without recourse to paid advertisements, which undoubtedly skews what the provider will say and not say. This means that children's programs are not used to inculcate children into the acquisitive society but allows them the freedom to grow. News can be reported without the bias of the advertiser. The arts are free to develop creatively alongside and in spite of more established forms, free from the "bias" of the advertisers. New platforms for service delivery can be developed to meet emerging needs, free from the agendas of the increasingly hostile media giants. That is, an independent ABC acts as a means to disrupt the media giants' attempts to control the flow of information and knowledge, to control the political debates into a single narrative in an increasingly complex world. Finally, the ABC ensures that every Australian has access to the same offerings on multiple channels, whether they live in cities (which is where I reside) or rural and regional and rural communities (where my wider family and many of my friends live). My major criticism of the ABC is that it is more like ABSydney because so many of its expert commentators are sourced from Sydney-based institutions. It is galling to receive NSW news on weekends, for example, with sometimes even the NSW weather being broadcast. I have no idea how offensive this must be to listeners in other geographical and time zones. It really annoys me in Victoria! This is undoubtedly a result of the "death-by-a-thousand-cuts" strategy, mostly enacted by conservative governments. The ABC has a highly skilled and competent workforce across Australia, which is increasingly important in a more widely distributed populace. Cutting funds to, and privatising, the ABC are net employment losses and reduce the effectiveness of national community cohesiveness.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Protect the ABC and SBS

I cannot believe the Liberal National Party is thinking of privatising the ABC and SBS. They are like my life blood. I only watch these channels and only listen to the ABC radio. I cannot believe the the national party's constituents would agree to commercialising such an important Aussie Asset. I live in regional Victoria (Corangamite) and in one of the most bushfire prone area in the state. We need the ABC to broadcast the emergency evacuation recommendation as needed. My Mother in Law (81yrs old) lives in Camperdown (Vic) and relied on the ABC coverage to direct her, in the middle of the night, to evacuate during the fires in the area earlier this year. The ABC kept her calm and rational. Those that criticise the ABC and SBS have spoken about bias in their political reporting. Have you listened to commercial radio and TV. They are blatantly bias in a lot of their programs. Our little granddaughter loves Peppa pig and Thomas and friends and they bring such joy to her life....without advertisements.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise our ABC

The ABC is crucial as an independent news source. Privatisation jeopardises this independence significantly.  
Public broadcasting plays an important and irreplaceable role in our democracy and shouldn't be compared with commercial media. Commercial media has become entirely unwatchable in it's bias to raising funds through advertising. Our society needs to have television independent from commercial influence.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

Why are we having a discussion about privatisation of the ABC? The national broadcaster belongs to the Australian people and should never be privatised. It has endured cut backs and a slow stripping away of its ability to be a broad voice of the Australian people. This is enough, it is not for sale !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the whole ABC public


I rely on ABC to give me unbiased, high quality, news, and the types of background and entertainment programs other channels don't.

I get that sometimes the news may not be comfortable for you as the government, or that you don't like the questions you are being asked (or the way they ask them of you) but that might all change if you politicians would, for a refreshing change, start telling the truth, in a way that people can understand it. This goes for the good and for the bad news. We are adults, you know.....

Keep the ABC independent. Don't cut in their budgets -in fact, raise their budgets!!!! Get the money from the Googles and Apples of this world. Just sayin'

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is vital to maintaining a well informed nation. It is vital in promoting democracy. Ideas, policy, legislation and public discussion are promoted by the ABC . This sort of forum is not available on the commercial networks. The ABC provides me with information, intellectual stimulation and entertainment which is not available to me on the commercial stations. Please keep the ABC in public hands

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Opposed to ANY privatisation to the ABC

I am vehemently opposed to any privatisation to the ABC.  
Such an action would disadvantage media access for rural and remote communities.  
It would irresponsibly channel millions of viewers to advertising - oriented commercial television stations which are fundamentally controlled by a narrowing range of professional information and communication deliverers who have do not have news and entertainment as their core business and priority.  
It would show a failure in a democratic society to acknowledge the role of questioning and challenging of the status quo. Truly “if you can’t stand the heat, dont extinguish the fire” .... be intellextual rather than restrictive and eliminating in your response.  
And it would pay homage to the disenfranchising and alienating argument of Harry Stutchbury who suggests that mainstream Australians all access their news and information via recent media channels - and trchnology with disegard for my demographic who enjoys and wants their news and entertainment in a manner and form that meets their needs and preferences.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC The Last Bastion of Honest Investigative TV Journalism

Right wing extremists , foreign fossil fuel corporations and vested interests in the media want to destroy the ABC because it is the last bastion of honest investigative TV journalism. With the ABC privatized no one will ask inconvenient questions about the excesses and abuses of the power of fossil fuel corporations on their way to wrecking our Great Barrier Reef and our climate. No one will ask questions about how the unseemly financial and political relationships between these foreign corporations and the right wing extremists. The powerful want a dumb population that is easily manipulated and exploited rather than a population that is awake to important issues like climate change. However the Australian public deserves to be informed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC is the only not for profit broadcaster that covers the whole of Australia. It should continue to not be behoven to anyone. The ABC should remain in public hands completely and be funded as it was before the cuts in recent years.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I can't believe the government would divest itself of its own communication network and be at the mercy of commercial interests and lobby groups. An impartial broadcaster, free of commercial pressures is absolutely vital. that is without addressing the interests of programming for minority interests in rural areas whose specific needs are currently addressed and have been, so ably by the ABC. Warnings about flood fire and famine. Trust the ABC. News devoid of sensationalism and promotions for advertisers - the ABC. Sensible programming for children and young people that doesn't just promote toy purchases. yes. it's the ABC.

Quality drama and local content, yes, trust the ABC. Imagine how great it would be with adequate funding. Really, Liberal party. Must you sell off everything?

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

The ABC is the ONLY unbiased source of journalism that we have in this country. Australia deserves this service of honest and trustworthy journalism.

Anyone who suggests that privatising the ABC is a good thing must have vested interests in organisations that seek to undermine our democratic rights to a free press.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

The ABC belongs to the people. I listen to the ABC News and know it is unbiased. My grandchildren go to sleep listening to the ABC children's app. I watched Playschool with my children over 40 years ago and again with my grandchildren over the past 11 years. Not to mention Peppa pig, Octonauts, Thomas Tank and countless others. As for ABC TV, it is wonderful to watch the British shows, albeit 1-2 years later, with no ADVERTS! If it is privatised it will become full of inane advertisements, bad grammar, inaccurate reporting and political bias.  
HANDS OFF MY ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a critical PUBLIC institution

The most important fact to state is that research refutes the assumption that the institution is a left wing instrument.

Check it out. I get very annoyed about that.

I've been an avid supporter since early childhood of the ABC, and it has not only enriched my life but it contributed to my intellectual ability to move beyond my reactionary impulses, and to think more critically. What a gift it has been to my life.


And then, lets look beyond those 'news etc' programs. Thats the focus of the attack on th ABC

The rural and regional content, the diverse variety across all genres, the audiences.

Call me for more information [REDACTED]. I have had a wonderful morning listening to Mozart. Slow Clarinet. Adagio.

Would not have been aware of this heartbreaking piece without the ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain a public service


I greatly value the service provided by the ABC. It provides the highest quality radio, television, and web news and education services in Australia, at an extraordinarily low cost to Australian taxpayers. The value it provides all Australians is exceptional.

The ABC's news reporting is demonstrably balanced and even-handed, certainly in contrast to the increasingly partisan, increasingly expensive and financially tenuous private media with its increasingly concentrated ownership.

Politicians do themselves and us a disservice by bleating about bias whenever news that they find unpalatable is reported by the ABC. And the Coalition government have been short-changing the Australian people by repeatedly slashing the budget of the ABC.

I am strongly of the view that the ABC's budget should be restored, and am horrified that there are moves within the governing party to privatise it. In the words of Sir Humphrey Appleby, such a policy move would be courageous indeed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:30 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC must remain in public hands

The ABC is the only trusted, unbiased news reporting we have. We have sufficient private news organisations most peddling their own economic agenda. It is a boon for the country & regional areas. It is also very well respected in our Asian neighbours to our north as an honest reporter of the news. Frankly Australia can not afford to lose the ABC it is too precious. I would go as far as to say privatization of the ABC would threaten our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC is a democratic necessity.

My radio listening and television viewing is almost exclusively ABC based. Public broadcasting is vital in a democracy and cannot be compared with commercial broadcasting. It is a necessary service to the community.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in public hands

The ABC is important to me as without it we would only get the views of hard right of politics (i.e. Murdoch)

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC AWAY from private hands

Australia needs a public TV station that reports all sides of the stories. We are in a Democratic country with supposed freedom of speech...or is this changing and we are moving toward Dictatorship? By privatizing, only will ABC be influenced politically and it will be profit making (perhaps with an offshore account and not taxable?), it will be accountable only to shareholders. A flat NO to privatization. Government in this case needs to take into account the majority of views of civil society, and adhere to its National Action Plan relating to Open Government, which clearly aims to not only be transparent (thanks ABC for doing what the Australian Government should) and empower civil society in policymaking.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public hands

I feel very strongly about this. Both the ABC and SBS have been essential viewing and listening in our household for 40 years. They are the only trusted unbiased source of news and current affairs . Our society would be the poorer without them. This is what has happened in NZ and when asked what source they use for trusted reporting they say 'al jezerra' . Is this the way we want to end up.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands

The ABC radio is what I listen too all day I get my news both from abc radio an tv I cannot imagine my life without it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** KEEP ABC IN PUBLIC CONTROL

If the ABC was sold to a commercial media mogul then it would spell the end of quality investigative journalism in this country.

Sarah Ferguson's current Four Corners investigation into Russia's alleged influence on elections in western democracies would never happen.

While this might suit the Far Right of politics, it would undermine the public's right to know the true facts in a world bedeviled by fake news !

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Enquiry into the ABC

+The ABC is an independant broadcaster which presents fair and unbiased news on all spectrums.It has for many decades become a vital part of life in Australia. In spite of efforts by extremeists to present a false view that the ABC is abiased towards a Left thinking population this is a fairly recent attack. Certain groups seem to expect the ABC to promote their point of view and if they dont they must be silenced. I came to Australia in 1954 as a 10 year old from England and I have grown up with the ABC. From the country to the city I have always trusted the ABC and urge you all to accept that without a voice, unfettered by both commercial and political interests Australia will lose its last bastion of truth and independance. Only the extremists will gain. Do we want to become just like so many counties in the world where the truth is buried by the rich and powerful

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** I trust the ABC to provide me with unbiased news. This will not happen if the ABC is privatised.

I am elderly with limited mobility and no interest in TV. I read ABC Just In on my iPad several times a day so I can keep in touch with the world. Apart from world news, I read science news and all sorts of other things as well from all round Australia and from overseas. Sometimes I just read the headlines. Other times I read three or four full articles at a sitting.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC should stay in public hands.

The ABC has been a trusted source of unbiased news, documentaries, kids shows, finance reviews, music shows etc etc in our family for generations. Play school and Peppa Pig for example. Commercial TV doesn't produce these kinds of shows.

The ABC provides an un-biased and truthful platform in the political arena as well. Commercial TV stations have vested interests to look after.

Some things need to stay in public hands, and the ABC is one of them.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep my ABC in public hands

You must never sell my ABC. Other radio and television outlets are paltry and substandard. I have long ago stopped using them. I know I can trust the ABC in its current state as it's journalism is first rate.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in Public Hands


My family and I are lifelong supporters of the ABC. My children loved Playschool and the quality children's programs, as do my grandchildren now. The news services and current affairs programs like 7:30 and 4 Corners are without peer - there is nothing like these quality shows on commercial television. Foreign Correspondent and Q&A are another 2 high quality shows that we never miss.

We are alarmed that the budget cuts have had a huge and deleterious affect on the quality of ABC's programs.

The ABC belongs to the Australian community and we consider it a precious asset.

Please ensure that it stays in public ownership and is adequstely funded

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC in Public Hands

I am 74 and grew up in Melbourne loving the ABC, even with all its starchy formality. As a centrist, I have no time for the extremes on either side and abhor the current hardline positions held by our politicians, as well as the biased stand maintained by the Murdoch media and certain radio shock-jocks. It is these right wing extremists who are now demanding the privatisation of the ABC, presumably because they dare to challenge the extreme Right. This, to their way of thinking, makes them biased, which is absurd. Asking difficult questions (which they do to both sides of politics) does not make them biased, they ask the questions that the vast majority of fair-minded and concerned Australians want and deserve answered. Any move to reduce the ability to challenge politicians of all colours, can only be described as a cynical act to stifle criticism and will be met by a massive backlash.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC public.

I watch more ABC than commercial stations and would not like to see the same sort of programming that other stations have. The ABC belongs to the people of Australia not some commercial enterprise.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Privatisation of the ABC

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in objection to the privatisation of the ABC.

I love the ABC, especially Radio National and tune in daily to listen to great Australian content such as Conversations, Science Friction, Off Track, and the Health Report. I am also a regular viewer of Four Corners and Australian Story.


I'm concerned that if the ABC were privatised, commercialisation would negatively impact the content quality.

There's nothing like the ABC and personally I feel like it gives Australians access to Australian content in a way that commercial television just doesn't.

An inquiry into whether the ABC and SBS have an advantage over commercial outlets is ridiculous. The ABC and SBS should not be compared to commercial broadcasters. Australian's want and need publicly funded broadcasters. I'm outraged at the thought of an Australian without the ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The ABC MUST NOT be PRIVATISED !!

Privatising the ABC is NOT ON !!! Privatising the Electricity caused terrible maintenance causing 93 people to BURNT TO DEATH. Allowing the banks to self regulate called MONEY LAUNDERING FOR THE MAFIA and mum and dads screwed with fees for NOTHING !!! We must have open investigating journalist not restricted by commercial interests, We want truthful news reports NOT FAKE NEWS or news about who won MKR or other BS shows. If the Liberal party votes to end the ABC it will be the end of the Liberal Party !!!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** My ABC

Gov't Inquiry into Public Broadcasting

I very much like my ABC.

I don't have to watch the Bachelor, the Bachelorette, the House and all of the other "reality" TV shows. Low cost/quality programming to satisfy local content requirements.

Or I could watch a serious show like 60 Minutes pay to have someone illegally kidnap a child in a foreign country.


No, I prefer to have a Public broadcaster that can independently produce content that has some merit.

I do miss "Fact Checking" on the ABC. There is some serious SPIN from public figures that need context to show whether they stack up.

YES, I want my ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC in public hands for the public .

WE rely on ABC for news . I watch media watch and am appalled at the trivial attention to detail and sensationalization of news that characterizes many of the reporters of the privately owned stations.. In theory privately owned stations can become instruments of political parties.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the ABC just as it is.

There is every reason why Australia should keep having -- and properly funding -- a public broadcaster. There is no reason for private broadcasters to have a monopoly. There is every reason for them to have honest opposition. And there is absolutely NO reason at all for the ABC to be sold off, privatised, or otherwise changed from its present form.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC has been polled as being the most trusted media organisation in Australia. Unsurprisingly that level of trust does not extend to our politicians.

The reason the ABC is held in such high regard is not because it pushes the agenda of its corporate owners (its owned by the Australian public), not because it broadcasts commercial stodge, not because it fails to ask the hard questions of those in power, not because it never wins Walkleys, not because its a rubber stamp to the right or left, but because it is OUR ABC.

Privatising the ABC would be the death-knell of free-to-air broadcasting for me. The ABC is my channel of refuge when I want to hear fact, not celebrity opinion, and when the frantic nature of the salesmen that populate the other networks becomes too fraught and grating.

The ABC is as much an Australian icon as the BBC to the British, it has seen us through depressions, global war, and the growing pains of a yet young country. To commercialise it would be to debase it, it would no longer be OUR ABC, but THEIR ABC.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I watch the ABC TV network everyday so that i can get a news report that is more in-depth and explanatory then the mere headlines that are presented on commercial TV. I grow suspicious of a government that prefers a hastily assembled news shot rather than a report that backs itself with more explanation for the listeners benefit. How many times have i heard, on commercial TV, a slither of information with little or no detail provided, that sends me to my computer looking for more informations. Political parties need to remember that it is not their money that they spend but the taxpayers'. Get your mitts off our ABC or prepare yourselves for a people's showdown at the next election.

Yours truly [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC!!!

The ABC is a national treasure, and cannot/should not even be considered for privatisation. I feel incredibly strongly about this issue, and cannot believe any major political party in Australia would even consider the possibility of commercialising the ABC.  
DO NOT PRIVATISE THE ABC!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands


The ABC is my only source of news. I simply do not trust the commercial news, they frequently get it wrong, sensationalise things they shouldn't and fail to report at all on things they should. They are governed by profit first and bugger the rest.

The only reason the liberal party wants the ABC gone is because they tell the truth, tell the stories they don't want us to know and frequently expose politicians when they lie. In addition, the commercial media are no doubt providing funding to those who now say they want the ABC gone.

Our society needs a publicly funded Aussie content provider that has no commercial interest governing them. Unlike the others, the ABC is Australian and not owned by foreign interests.

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

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Don't privatise ABC

There are so many reasons for the ABC to be kept in public ownership. This "collective" ownership ensures that it tells our stories for us - it's a far better quality than any of the commercial channels, and it would be impossible to maintain that look and feel if it was in private ownership. We've seen private TV channels, and with a few exceptions they are generally terrible. Only the loony right would see any benefit in selling something that brings in as much money to the community than it costs to run it. It has already been squeezed more than it should be - why can't the Coalition understand that this is something most of us want and are very willing to pay for it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

Every country worth its salt has its own broadcasting system, be it for emergencies or educational purposes. Our ABC has to be removed from party politics, and above all, from commercial interests if it is to serve our country as a whole. We are in dire need of programs that uplift and enlighten, not dumb down.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Attack on the independence of the ABC

I am a homebound frail elderly woman whose life is greatly enhanced by the ABC. I feel very strongly about the recent Liberal Party move to privatise the ABC. It seems such an astonishingly foolish thing to consider. I can only believe that there will be a great outcry amongst Liberal party supporters not to mention supporters of other parties. The ABC is the voice of sanity in a sea of media madness. The news and current affairs programs are the most trustworthy - as are other educational, entertaining and informative programs not available elsewhere. The ABC must not be privatised!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please keep the ABC in public hands!

The quality of programs is reliable. It is not influenced by the advertising dollar, nor interrupted by huge chunks of advertising brainwashing like the commercial channels.

My NZ friends mourn the loss of their public broadcaster and relish the quality content they view here in Australia.

Please don't dumb down our society by taking away the choice of this wonderful public broadcaster.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Leave it alone arseholes

Leave it alone

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Do not privatise the ABC

As unexpected as it may seem, not everything revolves around money. The general public is not a commodity to be bought and sold. Privatising news outlets only opens them to commercial influence as to their content. There are few arenas left in the battle against the commodification of Australian society apart from the ABC. I will fight it's privatisation as if we are being invaded. As we are, by those who prioritise the market above civil society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** In my lifetime and that of my parents I have learnt that the ABC is the most valuable source of insightful and truthful investigations and educational programs that Australians own.

The most informative, impartial and least sensationalised of all Australian media is the ABC. It belongs to and is for the people. It educates and entertains at an admirably high standard, and I and my family have benefitted from its wonderful programs. It must not lose its independence from government and business. It is treasured by its listeners.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off our ABC!! OUR Public Broadcaster!!

The only channel that gives true substance and integrity to free to air media is our public broadcaster the ABC. The ABC represents the very fabric of Australian culture and society, on a level so deep and intrinsically expressing our nation, it is the only true voice of the face of Australia, it represents the broader public of Australia and most importantly the many unheard minorities making up our society, who struggle to find a real grass roots un compromised platform to be heard that isn't completely tinted by capitalism and greed. To end our public broadcaster the ABC is to end more than just the voice of our nation, it is to give voice to a new era, an era where we have lost our soul, lost our community spirit, lost who we are. This is astounding that this is being supported?!! There is no argument outside of evil and greed that I can think of that would make anyone vote to privatise our ABC. It makes our nation accountable it makes our nation the truly great one that it is, my whole family watch/watched the ABC. Conservative and left voters alike, for generations. My Grandparents were all farmers, my parents grew up on Farms, the ABC was part of their lives. My Grandfather was a member of the Liberal Government. They fought and stood for democracy that is what our nation is, to privatize the ABC is to end a representation of everything they/we stood for. This kind of action is eating away at the integrity of our humanity, of our society. The public aren't stupid we know what privatisation and money involvement represent, no matter how you colour it or justify it, it will be the end of our Public Broadcaster, which was put in place for the grandest noblest vision, for us as a nation as a people. When politics was for the building of a nation, and here we are with politics in such an incredibly sad state that it is breaking down the nation, breaking down all the incredible things we are. What a travesty, and how sad if I have to live to see it.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** No more prizatisation!

By privatization you are giving more power to foreign interests that may try to undermine Australia in the future! Sadly at State and Federal levels Governments have sold off the majority of our assets. So I will not be surprise if the Federal Government will do it ! Sadly it seems governments are happy to sell everything off to foreign interests of late!

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands

I wish to voice my opinion against commercializing the ABC. The ABC is successful because it treats Australian with respect in aspects of its programming. It is educational, insightful and often shines light on the issues that are not “commercially” attractive. It offers a broad perspective on local, national and global matters that inform debate and our view of the world. It aids in Australia not being insular. The risk with commercializing the ABC is that we will have a replica of the existing commercial stations which are of little appeal, that is the reason they are struggling, if they bothered to give the “market” what it wants they may see their financial performance improve.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** ABC must remain in public hands

The ABC is the a national icon and is relied on as a trusted source of news and quality broadcasting by people in cities and rural and regional Australia. There is no advantage over commercial outlets - the ABC provides diverse and informative programming not delivered by other outlets providing important space for rural news, arts, science, religion and legal reporting - telling Australian stories and contributing to our national life. We all grew up watching the play school and the kids shows on the ABC - I can listen to the ABC wherever I am travelling throughout the country and know when I hear that music before the news I can trust what comes next. All shades of government like to put the boot into the ABC - sure fireproof that it is delivering as per its charter. In these times of declining public trust, an impartial public broadcaster is more important than ever and the foundation of our civil society.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands.

The ABC is irreplaceable, leave it where it is. Stop the cuts and support its growth. The ABC and SBS have been with Australians thru thick and thin. Let them continue to do the work they do so well.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Our Publicly Owned ABC: A National Treasure

I would be absolutely gutted if the ABC were privatised. I rely on it as a trustworthy source of news reporting. I don't listen or watch commercial stations apart from SBS because I perceive that they are influenced by corporate interests and advertising funding. The ABC represents the best of Australian values, including social justice. It is not about profits for the few. It is about bringing people from all walks of life together, and presenting different perspectives. It is a cornerstone of our democracy. Without its public ownership, we would be left with sources of news that separate us, divide us and entrench us in opposing views. I gain emotional support from listening to beautiful music and watching and hearing my favourite presenters. Of course I use other media and always will, but I know there is no substitute for our publicly owned national broadcaster.

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**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Redacted]

Stop playing political games with our ABC

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Hands off privatising the ABC and keep it in public hands

No privatisation of our best media the ABC. It belongs to the people and it shines a light at important issues other media and politics would rather cover up. It is fundamental to our democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep our ABC in public hands!

After 22 years living in the United States I have returned to Australia with a real appreciation for the positive role of government in maintaining a stable democracy. The United States has NPR to play the role of truly impartial media commentator but Australia has only the ABC to play this role. If the ABC is privatised I fear that public discourse in this country will become as skewed and unreliable as it is in the US. Please do not privatise the ABC. Please restore full funding to this important institution of our democratic way of life here in Australia.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep the A B C in public hands

Independent high quality journalism without pandering to pressure from sponsors or political parties can only be achieved while the ABC remains 100 per cent in public hands

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Save our ABC

The ABC cannot be privatised! Currently the ABC enjoys a degree of independence and is free to say and do whatever it likes (within the rules of proper broadcasting) if it was sold to a private owner it would no longer exist to serve it's charter, it would exist to serve the interests of it's owner. The ABC has long become part of Australian culture. Children across the country have grown up with Australian favorites like Place School, Bananas in pajamas, the wiggles to name a few.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Please protect us from "fake news"

As a mother and a teacher I cannot tell you how important the ABC is to my family, my students and I. We have often compared the objective facts offered by the abc with the conflated or redacted versions of the same stories and events and been horrified by the differential.

Please do not allow commercial intetestests to pollute this source.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** The neo Nazis strike under the guise of commerce

Learn from history --- the steps by which the Nazis took over in Germany is by whittling away public and private voices.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep Our ABC on public hands.

What a dangerous and backward idea.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

The ABC needs to stay out of commercial hands. I'm an independent musician working in a highly competitive and fickle business and the support the ABC gives aspiring artists of all types in Australia is invaluable. Unbelievable that you are even considering it. Without a balance to check commercial interests in the media, we'll be at the behest of the likes of the Murdoch press. Not acceptable in a democracy.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 8:27 PM  
**To:** Competitive Neutrality Inquiry  
**Subject:** Keep ABC out of private hands!!!

We watch the ABC news every day at 7pm and feel that the news we hear stay neutral and real instead of sensationalised as other channels do. I love the fact that my son can watch cartoons without being bombarded with advertisements. There are many current affairs programmes that we watch such as 4 Corners, 7.30 Report, Q & A, Media Watch are trustworthy sources of information and unbiased. There are so many privatised channels that show the same programmes, and/or so much rubbish that it will be a great lost if ABC had to go down that road to. Lets keep our ABC in public hands!!!!

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